

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

**CABINET BOARD - 22 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION CABINET BOARD**

**Cabinet Board Members:**

Councillors: P.D.Richards (Chairman) and A.N.Woolcock

**Officers in Attendance:**

N.Jarman, C.Millis, A.Jarrett, Mrs.A.Thomas, Mrs.A.Manlipp, Ms.C.Gadd,  
Mrs.J.Woodman-Ralph

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Agreed that Councillor P.D.Richards be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION CABINET BOARD HELD ON 31ST JULY, 2014**

Noted by Committee.

3. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES - KEY PRIORITY GRID PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Members received a brief overview of the points raised in the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee and Officers confirmed that there were no issues for concern.

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

4. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES 1ST QUARTER PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT**

Members discussed the points raised in the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee. Members queried the number of Looked After Children who did not receive a Personal Education Plan (PEP) within timescale within the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter data. Officer confirmed that only six had actually not been completed within timescale and that a breakdown was available which contained more up to date information.

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

5. **PERFORMANCE INDICATOR MONITORING REPORT 1ST QUARTER 2014/15 EDUCATION, LEISURE AND LIFELONG LEARNING**

Members asked that the questions raised by the Scrutiny Committee prior to this meeting would be forwarded to Education, Leisure and Lifelong Service by the Scrutiny Officer and the answers circulated to all Members of the Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet Board.

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

6. **IMPLEMENTATION OF PENALTY NOTICES FOR NON-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

**Decision:**

That approval be granted to adopt and implement the Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices in relation to Irregular Attendance at School/Alternative Education Provision subject to the following additional recommendation as proposed by the Scrutiny Committee that arrangements be made to provide a Payment Plan to Parents.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Authority to comply with its statutory duties.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

**Consultation:**

External Consultation has taken place.

7. **WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-17**

Members asked for clarity on the results within the Equality Impact Assessment and expressed concern that the numbers of children attending Welsh Medium Primary Schools would decrease in the light of the proposed travel costs if they choose to attend a different Secondary School.

**Decisions:**

1. That the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) 2014-2017, be adopted;
2. That the access arrangements to Welsh-medium schools as set on in the circulated report be not supported but that it be deferred and further consideration be given and brought back for Members' consideration.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Council to meet its responsibilities in relation to the planning and delivery of Welsh-medium and bilingual education and to achieve the Welsh Government's outcomes and targets outlined in the Welsh-medium Education Strategy.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

8. **CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY**

**Decision:**

That, having given due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment, the Corporate Parenting Strategy be approved and referred to Council for endorsement.

**Reason for Decision:**

To ensure the continued implementation of the recommendations from the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales Inspection Reports and to provide strategic direction for the Children's Services Improvement Programme.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

**Consultation:**

Extensive external consultation has taken place.

9. **EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION COMMISSIONING STRATEGY**

**Decision:**

That having given due to regard to the Equality Impact Assessment the Early Intervention and Prevention Commissioning Strategy, be approved, in addition Members noted the progress made in relation to the procurement process for the Early Intervention and Prevention Services Minute No 14 as below refers.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Council to take forward the Early Intervention and Prevention Services.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

**Consultation:**

The Early Intervention and Prevention Plan and Commissioning Strategy have been developed in partnership and representatives or organisations within the scope of the Strategy are members of the Think Family Partnership Board, the Executive Group and the Joint Commissioning Group and have contributed to discussions and decisions relating to the Plan and Strategy throughout the process.

10. **HILLSIDE ESTYN INSPECTION**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

11. **POLICY AND GUIDANCE ON INTERNET SAFETY FOR FOSTER CARERS AND LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

**Decision:**

That the Policy and Guidance on Internet Safety for Foster Carers and Looked After Children be approved and implemented.

**Reason for Decision:**

To promote safe internet use and support safeguarding arrangements which will be incorporated into the training and information for foster carers.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

12. **THE NATIONAL INSPECTION OF SAFEGUARDING AND CARE PLANNING OF LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVERS WHO EXHIBIT VIOLENT OR RISKY BEHAVIOUR**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

13. **OFFICER URGENCY ACTIONS**

**Decision:**

That the following Officer Urgency decision taken by the Head of Resources and Commissioning, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted;

Officer Urgency Action No. 0297 – dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Appointment of Local Authority Governor Representatives to the Temporary Governing Body of Cwmafan Primary School.

**Decision:**

That the following Officer Urgency decision taken by the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted;

Officer Urgency Action No 0833 – dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Early Intervention and Prevention Services Tenders.

14. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

**Decision:**

That pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12, 13, 14 and 16 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

15. **HILLSIDE SECURE CENTRE**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

**CHAIRMAN**