

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES POLICY AND SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE OF MEETING: 10TH MARCH 2022

SUBJECT OF REPORT: CHILDREN'S IMPROVEMENT FOCUS GOUP – CARE LEAVERS WHO ARE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET) – TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FORWARD PLAN

OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING – COUNCILLOR WENDY GRIGGS, CHAIR, CYPS PANEL

FOR DISCUSSION

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Review Topic	
Identify barriers for care leavers in accessing education, employment and training (EET)	
Working Group Membership	Officer input and support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Wendy Griggs (Chair), Caroline Cherry, Ann Harley, Ruth Jacobs ▪ CYPS Panel and other Members invited, as required ▪ Other partner agencies may be invited to account for progress towards outcomes, raise issues requiring decision or resources and to assure CYPS Working Group on matters requiring consideration and scrutiny. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paul Johnson, Head of Service Corporate Parenting ▪ Bethany Swan, North Somerset's (NS's) Young Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michèle Chesterman, Democratic and Electoral Services Officer
Purpose	
<p>The Working Group will identify and recommend sustainable and effective delivery and creation of opportunities for all care leavers in NSC who are NEET for the next 6-8 months and beyond. The group will provide a relentless focus to make sure these opportunities are developed , achieved and evidenced in improved outcome for care leavers</p> <p>To achieve this the Working Group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore and recommend the development and roll-out of EET opportunities (apprenticeships, internships and work experience) and that they are created and embedded across NSC and partners agencies. ▪ Explore and develop a mentoring scheme for care leavers from within NSC's Elected Members, workforce and partner agencies to provide direct 1-1 support to care leavers to work alongside the young person and reduce incidence of NEET. ▪ Monitor the creation and delivery of EET opportunities via a range or reports, KPIs and progress tracking tools, alongside the voice of care leavers. ▪ Ask for key performance measures, milestones and success measures, (including for partners where appropriate), holding leaders accountable for progress in delivery. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report progress on the development of EET programme and opportunities to the CYPS Scrutiny Panel, Corporate Parenting Panel, Parent Carer Forum and the carer leaver forum. ▪ Engage with the care leavers service, partner agencies, community services and businesses (as appropriate), and care leavers in developing and creating EET opportunities and to ensure that care leaver's voices are heard and reflected in the EET programme and opportunities created.
Roles and Responsibilities of Working Group Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that activity progresses at pace, making any necessary recommendations around the use of resources, expedite progress, remove barriers, or otherwise assure actions can be completed. • To ensure that NSC implements an EET programme of opportunities for care leavers and that EET matters in general, remain a high priority across all organisations in the local area.
Frequency and Location of Meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meetings will be arranged as required unless otherwise agreed by the Working Group. ▪ Meetings will be held virtually or at the Town Hall, WsM, unless otherwise agreed by the Working Group.

2. FORWARD PLAN

17th March 2022

Data presentation focussed on young people who are NEET. Quantitative data spanning the last 3 years and up to now. Bench marking data from similar authorities and the national picture.

Members to review and analyse data, look at trends, and formulate data objectives for the immediate future and beyond.

28th April 2022

Information on the various opportunities available to our YP. Local and national picture on availabilities and opportunities.. Constraints in offers from education and business. Barriers to organisations assisting in delivering these opportunities.

Best practice examples from other local authorities who are making successful improvements in this area.

Members to consider avenues that can be taken to help further develop these opportunities

9th June 2022

Young person's Voice

Members to receive a few 'case studies' of the experiences of some YP who are now NEET, what led them to this situation, what were the barriers to them.

Could Bethany talk to some and bring this first hand experience back to the panel?

Perhaps even persuade some YP to talk to us? We could have a 'real' meeting?

14th July 2022

After all this fact finding, members to discuss with officers and the Executive member what could be put in place to improve the outcomes for our YP who are NEET and those who are also care leavers. Also, what can we do as members? A mentoring scheme? Other support?

8th September 2022

A summary of the proposed outcomes from previous meeting outlining the action plan to improve NEET outcomes with clear timescales over the coming 12 months, which could then be reviewed at Children's scrutiny in March 2023

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