Task Group update

Purpose

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

1. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Task Group

   Membership:
   
   Jacqui Lay (Chairman)
   David Jenkins
   Mary Champion
   Pat Aves
   Sarah Busby
   Ken Brough

   Supporting officer: Marie Gondlach

   Terms of Reference:

   a) To scrutinise Wiltshire Council’s programme to prevent and tackle CSE in Wiltshire as set out in the council’s CSE Action Plan, with an initial focus on the ‘Prevent’ strand of the CSE action plan’s ‘Prevent, Protect, Pursue’ themes;

   b) To monitor the implementation of Wiltshire Council’s CSE Action Plan taking into consideration national priorities and actions;

   c) To scrutinise how, and monitor how well, Wiltshire Council is raising awareness of CSE across Wiltshire;

   d) To scrutinise the quality, range, suitability and availability of training in CSE delivered by the council.

   e) To monitor the efficiency of the training including the take up of the training and measurable outcomes;

   f) To scrutinise and monitor the understanding and clarity of the roles and responsibilities of services and members across the council, as well as council partners, in preventing and tackling CSE in Wiltshire.
g) To scrutinise and monitor the council’s engagement of young people and schools (both primary and secondary) in preventing and tackling CSE in Wiltshire as set out in the council’s Action Plan.

Recent activity:

At its meeting on Tuesday 26 April the task group considered the actions taken by the council to address the recommendations in the OFSTED report regarding Child Sexual Exploitation and will review this further at future meetings. The task group also considered the implementation of the council’s CSE action plan and will now engage with other local authorities to benchmark the council’s action plan.

2. Positive Leisure Time Activities for Young People Task Group (reconvened)

Membership:

Jon Hubbard (Chairman)
Pip Ridout
Howard Marshall
Jacqui Lay
George Jeans

Supporting Officer: Henry Powell

Terms of reference:

To review the impact of the changes to the provision of positive leisure time activities for young people agreed by Cabinet in 2014, including a consideration of:

- aspects of the new arrangements that are working well and could/should be shared as instances of best practice for possible adoption in other areas;
- further opportunities for improvement;
- ongoing challenges experienced during implementation of the new arrangements and evidence of any lessons learned or adjustments to the model that have resulted;
- how the issues raised by the task group in its 2014 report have been addressed within the new model.

Recent activity:

The task group has completed its meetings with stakeholders in the four chosen community areas to gather perspectives on the strengths and weaknesses of the community-led model of youth provision.
The task group is now drawing together its initial findings and recommendations in readiness to discuss these with the executive and bring them to committee on 26th July.

3. **Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group**

Membership:

Ken Brough  
Andrew Davis  
Jon Hubbard (Chairman)  
Alice Kemp  
Bill Moss  
Bridget Wayman  

Supporting Officer: Marie Gondlach  

Terms of reference:

a) To monitor the implementation of any recommendations made by the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group that are endorsed by the Children’s Select Committee and accepted by the executive.

b) To scrutinise Wiltshire Council’s delivery of improvements to safeguarding children and young people as set out in the Safeguarding and Adoptions Improvement Plan.

c) To receive a twice-annual report from the Council’s Lead Member for Safeguarding Children and Young People providing details of their safeguarding activity.

d) To continue/conduct ongoing scrutiny of services for Looked After Children (LAC).

e) To work in collaboration with the Safeguarding Children and Young People Panel to clarify future joint-working arrangements.

Recent activity:

The task group is currently setting meetings and phone conferences with local authorities that have achieved good or outstanding at their most recent OFSTED inspection to gather evidence on good practice for the following areas:

- Independent Reviewing Officers  
- MASH  
- Recording and using data  
- Permanence planning  
- Engaging with care leavers  
- Multi agency working  
- Early Help
• Support for social workers

4. School Improvement Strategy Task Group

Membership:

Cllr Philip Whalley (Chairman)
Mr Ken Brough
Cllr Trevor Carbin
Mr John Hawkins
Dr Mike Thompson

Supporting Officer: Adam Brown

Terms of reference (to be endorsed):

1. To review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Wiltshire School Improvement Strategy
2. To compare Wiltshire’s School Improvement Strategy with those of other local authorities.
3. To make recommendations aimed at meeting our collective goal of ensuring all pupils attend an excellent school and achieve their full potential.

Recent activity:

The task group received a briefing on 12 April 2016 from Dave Clarke (Head of School Effectiveness), Jayne Hartnell (Manager – risk assessing school performance), and Fred Angus (Learning Manager, School Effectiveness) regarding the Wiltshire School Improvement Strategy. The briefing focused on:

- The aims/drivers/rationale of the strategy
- The roles of School Improvement Advisors (SIA’s) and Wiltshire Improvement Advisors (WIA’s)
- School risk levels
- Support and escalation processes

The task group will meet on 23 May with Helen Southwell (School Improvement Co-ordinator) and a group of SIA’s to discuss their role in greater detail.

Proposals

To note the update on task group activity provided.

To endorse the terms of reference for the School Improvement Strategy Task Group.

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