Friday, 17 January 2025

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-BOARD

A meeting of Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board will be held on

Monday, 27 January 2025

commencing at 3.00 pm

The meeting will be held in the Banking Hall, Castle Circus entrance on the left corner of the Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR

Members of the Board

Councillor Fellows (Chairman)

Councillor Law
Councillor Nicolaou

Councillor Tolchard
Councillor Twelves (Vice-Chair)

Co-opted Members of the Board

Laura Colman, Primary Parent Governor Representative

Jo Hunter, Church of England Diocese - Deputy Representative

Vacancy - Secondary Parent Governor Representative

Vacancy - Roman Catholic Diocese Representative

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-BOARD AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Board.

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board held on 18 November 2024.

3. Declarations of Interest

a) To receive declarations of non pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

For reference: Having declared their non pecuniary interest members may remain in the meeting and speak and, vote on the matter in question. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

b) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

For reference: Where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(**Please Note:** If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Governance Support or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)

4. Urgent Items

To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.

5. Councillor Call to Action - St Margarets and Spires Hearing Unit Closures

(Pages 13 - 14)

To consider the submitted Councillor Call for Action on the above from Councillor George Darling and determine if Members wish to request officers to prepare a full report on the matter for submission to a future meeting of the Sub-Board.

(Note: Councillor George Darling has been invited to explain his rationale for the request.)

6. Update on UNICEF work to be a Child Friendly Torbay

To review the progress on the work with UNICEF to be a Child Friendly Torbay.

(To Follow)

(Pages 15 - 26)

7. Adopt South West Annual Report 2023/2024

Adopt South West Annual Report 2023/2024 – include an update on the impact of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly joining the Regional Adoption Agency.

8. Youth Justice

(Pages 27 - 38)

To receive an update on the Youth Justice Team, including and mental health and Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) provision.

(Note: Jon Ralph – Service Manager Youth Justice has been invited for this item.)

9. Exploitation and Children Missing

(Pages 39 - 50)

To receive an update on Exploitation and children missing, to include comparative data to demonstrate the improvements and impact to young people who are vulnerable to exploitation.

(Note: the Exploitation Team Manager has been invited for this item.)

10. Our Promise to You - The Torbay Pledge to care for and care experienced children/young people

To receive an update on the progress of implementing the Pledge and the youth engagement, Children in Care Council's (CICCs), My Voice and The Circle.

(Note: a representative from the Children in Care Council has been invited for this item.)

11. Virtual School Annual Report 2023/2024

(Pages 51 - 78)

To receive the annual report from the Virtual School which includes an update on attainment of our cared for and care experienced young people along with extended duties as well as the voice of the child is included and an update on the pathways for the extended duties for the Virtual School.

(Note: the Head of Vulnerable Pupils has been invited for this item.)

12. Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board Action Tracker

(Pages 79 - 84)

To receive an update on the implementation of the actions of the Sub-Board and consider any further actions required (as set out in the submitted action tracker).