

## **Meeting of the Full Council - 27 February 2020**

### **Reports of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 9 October 2019 and 15 January 2020**

**Chair: County Councillor Andrea Kay**

The agenda and minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the county council's web site at the following link:

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#### **9 October 2019**

##### **Participation Strategic Framework**

The report presented provided an opportunity for members of Children's Services Scrutiny Committee to review the draft Participation of Children and Young People Strategic Framework 2020 – 2023. It also shared a current example of a participation project that had been co-produced with members of Lancashire Youth Council.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The principles and priorities of the draft Strategic Framework be considered.
- ii. The proposed monitoring and governance arrangements be noted.
- iii. The Lancashire Youth Council research project be noted.
- iv. Details of the network of participation champions when identified be circulated to all councillors to assist with supporting a 'culture of participation'.
- v. A progress report be provided to a future meeting of the committee.
- vi. Information on the questionnaire to schools be circulated to committee members to support generating responses.

##### **Inspection of Youth Offending Services in Lancashire**

The report presented provided the committee with an update following Lancashire's Youth Offending Team (YOT) inspection in April/May 2019 by HM Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) as a full joint inspection.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The report be noted.
- ii. A briefing note be provided to committee members in March 2020 on the post inspection action plan progress.

**15 January 2020**

### **Permanence – Ofsted Focused Visit**

The report presented informed the committee that on the 4 November 2019, Ofsted had undertaken a two day focused visit to determine if Lancashire had improved their permanence offer to children and young people. This was not a graded visit but they had provided an overview of the direction of travel on the four recommendations made in 2018.

**Resolved:** That:

- i. The improvements detailed in the report be noted.
- ii. Review and support of the service be continued to ensure that all children and young people cared for by the county council are provided with the highest level of care and support.
- iii. The four areas for improvement identified in the Ofsted letter be noted and assurances sought on improvements.
- iv. The evidence of improvements included in the 'Getting to Good Plan' be presented to the committee in six months' time.

### **Neglect Strategy**

The report presented provided an update to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee on the implementation of the Neglect Strategy and the partnership working.

**Resolved:** That:

- i. The progress so far be reviewed.
- ii. Further work to be undertaken across all partners to ensure the Neglect Strategy is well embedded and making a difference be noted.
- iii. A request be made to Education Scrutiny Committee to include the Neglect Strategy as part of any discussions around Elective Home Education.

### **Child Poverty**

The report presented provided the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee with a comprehensive presentation on the subject of child poverty.

**Resolved:** That:

- i. The report presented be noted
- ii. Specific areas for further scrutiny be identified.

County Councillor Andrea Kay  
Chair