

Time began	1.00pm
Time ended	1.45pm

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2012

Present: Councillor Rawson

In Attendance: Councillor Williams

1/12 Apologies

There were none.

2/12 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

2/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

4/12 Performance Monitoring – Quarter Two 2012 - 13

The Leader received a report from the Chief Executive on Performance Reporting – Quarter Two 2012/13. The report was presented by the Strategic Director for Children and Young People and the Improvement Officer – Children and Young People. The report outlined the quarter two performance results for the Council Scorecard and this included a dashboard summary of performance and an improvement report for those measures forecast not to meet their year end target, or had missed the quarter two target.

It was reported that the year end target for L&I PM22 (NI 103a) Special Educational Needs – statements issued within 26 weeks, was 90 percent. It was explained that improvement was needed as the figure at the end of October was 81 per cent. It was further explained that there had been an increase in the numbers of statements being issued, an action plan was in place and the end of year target should be met.

With respect to LPI 52b Percentage of Children and Young People (CYP) complaints responded to within the statutory timescale, it was reported that the year end target was 100 percent, but the year end forecast was 75 percent. It was explained that a performance surgery was to be held to look at this measure, but improvements had been made.

It was noted that NI 147 Care leavers in suitable accommodation was in a positive position and was due to exceed the year end target.

It was reported that in relation to SSPM07 Children looked after – Children in Care per 10,000 population aged under 18 (EIISS PM05), the figures were slowly falling. It was confirmed that comparator figures were used for the performance measure, such as child poverty figures.

It was reported that SS PM14 (NI 101) Children in Care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at key stage 4 (including English and Maths) had shown further improvement. It was explained that the overall aim was that all Children in Care achieved some sort of qualification. It was also reported that school attendance rates for Children in Care were good.

It was noted that SS PM13 Percentage of looked after children with a current Personal Education Plan had seen a drop in performance. It was explained that this was due to the schools being closed for the summer and it was hoped that the year end target would be achieved.

It was reported that a performance surgery was to be organised to look at the following measure:

SS PM15 (NI 61) Timeliness of placements of looked after children for adoption following an agency decision that the child should be placed for adoption.

It was explained that performance on this measure was significantly above the Council's peers. It was also noted that there were low numbers of breakdowns and this was due to the relative stability of placements.

In relation to CP 08b (HRprim5/BV12) – Average working days per employee (full time equivalents) per year lost through sickness absence, it was reported that the figures had gone up. It was reported that a performance surgery on this would take place. It was asked how employee stress was mitigated against in CYP. It was explained that a duty of care was exercised, regular supervision took place and managers were responsive to work load stresses.

Resolved to note the quarter two 2012/13 performance results.

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