

Children & Young People's Participation Strategy 2015-18

Effective engagement in Local Authority decision making

Action Plan

(last updated 25th June 2015)

| Action | Priority Links | Start | Finish | Lead(s) |
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| Develop a Children's Rights Charter to be adopted by the County Council | 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 | June 2015 | Nov 2015 | Zoe Morgan |
| Undertake a comprehensive survey of young people to better understand their priorities & views on services, feeding into formal consultation on the Council's budget | 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 & 10 | Jan 2016 | Mar 2016 | Sarah Powell |
| Support the further development of the Carmarthenshire Youth Council , including broader representation from across Carmarthenshire and better engagement with Council decision makers including Elected Members | 1, 2, 5 & 6 | April 2015 | March 2018 | Sarah Powell |
| Develop the awareness and confidence of key staff and service managers within the County Council of Children's Rights & participation, including use of UNCRC e-learning module | 1, 9 | April 2015 | March 2018 | Dave Astins (Sarah Powell / Zoe Morgan) |
| Ensure Children's Rights are actively considered when decisions are being taken, through the corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process | 1,2, 3 & 9 | Aug 2015 | Sept 2015 | Wendy Walters (Llinos Evans / Dave Astins) |
| Ensure vulnerable children & young people have opportunities to have their say (e.g. LAC, Care Leavers, C&YP subject to CPR & C&YP with disabilities) | 1, 2, 5 & 6 | April 2015 | March 2018 | Zoe Morgan (Stefan Smith) |
| Implement the National Participation Standards when they are re-launched by Welsh Government | 1, 8 | Jan 2016 | March 2016 | Sarah Powell (Zoe Morgan) |
| Develop accessible information & engagement tools for children & young people using a variety of methods, including digital media (Facebook & Twitter) and on-line survey tools (e.g. Viewpoint, SNAP) | 1, 6, 9 & 10 | Sept 2015 | March 2018 | Wendy Walters (Deina Hockenhull / Kevin Pett / Sarah Powell / Zoe Morgan) |
| Ensure there is an active, representative & effective school council in every primary & secondary school & provide support & guidance as & when required | 1, 6 & 7 | April 2015 | March 2018 | Sarah Powell (Zoe Morgan) |
| Ensure that children & young people are involved in the recruitment & selection of relevant County Council staff | 1, 2, 3, 4 & 9 | Jan 2016 | March 2016 | Zoe Morgan (Sarah Powell) |

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| Ensure children & young people actively engage in making the Council's safeguarding arrangements better through SNUG | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 | April 2015 | March 2018 | Zoe Morgan |
| Involve young people in commissioning of key council services through support and training of Young Commissioners | 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 | April 2015 | March 2018 | Wendy Thomas (Zoe Morgan) |
| Ensure our complaints and compliments procedure is accessible to children and young people | 1 & 10 | Jan 2016 | March 2016 | Wendy Walters (Noelwyn Daniel / Sarah Powell) |
| Ensure that young people are targeted during Local Democracy Week (12 th to 18 th October), linked to the concept of active citizenship identified in the Donaldson review of the Welsh Curriculum | 1, 3, 6 & 8 | Sept 2015 | Oct 2015 | Wendy Walters (Amanda Bebb / Sarah Powell / Zoe Morgan) |