

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

16 July 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 will meet on Thursday 11 July and a verbal update will be provided.

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. Youth Transport Task Group

Membership:

Cllr Tony Jackson (Chairman)
Cllr Mary Champion
Cllr George Jeans
Cllr Jim Lynch
Master Alfie Lowe (Youth Representative)

Supporting Officer: Adam Brown

Terms of reference (draft):

1. To investigate the current range of public transportation options available to young people in Wiltshire.¹
2. To identify any unmet needs, gaps in service provision, and potential areas of improvement.
3. To produce recommendations with a focus on the improvement of Wiltshire's public transport services for young people.

¹ The TG defines the term "young people" as aged up to 18 and up to 25 for care leavers and those living with SEND.

Recent activity:

The Task Group has met three times since 16th May 2019. At their first meeting they met with Jason Salter, Head of Passenger Transport, and Adrian Full, Transport Review Officer. The task group received a briefing on the offers available to young people in Wiltshire and the fares and passes available to on public transport for young people.

Most recently they met Harry Tipple, Head of Community and Business Development for the charity Community First. The task group's discussion covered potential future youth transport schemes with a primary focus on what could be investigated and supported by Wiltshire Council. The task group heard that there would be a focus on exploring the provision of transport assistance to care leavers. Other topics covered at the meeting included the use of digital wallets for transport, and the use of sustainable transport.

The task group would like to thank Alfie Lowe for his time and work so far on the task group as their Youth Representative. He has provided valuable insight into the experience with youth transport from a young person's perspective.

The task group will next meet on 5th September and will aim to finalise their final report in preparation for it to be submitted to this committee.

Proposal

- 1. To note the task group updates provided.**
- 2. To endorse the terms of reference of the Youth Transport Task Group.**

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