

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

23/12/21

WORKING WITH THOSE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (NEET)

Purpose: To provide an overview and update on this area of service delivery which includes:

- Welsh Government and UK objectives in this area of work
- Locally determined objectives, partnership working and performance
- Regional developments
- Risks and challenges

To consider and comment on the following issues:

Recent and future developments alluding to:

- UK and Welsh Government objectives in this area of work as well as the local implementation of objectives around NEET prevention and engagement.
- Funding arrangements, including the ending of European Social Fund NEET programmes
- The contribution of the Youth Support Service to NEET prevention and engagement work
- Performance data
- Future challenges and actions to be taken to mitigate risk of future delivery of this work

Reasons:

For the Committee to properly exercise its scrutiny function on areas of particular interest to Elected Members. Scrutiny Committee can also assist in identifying improvements in service delivery.

To be referred to the Cabinet / Council for decision: NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: - Cllr Glynog Davies Cabinet Member for Education and Children

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The Council's commitment to reduce the number of pupils becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) is set out within **Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 years (2018-2023)**.

Within its range of service delivery, the Youth Support Service has a lead role in delivering NEET prevention and engagement work in school and community settings. The Service brings together youth work and youth justice statutory provision under an integrated service which allows for an holistic approach to the delivery of youth support services across Carmarthenshire. Targeted work includes supporting children/young people presenting with a range of needs and complexities including those linked with education, training and employment.

The service's contribution to this work draws in contributions across all teams, but is significantly linked with the following strands of delivery:

- Welsh Government Youth Engagement and Progression Framework
- The Children and Community Grant - which supports 2 Families First projects within the service
- European Social Funded Projects targeting NEET- Cam Nesa (which ended in May 2021) and Cynnydd.

The report attached will give an overview of national and WG objectives; NEET prevention and engagement work being undertaken by the Youth Support; funding arrangements for the delivery of this work; performance data and some regional partnership work highlights. An outline of risks and challenges in terms of future delivery is included for consideration and comment.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: 

Director of Education and Children's Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: 

Director of Education and Children's Services

1. Local Member(s)

Non-applicable

2. Community / Town Council

Non-applicable

3. Relevant Partners

Non-applicable

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Non-applicable

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED

YES

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THERE ARE NONE