

Minutes of the Meeting of Joint Cabinet Members for Children and Young People and for Policing and Equalities held at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 3rd December, 2014

Present:

Cabinet Member: Councillor Ruane, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Other Members Present: Councillor Lepoidevin, Shadow Cabinet Member For Children and Young People

Employees (by Directorate):

People: G. Kell, A. Parkes

Resources: S. Bennett

Apologies: Councillor Townshend, Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities
Councillor Fletcher, Deputy Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities
Councillor Andrews, Shadow Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities

Public Business

10. Appointment of Chair for the Meeting

RESOLVED that, in the absence of Councillor Townshend, Councillor Ruane be appointed Chair of the meeting.

11. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

12. Minutes

The Minutes of the Joint Cabinet Members held on 1 September, 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

13. Youth Offending Service Performance Update Against National Indicators

Further to Minute 5/14 of the Joint Cabinet Member Meeting, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People considered a report of the Executive Director of People, which provided an update on the following three National Indicators during quarter 1 of 2014/15, that are submitted to the Youth Justice Board on a quarterly basis:--

1) Reducing the number of young people entering the Youth Justice System as First Time Entrants (FTE)

The number of FTEs remained low and stable. In total there were 20 in quarter 2, an increase of one on the previous counting period. In quarter 2 the service delivered 30 Enhanced Community Resolutions (a diversion from the formal criminal justice system with a supporting intervention package)

2) Reducing re-offending

These figures are produced at national level and are only available on a yearly basis. There is a significant time delay which is required to ensure that a full year has elapsed since young people received their disposals, before date is released.

The rate of proven re-offending for the July 2011-June 2012 cohort is 1:14 which represents a reduction on the last comparator point of 1:16, and maintains Coventry below the family group average. In addition, Coventry has achieved an on-going reduction in the numbers of offenders, re-offenders and re-offences.

3) Reducing the use of Custody for young people

There has been a spike in custody in the last quarter, the highest rate since quarter 3 last year. However, year to date custody levels remain relatively low when compared to previous years. As numbers are so low, any upward variance can distort the performance picture, in that this will be represented as a declining performance against target.

The Cabinet Member questioned officers in depth on issues contained in the report, including the significant amount of work undertaken by the Youth Offending Service in their role as advocates for young people.

RESOLVED:-

- 1) That the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People endorses the positive performance achieved against the National Indicators during quarter 1 of 2014/15 and that a further update be provided in July, 2015.**
- 2) That the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities be requested to note the positive performance achieved.**

14. Any Other Items of Public Business

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at: 3.30 pm)