

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee held at the Glyncornel Environmental Centre, Nant Gwyddion Road, Llwynypia, Tonypandy on Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 5 p.m.

PRESENT

County Borough Councillor W. Lewis – in the Chair

County Borough Councillors

J. Brencher S Powell

H. Fychan R. Smith

J. Harries S. Rees

Non – Committee Member in Attendance

County Borough Councillor G. Thomas – Vice Chair of
Overview and Scrutiny

Co-opted Members

Mr S. Jones – Voting Elected Parent/ Governor Representative

Officers in Attendance

Ms A. Batley – Service Director Children's Services

Mr P Nicholls – Head of Legal – Litigation, Planning & Environment, Community and
Children's Services

Ms Z Lancelott – Head of Engagement and Participation

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from: County Borough Councillors S. Rees-Owen , S. Evans- Fear.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED - In accordance with the Code of Conduct, there were no personal declarations of interests made, pertaining to the agenda.

20. MINUTES

RESOLVED – to approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee held on the 6th September 2017.

21. MISKIN PROJECT OVERVIEW

Members were presented with an overview of the Miskin Project Service. Members were informed that Miskin is part of the Children's Service and is located in Early Intervention / Prevention Service. The service is a targeted service working with some of the most challenging and vulnerable children and young people within the county borough of Rhondda, Cynon, and Taff.

It was explained to Members that the service aims to help children, young people, families and carers stay together by supporting placement stability for young people within the Local Authority.

Members were informed that outcomes for children who access the Miskin project were very pleasing. It was explained that Miskin work with 174 older children aged 11 – 17 years during 2016-17 with 98% of these young people remaining in their community.

Staff of the Miskin Project provided Member with a few cases studies showing various issues that the service addressed.

The Chair thanked the officers for a very detailed overview of the service and wished them well with their continued hard work for the young people of Rhondda, Cynon, Taf.

22. THE RESILIENT FAMILIES PROGRAMME- DELIVERING INTERGRATED FAMILY SUPPORT AND EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION SERVICE IN RCT

The Head of Engagement and Participation presented Members with a presentation in respect of the resilient families programme.

The Head of Engagement and Participation explained to Members of the Committee that early intervention is key and that taking action as soon as possible to tackle problems for children and families before they become more difficult to reverse. Early intervention involves identifying children and families that may be at risk of running into difficulties and providing timely and effective support.

The Committee received an overview of the Service and it was **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the information contained in the presentation

W. Lewis (Chairman)

Meeting closed at 6:45 pm

