

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Tracking Decisions 2022/23

Minute No.	Resolution	Target Date, Officer Responsible and Progress
95 – Performance report	<p>Jean Kelly to provide data to the Education and Children's Social Care OSC in response to Councillor Harrison's query on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many children have 'stepped up' from a Child in Need plan to a Child Protection plan? 2. How many children and young people have successfully 'stepped down' from a Child in Need plan to Universal services and have no longer required the services of Plymouth City Council's Children's Social Work Service (CSW). <p>This data is to be provided to Councillors before the next Scrutiny meeting and should also be reported within the next Performance report.</p>	<p>Date: 16 June 2022</p> <p>Progress: Action sent to Jean for progression.</p> <p>Date: January 2023</p> <p>Progress: Update from Paul Stephens (Performance Advisor): the recording of the activities, management, and outcomes for children are held within the Eclipse case management system (at a child level).</p> <p>However, meaningful reporting of historical movement, for example, transferring between services is not currently in place. This is a known reporting requirement on our 'reporting change log' and is awaiting the necessary developer resources to progress.</p>
96 – Kickstart Update	<p>Tina Brinkworth to provide data to the Education and Children's Social Care OSC on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data of placements over different sectors 2. How many of the Universal Credit claimants between the ages of 16 and 24 are in full time education? <p>A detailed report following the conclusion of the Kickstart programme to be put on the agenda for February 2023's agenda</p>	<p>Date: 13 February 2023</p> <p>Progress: Briefing sent to members of the Committee. Action is now complete.</p>

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97 – City Wide Youth Services Provision	<p>Recommendation to Scrutiny Management Board – The Committee agreed to:-</p> <p>For Dave Ryland (Community Connections Strategic Manager) and Martine Aquilina (Service Manager for Targeted Support) to endeavour to produce an app for the Young People in the city of Plymouth to access which would advise them of youth services they could access.</p>	<p>Date: 16 June 2022</p> <p>Progress: Recommendation sent to Ross Jago to be heard at Scrutiny Management Board.</p> <p>Update required.</p>
103 – Josh MacAlister's Independent Review of Children's Social Care	<p>Councillor Laing to write to the Minister of State for Schools and Childhood as Chair of the Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to ask for government's endorsement to Josh MacAlister's recommendations and the estimated £2.6 billion required nationally to implement the recommendations.</p> <p>Councillor Laing to also write to the Secretary of State for Education to request funding for the local government settlement in line with the costs of inflation.</p>	<p>Date 28 November 2022</p> <p>Progress: Sent to Councillor Laing, Jane Anstis and Sharon Muldoon for action.</p> <p>Letter to Secretary of State for Education sent on 31/01/23 regarding requesting that the Local Government settlement increases in line with inflation.</p> <p>Letter to endorse Josh MacAlister's recommendations was being drafted.</p>
103 - Josh MacAlister's Independent Review of Children's Social Care	<p>Sharon Muldoon to circulate the new Recruitment and Retention Strategy once implemented to the Committee. This would also be placed onto the work programme for the Committee's consideration.</p>	<p>Date 14 November 2022</p> <p>Progress: Sent to Sharon Muldoon for progress</p> <p>The draft recruitment and retention strategy would be completed in early December and would be circulated once final checks had been completed.</p>

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107 – Plymouth Safeguarding Partnership	John Clements to explore whether an invitation, or offer had been extended to Faith Groups in the city to be part of the Plymouth Safeguarding Partnership.	<p>Date: 13 January 2023</p> <p>Progress: John has met with members of the Faith Community relevant to Plymouth and exploring how the partnership can connect most effectively with a wide range of faiths. He is exploring also the quality of, and opportunities for, child safeguarding.</p> <p>Action complete.</p>
107 – Plymouth Safeguarding Partnership	John Clements to come back to the 15 February 2023 Scrutiny Committee to advise members how the plan had been progressing and whether young 'safeguarders' could also come to the meeting to advise the Committee of their role.	<p>Date: 14 November 2022</p> <p>Progress: Sent to John for progression.</p> <p>This would be added back to the work programme for the Committee.</p>
123 – School uniform	<p>A response to Council's Motion on Notice from 21 November would have a response to this Committee:</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Children and Young People will write to every school in Plymouth requesting further information on their uniform policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Recent reviews in light of statutory guidance · Branded items from single suppliers · The average cost of a school uniform and PE kit · Additional support, second-hand options and promotion of local charities 	<p>Date: 07/02/2023</p> <p>Progress: Report completed and circulated to members of the Committee.</p>

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	2. Responses to the Cabinet Member's letter will be presented and considered at the next Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This will enable the committee to explore other ways that the Council can support families.	
114 – Policy brief	<p>Tina Brinkworth to provide information on:</p> <p>Whether City College Plymouth had faced any challenges in relation to T-Level courses and the quality that they provide. If there had been challenges, what dialogue had taken place?</p> <p>Challenges within the interim report mentioned the 45 day work experience aspect of the course and issues establishing corporate business partners. Is this something the Council could help with to offer high quality business placements?</p> <p>Tina Brinkworth to also provide information on whether any work had been completed with the University of Plymouth in respect of a mentoring programme for T-Level programmes.</p>	<p>Date: 12 December 2022</p> <p>Progress: Tina Brinkworth</p>
115 – Education Board	The Committee would be provided with the Terms of Reference for the Plymouth Education Board and the list of attendees that attend the Board.	<p>Date: 12 December 2022</p> <p>Progress: Sharon Muldoon/Jim Barnicott</p>
115 – Education Board	Work to be undertaken with Youth Parliament to understand young people's views on exam readiness.	<p>Date: 12 December 2022</p> <p>Progress: Jim Barnicott/Sharon Muldoon/Jenny Way</p>
118 – School Attainment	Attainment data to be reported back to the Scrutiny Committee in February with more granular data which could exam whether there had been any patterns emerging.	<p>Date: 12 December 2022</p> <p>Progress: On the agenda for February 2023</p> <p>Action – Complete</p>

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118 – School Attainment	Sharon Muldoon to provide figures for children going down the route for an EHC. To provide figures of 6 week decision progress and 20 week production of the plan deadline.	Date: 12 December 2022 Progress: Sharon Muldoon.
116 - Inclusion Briefing: Children Missing out of Education	Children Missing Education, Table 1.3, top 3 reasons for Children Missing out on Education. Jim Barnicott to provide data around: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many children resident in Plymouth were waiting to be admitted to a school 2. What is the longest time they've waited 3. What is the average wait time 	Date: 12 December 2022 Progress: Briefing sent to Members, action complete.
118- School Attainment	The Committee would be provided updates on all disadvantaged groups when the Department For Education provided final validated data. The Committee would also be provided updates on KSI and end of KSI attainment and phonics as well as KS4. To also go onto the work programme for February's meeting,	Date: 12 December 2022 Progress: On the agenda for February 2023.
119 – Regional Schools Commissioner	Sharon Muldoon to extend an invitation to the Regional Director for South West Hannah Woodhouse to attend an Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Date: 12 December 2022 Progress: Sharon Muldoon and Jake Metcalfe were working on finding a date in the next municipal year.
120 – Performance Scorecard	Sharon Muldoon to provide data on Care Experienced young people that were in Education, Employment or Training and data on 18-20 Years old's that were not care experienced to allow for comparison. Councillor Tippetts to be provided an update with current strategies in place to reduce the number of care experienced young people that are NEET.	Date: 12 December 2022 Progress: Sharon Muldoon/Jim Barnicott
120 – Performance Scorecard	Jim Barnicott to provide data on how many children looked after are in good/outstanding education settings including early years settings.	Date: 12 December 2022 Progress: Complete.
121 – Financial Monitoring Report Month 7	Councillor Carlyle to become involved in conversations with ICS around £500,000 of mitigations proposed within the Children's budget.	Date: 12 December 2022

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		Progress: Sharon Muldoon/David Northey/ Councillor Carlyle
I21 – Financial Monitoring Report Month 7	David Northey to send the monitoring report monthly to the Committee. David would also provide a full detailed breakdown of the numbers within the Monthly Monitoring report at the next scrutiny committee.	Date: 12 December 2022 Progress: David Northey