

**Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny
Management Committee**

11 November 2019

**Report of the Chair of Children, Education and
Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee**

Summary

1. The Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee has met on four occasions since the start of the new administration and the decision that the Chairs of the standing scrutiny committees should report to CSMC on a six-monthly rolling basis.

June

2. At the June meeting the Committee was presented with a brief outline of the scrutiny arrangements in York, Members were also presented with the bi-annual reports of CVS York highlighting its work as set out against its service level agreement with the Council and a further routine report from York Theatre Royal who presented their programme of activities in the previous six months.
3. Members also received a presentation by the Director of Children, Education and Communities who gave an overview of her Directorate, suggesting areas where they may want to focus their attention.

July

4. In July the Executive Member for Culture and, Leisure and Communities was in attendance and highlighted the priorities, opportunities and challenges of the portfolio. The York Museum Trust presented their Partnership Delivery bi-annual update to the Committee, who also received the Year End Finance and Monitoring Report along with an update on the review now under way of Ward Committees.
5. The Committee nominated two Members to represent the Children Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee in the CSMC Food Poverty Scrutiny Review. The Committee was also asked to note

and comment on a report on York Learning Governance arrangements.

September

6. At the September meeting the Committee received report from the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education, who discussed the priorities, opportunities and challenges of the portfolio. The Committee was presented with the York Safeguarding Partnership Bi-Annual Update Report, highlighting the changes which have occurred in the organisational structure underpinning the work on Safeguarding in York. Members heard about the work being carried out to promote a Cultural Passport for Young People in an update report. The Assistant Director for Children's Specialist Services gave an overview of her area work and presented a report on Specialist Services in light of the recent Ofsted inspection into the service. Members also received an update report into Local Area teams, following the former committee's interest in this topic and a recent audit of the service which took place in May.

October

7. At the October meeting Members heard from the Assistant Director of Communities and Equalities regarding the recent activity of the Cultural Leaders Group. The Committee received an overview report of the SEND function at CYC and were also presented with an update report on resident involvement, as a follow up on a recommendation from the former Committee.

Looking ahead

8. In November the committee will receive a feasibility report exploring the topic of the state youth mental health and wellbeing in York and the support services in schools, the local authority and health.

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