

Schedule of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee recommendations made and actions in response

Meeting	item	Recommendations	Action	Status
15 July 2019	Corporate Parenting Annual Update – 2018/2019	<p>RESOLVED: That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A briefing note is provided concerning the multiagency panel relating to looked after children mental health services; • A briefing note is provided on the introduction of the care leavers covenant; • A response is provided to the question relating to the implications of the national funding changes on A Levels undertaken by looked after children; • A letter is sent to Herefordshire clinical commissioning group to seek clarification regarding the resourcing of the looked after children health team; and • A briefing note is provided on SHYPP referral levels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated on 3 October 2019 • Circulated on 3 October 2019 • Response circulated on 31 July 2019 • Letter sent to CCG on 31 July 2019 • Circulated on 3 October 2019 	Completed
	Fostering and adoption service annual reports 2018/19	<p>RESOLVED: That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The achievements in the adoption annual report and the compliments in the fostering report are recognised and the officers working in those 		Completed

		<p>teams and carers of the council's looked after children are commended;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A briefing note on proposals to increase the retention of foster carers and details of the training provided be provided; • A letter is sent to the Wye Valley Trust (WVT) to request details of the provision of occupational therapists in Herefordshire; and • A session is organised to look at case samples of how appropriate forms of care are determined for looked after children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster carers training programme circulated on 31 July. • Letter sent to WVT on 31 July. • Included in safeguarding training delivered to members of the Council. 	
16 September 2019	Accommodation based support service for care leavers	<p>RESOLVED: That the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports the introduction of the accommodation based support service for care leavers; • supports an ongoing review of the service to determine its effectiveness and possible replication in future; and • requests that a site visit to the facility is arranged once completed. 	Approved at cabinet on 26 September	Completed
	Youth Justice Plan 2019-2020	<p>RESOLVED: That the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorses the Youth Justice Plan for presentation to full Council; and • Asks that an addendum is added to the report, in forthcoming years, providing up-to-date statistics. 	Approved at full Council on 11 October	Completed

25 November 2019	Review of budget and corporate plan proposals for 2020/21 relating to the remit of the children and young people scrutiny committee	<p>RESOLVED: That the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the planned investments for looked after children, edge of care and improving social care services and requests further information is submitted to the committee regarding proposals for these services; and • Asks that a report concerning the dental health initiatives is provided to the committee setting out key performance indicators for the proposals. 		Completed
	Update on reducing the number of looked after children	<p>RESOLVED: That the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognises the work that has been undertaken and the progress made in implementing systems to reduce the numbers of looked after children; and • Asks that a report is submitted to a meeting in 12 months times which provides a breakdown of the progress made in regard of the 49 children identified for SGOs or reunification. 	Added to work programme for committee on 2 December 2020.	Completed
	Review of performance and progress against the safeguarding and family support improvement plan	RESOLVED: That the committee notes the report and the improvements made since the previous quarter.		Completed

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14 January 2020	Review of budget and corporate plan proposals for 2020/21 relating to the remit of the children and young people scrutiny committee	<p>RESOLVED: That the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the additional areas of investment identified in the budget; • Writes to the local MPs to request details of actions to lobby central government to improve oral health in Herefordshire; and • Requests a report to a forthcoming meeting of the committee containing the high-level action plan for improving oral health in Herefordshire and details of any progress against the recommendations in the oral health needs assessment. 	<p>Correspondence sent on 30 January 2020.</p> <p>Added to work programme for committee on 2 December 2020.</p>	Completed
	Spotlight review – outcomes and recommendations	RESOLVED: That the committee agrees the recommendations and outcomes of the peer on peer abuse in schools spotlight review (appendix b) for submission to the executive, subject to the amendments to recommendations outlined above and evaluation of appropriate factual corrections.	Executive response reported to the committee meeting on 2 June 2020	Completed
16 March 2020	School Examination Performance	<p>RESOLVED: That the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the report and the good results in key 		Completed

	2019	<p>stage 1 and key stage 2; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request that in future the presentation of the results is set against performance in earlier years. 		
	Review of performance and progress against the safeguarding and family support improvement plan 2019/20	<p>RESOLVED: That the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> requests that in future details of the changes that the directorate was trying to accomplish be presented in a one page briefing document including details of the intention of a project, who was responsible for it and how change would be measured. requests a briefing note on the mind of my own (MOMO) app. proposes that all members of the children and young people scrutiny committee be invited to the performance challenge session. agrees that meetings are scheduled four weeks after the release of the quarterly report concerning the safeguarding and family support improvement plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This suggestion is being looked into and future reports of progress against the improvement plan will outline how the recommendation could be taken forward. Circulated on 15 April 2020. Arrangements are being looked into. The scheduling of meetings is being looked into. 	
2 June 2020	Review of peer on peer abuse cases	RESOLVED - That the committee agrees the deferral of the report to the next meeting on 28 July to allow for the inclusion of the 2017 review and risk assessment pro forma and clarification of gaps identified in the information provided.	It is proposed that the report is considered at the meeting of the committee on 15 September 2020.	
	Review of performance and	RESOLVED: The committee agrees that:		

	progress against the safeguarding and family support improvement plan 2019/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consideration is given to how future versions of the report could provide details of the prioritisation of actions in the improvement plan; • consideration is given to how third sector organisations could be resourced to support actions in the improvement plan; • the children and families directorate works with the adults wellbeing directorate to undertake joint work on establishing a clear transition pathway for vulnerable young people; • all members of the committee should be invited to attend performance challenge sessions; and • the outcomes of the audit of the reduction in child protection plans to be made available to the committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitations to Council members of the committee have been circulated. • added to the committee's work programming. 	
28 July 2020	Schools update	<p>RESOLVED – That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee recommends that a further survey is undertaken concerning children's mental health and schooling arrangements during the pandemic; • A briefing note is circulated providing details of the number of private nurseries that have opened in September 2020 and stayed open in October and November; • An update is provided regarding the national catch-up programme; 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work on children's mental health is prioritised by the committee and includes a review of school pastoral support and a mental health pathway for looked after children; • Further detailed examination of the outcomes of the survey is undertaken to determine how the provision and effectiveness of mental health services were impacted during the lockdown; • An update is provided regarding the attendance rates after the return to school in September. 		
	Corporate parenting strategy 2020-2023	<p>RESOLVED - That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wording of the bullet point in the care leavers covenant concerning commissioning and procurement required clarification; • A role for members of the council in respect of assisting looked after children could include the signposting of children in care and care leavers to local organisations offering work experience and apprenticeship opportunities; and • Priority 5 of the corporate parenting strategy should include mention of market towns, the involvement of local communities and the youth games. 		