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Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

Chair: Cllr Mick Rooney (2018-2020)

Eligibility for short breaks and daytime activities

This was the subject of the Committee's only call in during 2018/19. The views and concerns of the Sheffield Parent Carer Forum had been a key factor in the calling-in of the decision. Councillors also referred to concerns about the potential long term adverse effects that the decision would have on families with children with disabilities, and on pressures on the Council, particularly in the light of the possibility of more children having to be taken into care.

Members sought reassurances on these issues, and particularly focused on how the consultation had been carried out, and how the proposed changes had been communicated in this consultation. Whilst the committee decided not to take any further action with the decision, they made some specific recommendations to the Cabinet Member to consider which resulted in three key changes being made to the scheme.

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Ofsted Inspection of Special Educational Needs Service 2019 & Sheffield Inclusion Strategy

The Committee continue to keep a watching brief on actions post the Ofsted Inspection of Special Educational Needs Service 2019. Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny Committee are now engaged with the developing Sheffield Inclusion Strategy, supporting service users to be part of holding to account through asking questions of the service at meetings of the Scrutiny Committee.

Ofsted Inspection of Sheffield's Social Care Services

As with above the Committee received the report of this inspection and the initial action plan 2019, going into next year they will hear more about progress against the action plan, holding to account on behalf of service users in the city.

The Voice of Young People

The Committee set up a task group 2019/20 to look at how to increase the voice and involvement of young people in scrutiny to work with young people for them to input to the work programme and agenda items; for young people to decide and shape how they are involved and what they are interested in; and to consider how to reach out to more young people.

The Committee invited Youth Cabinet to present the Make Your Mark 2019 results and members of the task group met with Youth Cabinet to find out more about best ways to communicate with young people, how non party political education should look in schools, enhancing relationship with Sheffield City Council.

School Exclusions

As part of its September 2018 meeting, the Committee continued its spotlight on the issue of school exclusions and received a detailed report on school exclusions in Sheffield, providing background and context and an analysis of the figures. Members considered the direction of travel in terms of reductions in exclusions, however, focused on differentials in exclusions between different communities. As a result of this session members focused recommended outcomes on the progress and effectiveness of the work undertaken to reduce exclusions and support to pupils who have been excluded, and to include statistics in terms of the numbers of excluded pupils from BME communities and those with Special Educational Needs.

School Funding

At their November 2018 meeting, the Committee received information on how both revenue and capital funding for schools was determined and the differences between funding for Academies and for state maintained schools, and the challenges being faced by both the Local Authority and the schools themselves regarding both issues. The key role of the Schools Forum revenue funding of schools was discussed and the importance of prior attainment in allocating funding to schools was raised directly with the Forum as a result of the Committee's deliberations

In Brief

The Committee also considered and commented on a range of other reports on the following topics:

- Ward Level Contextual, Attainment and Progress Data
- Update on Academisation
- Pupil Performance - City Context and School Performance
- Consultation on the future commissioning and delivery of young people's services

The Committee continues a holding to account activity by considering Sheffield Safeguarding Children Board, Sheffield Sexual Exploitation Service, Fostering, and Adoption Annual Reports, to ensure we are doing the right thing for children and young people of Sheffield

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