

Date of Meeting	Item	Members wished to make the following comments and conclusions:	Response/Comments	
16-Jun-2016	Strategic Approaches to Vulnerable Children	1. The Committee commented on the fact that whilst the report contained a lot of detail on pupils eligible for free school meals, Looked After Children and pupils at risk of exclusion; there did not appear to be the same detail afforded to other vulnerable pupils such as young carers or those with English as an additional language. The Committee asked that strategic approaches be balanced out appropriately to ensure that there are no gaps in support and that provision for other vulnerable groups such as those mentioned above be made more obvious in the supporting documentation.	Comments noted. The Specialist Teacher who leads the English as an additional language team has recently reviewed how data is tracked. A report will be available in the Autumn. The Young Carers' cohort has been identified and this group will be a focus linked in with the Vulnerable Groups Strategy moving forward.	
		2. The Committee expressed concern over the exclusion data for fixed term exclusions for reasons such as Racial Harassment, Assault/Violence and Substance Misuse. The Committee recommended that: a) the programme 'Show Racism the Red Card' be promoted more with school governors to try and encourage more schools to sign up; and b) that the Police be approached to offer more support through the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs.	Show Racism the Card will be promoted with school governors via the Director's report and via email circulation to the governors. This has been actioned. The Police are part of the project team regarding the development of Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs and they are integral to that development	
		Further information requested		
		1. The Committee asked for the data of any charges that have been brought against secondary school pupils from Bridgend's schools.		
		2. The Committee asked for further breakdown and analysis of the exclusion data, particularly focusing on data for 2014-15 for fixed term exclusions in Primary and Secondary Schools.	Please see document attached to the email.	
		3. Members asked for an explanatory note on the various types of provision under the Fair Access Strategy.	Please see documents attached to the email. In addition the an Autistic Spectrum Disorder class was opened at Ysgol Bryn Castell and a Key Stage 4 class is planned to open during the 2016-2017 academic year.	
		Children's Social Care - Overview	1. Members strongly supported the continued promotion of the 'grow your own' approach for social workers.	no further comments
			2. The Committee recommend that the Bridgend MASH and the Just Ask Service be relocated from the Civic Centre to a more suitable location within the community in order to aid them in being more user friendly.	We will take a report on MASH to a future scrutiny when the model is further developed and accommodation has been agreed. The project team is exploring accommodation options.
			3. The Committee proposed that a Pre-Council Briefing take place on the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs.	Please see above - we are proposing a future scrutiny. Is this ok?
			Further information requested	
1. The Committee asked for further information on the current staffing structure within Children's Social Services including anonymised details of number of FTEs, current Agency figures, as well as detail on roles, team structures etc.	We will link with HR on this and send this to you.			
2. Members asked for information on whether the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs were now all fully operational and whether there had been any difficulties experienced with the agencies working together.	As described above.			
Annual FWP	1. In Relation to the item on Children with Disabilities public consultation, the Committee requested that the Youth Council be invited to attend and engage on the subject.	This has been passed to relevant officers to action.		
	2. The Committee asked that the report on Early Help, Permanency and Placement scheduled for October 2016 incorporate an update on the current LAC numbers, as well as some detail or examples of the costings of foster placements, both in house and Out of Authority. Members also asked that an external view be sought for this meeting with advocate(s) invited to speak to provide perspectives on the services for LAC.	This has been passed to relevant officers to action.		
	3. Members put forward the subject of 'Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service' (CAHMS) as an item to pilot for Collaborative Scrutiny and asked that should this go forward, a representative from Cwm Taf and ABMU be invited to attend.	Head of Service will discuss with ABMU officers.		