

CHILDREN'S AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 15TH JUNE, 2016

Present – Councillors Dean (Chairman), Kirk-Robinson (Vice-Chairman), Darvesh, Gibbon, Gillies, Harkin, Haworth, Hornby, Iqbal, Jones, Murray, Shaikh, Spencer, Mrs Swarbrick, Mrs Wild and Wilkinson.

Also in attendance

Councillor Mrs. Thomas	-	Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader's Portfolio
Councillor J. Byrne	-	Cabinet Member for Culture, Youth and Sport
Ms S. Schofield	-	Assistant Director – Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services
Mr. T. Birch	-	Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services
Ms S. Gatenby	-	Assistant Director of People
Ms. J. Spencer	-	Head of Library and Museum Service
Ms L. Butcher	-	Head of Finance
Ms E. Corless	-	Community Network Manager
Mrs. S. Bailey	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Ms Raja (Co-opted Member) and Councillor Cunliffe.

Councillor Dean in the Chair.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Children's and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee held on 6th April, 2016 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be received and signed as a correct record.

2. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received presentations from the Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services on the big issues and priorities relevant to the remit of this Scrutiny Committee to aid members in their deliberations on possible work programme items.

In addition to the presentations members were provided with information on the following:-

- the Committee remit;
- the Work Programmes for the previous Municipal Year;
- details of issues to be taken into account when putting forward work programme items; and
- matters carried forward from the last Municipal Year.

In terms of possible items for inclusion in the 2016/17 work programme, members put forward the following suggestions:-

Children's Services

- school admissions – primary and secondary schools;
- school place planning, including free schools;
- academies and inter relationships with schools and impact of changing education systems;
- Bolton Learning Alliance – its development and ways of working ;
- new curriculum – focusing on IT, digital and computing ;
- 2, 3 and 4 year old developments
- child exploitation and safeguarding and children missing from home;
- nursery places;
- child obesity and challenges;
- University – future plans and cultural offer Bolton University Technical College – potential site visit;

- adoption/inspection reports and statutory performance reports;
- SEND – overview of implementation of the reforms;
- Missing from education and intervention timescales;
- MASS – design and impact and 12 month progress report;
- Roma communities – education;
- International new arrivals and impact on education;
- Children's centres and Early Years including 2, 3, 4 funding; and
- 5-19 service – youth workers and effects on other update services.

Culture

- The Octagon and future plans/partnership working in Bolton;
- Egypt Gallery and Egyptology; and
- Libraries – 3D

Sports

- Bolton Middlebrook Leisure Trust;
- Bolton Community Leisure Trust; and
- access to sports facilities across the Borough.

Resolved – (i) That the various documents and presentations be noted.

(ii) That the suggested work programme items be noted and that discussions be now held with the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of this Committee and the Acting Director of People and a draft programme be prepared for submission to the next meeting.

4. MEMBERS BUSINESS

The Committee received the extracts of minutes of other meetings of the Council relevant to the remit of this Committee:-

- The Executive Cabinet Deputy Leader's Portfolio held on 11th April and 9th May, 2016

Resolved – That the minutes of the various meetings be noted.

(The meeting started at 5.00pm and finished at 6.20pm)