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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL

MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2019

Helen Kilroy

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Chair

Councillor Andrew Marchington

Councillors Attended

Councillor Paul Davies

Councillor Amanda Pinnock

Councillor Richard Smith

Attendees

Tom Brailsford, Service Director (Resources, Improvement and Partnerships)

Elaine McShane, Service Director - Family Support and Child Protection

Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director - Learning & Early Support

Martin Wilby, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, LA Statutory Duties Learning and Skills

Julie Bragg, Service Manager (Children and Families)

Observers

Councillor Viv Kendrick

Councillor Carole Pattison

Councillor Alison Munro

Apologies

Councillor Paul White, Toni Bromley (Co-Optee) and Dale O'Neill (Co-Optee)

1 Membership of the Committee

To receive apologies for absence of Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Paul White, Dale O'Neill and Toni Bromley (Co-optee).

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11th October and 8th November 2019.

The minutes of the meetings of the Panel held on the 10th September and 24th October 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

3 Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

All items were considered in public session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

The meeting will hear any questions from the general public.

No questions were received from the public.

7 Number and Age of Children in Care

The Panel will consider a report giving an update on the number and age of children in care.

Contact Officer: Julie Bragg, Head of Corporate Parenting
(Children in Care and Care Leavers)

1. The Panel noted the report on Number and Age of Children in Care and thanked Julie Bragg for her contributions.
 2. That the Panel consider scenarios at a future meeting, which demonstrate examples of good practice of placement stability.
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8 Children's Service Improvement Journey 2019

The Panel will consider a report giving an update on the Review of the Children's Services Improvement Journey during 2019.

Contact Officer: Elaine McShane, Service Director (Family Support and Child Protection)
Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director (Learning and Early Support)
Tom Brailsford, Service Director (Resources Improvements and Partnerships)

1. The Panel noted the report giving an update on the Review of the Children's Services Improvement Journey during 2019 and thanked Elaine McShane for her contributions.
 2. The Panel agreed to consider the Youth Model at a future meeting – date to be determined.
 3. The Panel agreed that the voice of the child and their experiences should be reflected, clearly demonstrated and lessons learned in all aspects of work undertaken by the Children's Service.
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9 Almondbury Community School

To provide Children's Scrutiny Panel with an update on the implementation of the Council's decision to change the age range of Almondbury Community School from the 1st September 2020.

Contact Officer: Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director (Learning and Early Support)
Martin Wilby, Senior Strategic Manager (Education Places and Access)

1. The Panel noted the update on the implementation of the Council's decision to change the age range of Almondbury Community School from the 1st September 2020 and thanked Martin Wilby and Jo-Anne Sanders for their contributions.

2. The Panel agreed to continue to monitor progress on the implementation of the Council's decision to change the age range of Almondbury Community School from the 1st September 2020 via future Panel meetings and Lead Member Briefings.
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10 Children's Scrutiny Panel Work Programme and agenda plan for 2019/20

Members of the panel will consider the work programme and agenda plan for the 2019/20 and will consider issues for inclusion.

Officer: Helen Kilroy, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

1. That the 2019/20 Agenda Plan and Work Programme for the Children's Scrutiny Panel be noted and updated as agreed.
 2. That the Panel visit the Youth Offending Board and that details of future meetings be shared with the Panel.
 3. That the Panel visit the Youth Offending Team to observe the preventative work being undertaken with children and young people – date to be determined.
 4. That the Panel visit the Multi Systemic Therapy Team which connects with Exploitation and Early Help Services – date to be determined.
 5. That the Governance Officer be authorised to liaise with officers on agreed actions.
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11 Dates of future meetings

The Panel noted the future meeting dates of the Panel during the 2019/20 municipal year:-

- 17th January 2020, 11 am
 - 13th March 2020, 11 am
 - 17th April 2020, 11 am
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