

## Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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| 28 November 2018<br>Plymouth Education Board<br>Minute 30 | <u>Agreed</u> that the Committee receive an update on the Oracy Project.  | <b>Date:</b> Nov 2018<br><b>Officer:</b> Amelia Boulter<br><b>Progress:</b> To be progressed.   |   |    |  |    |  |    |   |    |  |    |   |   |
| 6 February 2019<br>The Plymouth Challenge.<br>Minute 36   | Members agreed -<br><br>1. The full list of Gatsby benchmarking criteria would be provided to Members<br>2. The Plymouth Challenge would be included on the work programme to be discussed at a future meeting.   | <b>Date:</b> February 2019<br><b>Officer:</b> Helen Rickman<br><b>Progress:</b> Ongoing; this information was requested in February 2019. |   |    |  |    |  |    |   |    |  |    |   |   |
| 6 February 2019<br>School Attendance<br>Minute 37 (1)     | Members agreed:<br><table><tr><td>1.</td><td>to recommend that the local authority considers going out to consultation to amend school dates to include an additional week of holiday onto the October and May holidays, therefore reducing the summer break by two weeks;</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>to recommend that the council considers including a note at the bottom of letters sent out as a result of absenteeism, asking parents/ carers to consider if their child's absence was due to bullying and to signpost to support available;</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>for officers to investigate the feasibility of adding targeted signposting for bullying support on the council's social media platforms;</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>for officers to contact Plymouth academies and request data on absenteeism, specifically due to bullying;</td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>for officers to provide data to Members regarding absenteeism as a result of a child attending a school which isn't their closest or is a distance away from home;</td></tr><tr><td>6.</td><td>that the Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee offer an invitation to a Head teacher from both an academy and local authority school to discuss how they deal with bullying;</td></tr></table> | 1.  | to recommend that the local authority considers going out to consultation to amend school dates to include an additional week of holiday onto the October and May holidays, therefore reducing the summer break by two weeks; | 2. | to recommend that the council considers including a note at the bottom of letters sent out as a result of absenteeism, asking parents/ carers to consider if their child's absence was due to bullying and to signpost to support available; | 3. | for officers to investigate the feasibility of adding targeted signposting for bullying support on the council's social media platforms; | 4. | for officers to contact Plymouth academies and request data on absenteeism, specifically due to bullying; | 5. | for officers to provide data to Members regarding absenteeism as a result of a child attending a school which isn't their closest or is a distance away from home; | 6. | that the Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee offer an invitation to a Head teacher from both an academy and local authority school to discuss how they deal with bullying; | <b>Date:</b> February 2019<br><b>Officer:</b> Helen Rickman<br><b>Progress:</b> Ongoing |
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|   | 7.   | for officers to provide data to Members specifically regarding absenteeism linked to child carers and service children;   |   |
|   | 8.   | for officers to provide Members with data linked to persistent absenteeism, specifically due to mental health issues as well as waiting times for referrals to the CAMHS. |   |
| 6 February 2019<br>High Cost Placements (j)                               | Members would be provided with specific figures, for this financial year, regarding the numbers of specialist residential placements that were required.   |   | <b>Date:</b> February 2019<br><b>Officer:</b> Helen Rickman<br><b>Progress:</b> Ongoing. This information was requested in February 2019.     |
| 6 February 2019<br>Work Programme   | Members agreed to include the School Readiness Review to their work programme to receive a progress update at a future meeting;  |   | <b>Date:</b> February 2019<br><b>Officer:</b> Helen Rickman<br><b>Progress:</b> Complete – this has been included to the work programme.      |
| 30 and 31 January 2019<br>Budget Scrutiny (Joint Select Committee Review) | The Select Committee during the two days of budget scrutiny made 11 recommendations to Cabinet for consideration.<br><br>Attached are the recommendations and the Cabinet responses as appendix I. |   | Complete Date: February 2019<br>Officer: Helen Prendergast<br>Progress:<br>The recommendations were submitted to Cabinet on 12 February 2019. |

## Appendix I

### Cabinet Response to Recommendations

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| a. | to continue to demand Central Government provide clarity on a long term, sustainable funding mechanism as we come to the end of the current multi-year deal;   | <b>Agreed</b> |
| b. | to continue to lobby Government on a cross party basis to highlight severe pressures on local budgets in relation to Children's Services due to unprecedented demand and the escalating costs of placements; Adult Social Care due to the increase in the number of older people with ever increasing complex needs; and Public Health due to the ongoing reduction in the grant allocated to Plymouth.  | <b>Agreed</b> |
| c. | that the council should support the Local Government Association (LGA) view to extend the supplementary funding for Maintained Nursey Schools into 2020/21 to ensure that local authorities are able to maintain service provision. Scrutiny will undertake to work with the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Transformation in the new municipal year to provide evidence for submission to the Government when planning the long term future for maintained nursery provision. | <b>Agreed</b> |
| d. | that Cabinet work with the Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities and the LGA and lobby to ensure measures of deprivation are given sufficient weighting within the new consultation on Fair Funding proposals (other than solely population) when establishing the Foundation Formula Allocation for allocation of resources to Plymouth in future Local Government finance settlements.   | <b>Agreed</b> |
| e. | to urge Government not to change but to improve, the allocation of New Homes Bonus to avoid a detrimental impact to the growth agenda within the city.   | <b>Agreed</b> |
| f. | that Cabinet regularly monitor the Integrated Fund (Health and Social Care) and the risks related to the delivery of this critical area of spending.   | <b>Agreed</b> |
| g. | to recommend to cabinet to demand an increased allocation from the Central Government funding to support preparations for Brexit, highlighting the importance of Plymouth both as a continental port and as one of the top three English fishing ports for both volume and value. The Cabinet is also requested to publish significant actions that will be required from the council for both a deal / no deal scenario.  | <b>Agreed</b> |

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| h. | to recommend that the Leader and Cabinet continue to work with partners to pressure the Government and Network Rail to publish a sustainable solution to the Dawlish stretch of line, making good on the Prime Minister's view that this improvement to the South-West's transport infrastructure is a national priority.          | <b>Agreed</b>   |
| i. | that Cabinet to join with upper tier local authorities and the LGA to pressure the government into publishing the green paper before the system of social care implodes due to increased demand and the lack of a sustainable funding settlement.  | <b>Agreed</b>   |
| j. | to request that the Cabinet Member for Customer Focus and Community Safety investigate ways in which those on low incomes can be supported by the Council to provide internments for family members and report back to the relevant scrutiny committee at a future meeting.  | <b>Agreed</b> , subject to further investigation, and will be reported back to a future meeting of the relevant Scrutiny Committee. |
| k. | to recommend to Cabinet that a significant amount of negative demand through councillor casework enquires and the contact centre could be avoided if repairs and maintenance schedules for street services and highways could be published in a prominent area of the City Council's website and shared on social media platforms. | <b>Agreed</b> , subject to further investigation, and will be reported back to a future meeting of the relevant Scrutiny Committee. |