

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

A meeting of the Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel was held on 19 November 2018.

PRESENT: Councillors A Hellaoui (Chair), J Goodchild, J McGee, L McGloin, V Walkington, M Walters and J Young

PRESENT AS OBSERVERS: J Cain, BBC Local Democracy Reporter.

OFFICERS: J Dixon and A Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillors T Higgins and J A Walker.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest made by Members at this point in the meeting.

1 **MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL - 22 OCTOBER 2018**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel held on 22 October 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record subject to the minor amendments referred to at the meeting being incorporated.

2 **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DRAFT FINAL REPORT - SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROVISION**

A Williams, Director of Education, was in attendance at the meeting to provide input, where appropriate, in relation to the proposed recommendations for the Panel's Draft Final Report on School Holiday Provision.

The Chair circulated possible recommendations for inclusion in the Panel's Draft Final Report for discussion and comment and provided background information in relation to each of the recommendations.

The Panel considered the draft recommendations and the following comments were made:-

- Recommendation 5). Add ' and other similar projects' after '.... Feast of Fun Project....'
- Recommendation 6). Consider adding 'and a proportion of the plastic bag tax, if appropriate' after '....Sugar Tax....'
- Recommendation 9). Add 'and the voluntary sector' after 'Teesside University'.
- Recommendation 11). Add 'and other similar projects' after '....Feast of Fun Project'
- That a recommendation be added in relation to signposting and publicising the provision available through the Council's website, Love Middlesbrough magazine and other appropriate media, subject to the funding bid being successful.
- That a recommendation be added in relation to circulating information on the provision available, subject to the funding bid being successful, to all Chairs of School Governing Bodies.

AGREED as follows:-

- That the Draft Final Report on School Holiday Provision, including the possible conclusions, be submitted to the Panel for consideration and approval.
- That the following recommendations be approved for inclusion in the Final Report:-
 1. Commitment from Middlesbrough Council to support the funding bid to the Department for Education (DfE) Holiday Activities and Food Research Fund.
 2. Middlesbrough Council to work in partnership with Redcar and Cleveland Council to bid for the DfE Education Holiday Activities and Food Research Funding.

3. Middlesbrough Council to provide a named Officer within the Council to support the development of a bid to the DfE Holiday Activities and Food Research Fund and to support the growth of the Feast of Fun project.
4. Encourage active partnerships with Middlesbrough Environment City to grow skills in the local community.
5. Ensure relevant Council departments are aware of the benefits of the Feast of Fun project, and other similar projects, (Children's Social Care, Education, Public Health, Community Safety) and recommend that budgets are scrutinised to support the Feast of Fun Project to continue and grow.
6. Lobbying of Central Government to use 10% of the Sugar Tax, and a proportion of the plastic bag tax if appropriate, to support school holiday provision.
7. The Director of Education to have creative conversations with schools to encourage them to run holiday provision from schools.
8. To examine procurement of contracts to ensure that potential enrichment activities include the provision to support vulnerable children.
9. To actively collaborate with volunteers from Teesside University and the voluntary sector.
10. To continue collaboration with the Primary School Network.
11. The Executive to endorse the recommendation that the council provides substantive financial support to the Feast of fun project, and similar projects, to enable it to continue and grow.
12. Teesside University is commissioned to provide robust evaluation of the Feast of Fun project.
13. To explore need and potential provision for secondary school age young people.
14. Signposting and publicity on school holiday provision to be available on the Council's website, Love Middlesbrough magazine and other appropriate media, subject to the funding bid being successful.
15. That information on available school holiday provision be circulated to all Chairs of School Governing Bodies, subject to the funding bid being successful.

3 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD UPDATE**

The Chair provided a verbal update to the Panel in relation to the business conducted at the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 13 November 2018, namely:-

- Budget Setting - Proposals.
- Adult Social Care - Service Update.
- Executive Forward Work Programme.
- Scrutiny Panel Progress Updates.

AGREED that the information provided be noted.

4 **ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED.**

Next Scrutiny Topic - Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Chair reminded the Panel that the next topic for review would be Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing.

The Chair advised that she had undertaken some initial research into some of the issues associated with children and young people's mental health and wellbeing and circulated several articles for information.

It was recognised that this was a very complex and wide-ranging topic, therefore, Members were asked to consider the elements they wished the scrutiny review to focus on and to provide feedback to the Chair or Democratic Services Officer.

AGREED that the Panel would receive an overview from the appropriate Officers in relation to its next scrutiny topic - Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing.