

REPORT

SUBJECT: Kerbcraft – Scrutiny of Action Plan Delivery and Ongoing performance measures

MEETING: Children and Young People’s Select Committee

DATE: 7th December 2017

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: Countywide

1. PURPOSE

To provide members with a report on the implementation of the Action Plan approved by Council in March 2017 and performance measures in place.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That members note the action taken to date to implement the action plan.
- 2.2 That members note the performance measures in place and consider whether further measures are appropriate.
- 2.3 That CYP Select Committee be confirmed as the appropriate committee to scrutinize the ongoing performance of the kerbcraft service initially six monthly but upon satisfaction in management and reporting arrangements that this be annually.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 On 20th March 2017 Council received the WAO report on the Safeguarding scheme in Monmouthshire County Council and endorsed the action plan to address the findings of the WAO report.
- 3.2 on the 5th July 2017 the Cabinet received a report titled ‘Update and Approval of matters arising from the Action Plan – Safeguarding arrangements – kerbcraft scheme.
- 3.3 Attached to the report to Cabinet were new procedures for the provision of kerbcraft training which were approved by Cabinet (appendices 2 & 3).
- 3.4 Kerbcraft training commenced in September of this year in compliance with the procedure and checklist approved by Cabinet on the 5th July 2017.
- 3.5 Officers have investigated what information is appropriate to monitor the performance of the scheme for officers of CYP and members. The kerbcraft training is funded by and provided on behalf of Welsh Government. A

performance management pro forma is provided to WG on a quarterly basis (appendix 4).

- 3.6 The action plan requires a select committee to be nominated to monitor the ongoing performance of the kerb craft scheme. Given the link to Monmouthshire's schoolchildren officers consider the CYP select committee to be the most appropriate committee to receive ongoing performance management reports. WG quarterly return will be collated on a six monthly basis and submitted to the CYP select committee, Audit Committee and Cabinet. The return will be supplemented by a further document indicating which schools have received training and which are scheduled to receive training along with any commentary received from schools, parents etc. relating to the kerbcraft training (appendix 5).
- 3.7 Over and above the reports to the CYP select committee the action plan requires the Audit Committee and Cabinet receive progress reports to assure themselves that the performance of the scheme has improved and risks reduced. To offer members this opportunity a report was submitted to the audit Committee on the 23rd November 2017 and a report to Cabinet is scheduled for 10th January 2018.
- 3.8 The Cabinet on the 5th July 2017 amended the recommendation that the service transfer to CYP such that the service remains within the Highways section(Traffic and Road Safety unit) but that robust reporting links be created between the kerbcraft team and CYP colleagues.
- 3.9 Officers from the Highways Section and CYP have discussed how the reporting links and protocols will be managed. These are summarized in the process document attached (appendix 1) which, coupled with the procedures approved by Cabinet (appendices 2 & 3) plus the performance reports submitted to Audit Committee on the 23rd November 2017 (appendices 4 &5), form the reference documents for the ongoing provision of the service.

4. REASONS

- 4.1 The WAO report to Council on the 20th March 2017 highlighted concerns that children receiving kerbcraft training in Monmouthshire were at risk. Council adopted an action plan to address the issues raised by WAO.

- 4.1 This report continues the implementation of the Action Plan.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None arising directly from this report.

6. FUTURE GENERATIONS and EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

This report progresses the implementation of the Action Plan. A FGEA was submitted to Council on 20th March 2017 and to Cabinet on the 5th July 2017.

SAFEGUARDING ASSESSMENT:

The report provides members with an update on the implementation of the Kerbcraft Action Plan developed subsequent to WAO highlighting concerns about the adequacy of Safeguarding measures incorporated within the earlier kerbcraft scheme.

The kerbcraft Safeguarding policy is attached (appendix 6).

7. **CONSULTEES:** CYP officers

8. **BACKGROUND PAPERS:**
Report to Council on the 20th March 2017
Report to Cabinet on the 7th July 2017
Report to Audit Committee on 23rd November 2017

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