

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

15 May 2019

Task Group Update

Purpose

To provide an update on recent task group activity and propose any decisions requiring Committee approval.

1. Traded Services for Schools Task Group

Membership:

Mr John Hawkins (Chairman)
Cllr Trevor Carbin
Cllr Jon Hubbard
Cllr Tony Jackson

Supporting Officer: Marie Gondlach

Terms of reference:

1. To review the proposed developments for traded services to schools, considering the outcomes of the service review of traded services (commenced in October 2016), with a particular focus on the following areas:
 - a) The model for the centralised trading unit and the proposed traded services team structure and appointments to ensure sustainability and quality of service;
 - b) The cost of services that are currently provided against projected costs to ensure value for money;
 - c) The plans for marketing to ensure continuous take-up;
 - d) The current policy;
 - e) How traded services will be future-proofed.

2. To review and comment on the Cabinet report regarding the proposals for the future of outdoor education in Wiltshire, with particular focus on the Evidence based analysis that led to the options presented within the report. Comments from the task group will be presented to Cabinet at the same meeting at which the report is considered (scheduled for 28 March 2018 at the time of writing).

3. To review and comment on:
 - a) the Council's advertising of the two outdoor education sites (Braeside and Oxenwood);
 - b) the Council's consideration of expressions of interest, including evaluation

criteria and weighting;
c) the report to Cabinet (planned for 9 October 2018 at time of writing) presenting the findings on the expressions of interests.

Recent Activity:

The task group met on 9 March 2019 and received updates on Right Choice, a draft charging policy and appointments to the team. The task group met the then-newly appointed Commercial Manager and he informed the task group of his plans going forward.

The task group's next meeting on 20 June 2019 will focus on the council's planned direction for traded services and the model for the balance sheet (*statement of financial position*) to be used.

At its meeting in June the task group will also be reviewing its terms of reference to reflect the current situation with regards to both outdoor education and traded services, bearing in mind the establishment of the Commercialism Task Group.

2. Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Task Group

Membership:

Cllr Phil Alford (Chairman)
Cllr Clare Cape
Cllr Gordon King
Cllr Fred Westmoreland

Supporting Officer: Natalie Heritage

Terms of Reference:

That the CAMHS Task Group:

- a) Consider the governance arrangements for the recommissioned CAHMS service;
- b) Explore and understand the new CAHMS model in comparison to the existing model and consider the evidence base for any changes. Then where appropriate, make recommendations to support its implementation and effectiveness;
- c) Look at existing data and ensure that the new model's performance will be robustly monitored and benchmarked against this by the council, partners and by the proposed future scrutiny exercise;
- d) Consider access and referral points within the new CAHMS model and, as appropriate, make recommendations to maximise take-up by children and young people in need of support;
- e) Explore where CAMHS sits within the overall landscape of children and young people's mental health and, within this, consider whether prevention services are effective

Recent Activity

Following Children Select and Health Select Committees' consideration of the Final Report – Part One and Executive Response on [8 January 2019](#) and [5 March 2019](#) respectively, it has been agreed that the Task Group remain dormant until Autumn 2019, when relevant service data will become available.

3. SEND School Provision Task Group

Membership:

Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chair)
Cllr James Sheppard
Mr John Hawkins
Ms Jen Jones

Supporting Officer: Adam Brown

Terms of reference:

1. To consider the future provision of SEND education for Wiltshire's children and young people in the context of the challenges outlined in the "Wood Report"/WASSPP report (May 2017).
2. To receive evidence from:
 - a. Wiltshire Council officers;
 - b. Wiltshire schools;
 - c. Parents/guardians of children with SEND.

Recent activity:

The Task Group is due to meet on 10th May 2019 to receive updates on the extended consultation and Wiltshire Council's Free School bid.