

EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel held on Tuesday, 16 June 2015 at 7.00 pm in Ground Floor Meeting Room 5, Civic Offices.

Present

Councillors Will Purvis (in the Chair)
Ryan Brent
Ken Ferrett
Paul Godier
Suzy Horton

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Hannah Hockaday

15. Apologies for absence (AI 1)

Apologies were received from Councillor Hockaday.

16. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

Councillor Godier declared a personal interest as a relative of his works with the Youth Offending Team.

17. Minutes of Previous Meeting - 16 March 2015 (AI 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Education, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel held on 16 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

18. Review into Progress against the Youth Offending Team Improvement Plan (AI 4)

Members of the panel had received a draft copy of the report for discussion before the final sign-off. Councillor Purvis as chair introduced the report and summarised the panels' recommendations and the budget and policy implications of these.

Stephen Kitchman advised the panel that an inspection of the YOT had taken place two weeks ago by HMI probation and the results of this had been very positive. The draft report was expected on Monday which would be for the team to check for factual accuracy. The full report was expected on 31 August and Mr Kitchman advised he would ensure this would be sent to the panel members. The chair also asked whether this could be added onto the agenda for the panel's next meeting for a brief discussion, which was agreed.

Councillor Ken Ferrett, who had been on the panel during the review, wished to record his thanks to the chair, Cllr Purvis as he felt that the panel had achieved a great deal in a short timescale and it was a very positive report. The panel were pleased that the panel's findings matched the inspectors findings and felt that huge progress had been made with the YOT compared to a few years ago.

The panel had no further amendments or comments to make to the report and were happy for this to be signed off by the chair.

The panel's response report would now be written and this along with the scrutiny report would go to the next Cabinet meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7.15 pm.

Councillor Will Purvis