

ACTION TRACKING FOR THE EDUCATION & YOUTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date	Agenda item	Action Required	Action Officer(s)	Action taken	Timescale
20.05.2019	5. Minutes	Cllr Paul Cunningham's apologies to be added to the minutes.	Janet Kelly	Minutes amended on 21.05.2019 and sent to translation for publication.	Completed
20.05.2019	6. Discretionary Transport Policy Review – Outcome of Consultation	That a list of comments made by Members be provided to Officers prior to the Cabinet meeting.	Ceri Shotton	A copy of the draft Minute showing all Members comments was circulated to Officers on 31.05.2019.	Completed
20.05.2019	7. Self-Evaluation of Local Government Education Services	Many Cllrs commented on the comprehensive report and Claire Homard agreed to pass on the comments of the Committee, as shown in the recommendation, to the team.	Claire Homard	Comments passed to team to cascade down at DMT.	Completed
20.05.2019	8. ADTRAC Project	Following concerns raised by Cllr Patrick Heesom around the opportunities for young people aged 15 – 25 across all parts of the County in being able to access funding through the ADTRAC Project, Claire Homard agreed to facilitate a meeting between Cllr Heesom and Jeanette Rock, following the meeting.	Claire Homard / Jeanette Rock	AD to facilitate a meeting before the end of summer.	Completed.

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20.05.2019	9. Social Media & Internet Safety	The Committee welcomed the report being a regular item on the Committee's Forward Work Programme.	Claire Sinnott / Ceri Shotton	Item added to the Forward Work Programme for 14 th May meeting as an annual item.	Completed
20.05.2019	9. Social Media & Internet Safety	The Committee agreed for a copy of the report to be circulated to all Members following the meeting.	Ceri Shotton	Copy of report and appendices e-mailed to all Members on 14 th June, 2019.	Completed
20.05.2019	10. Forward Work Programme	The Committee agreed with the suggestion, that following completion of the Education & Youth Portfolio Business Plan, Claire Homard would liaise with the Chair to populate the Forward Work Programme.	Claire Homard / Ceri Shotton	Forward Work Programme has been populated, updated and discussed with the Chair and Vice-Chair since the last meeting.	Completed

For information – Cabinet and County Council decisions**Cabinet**

Cabinet considered the **Discretionary Transport Policy Review – Outcome of Consultation** report at its meeting on Tuesday 18th June, 2019. The Cabinet decision was as follows:-

- (1) That from September 2020 the termly charge for post-16 transport should be set at a maximum of £150 per term;

All students entitled to free school meals should receive free transport to school or college. This measure should be paid for by the Council funds – not from the charge for transport – as a discretionary benefit;

That during the year between now and the introduction of the charge, the Council should examine the possibility of operating a hardship fund for supporting families where access to education is denied due to the charge through extenuating circumstances, noting the continuation of free transport entitlement under the free school meal criterion;

That during the year between now and the introduction of the charge, as suggested by the Liberal group, the Council should examine the possibility of a form of 'Oyster' type pre-payment card which would allow residents who cannot pay the termly charge to top up their card on a regular basis; and

That post-16 is defined to be years 12 and 13 in school year terms, and only extended in exceptional circumstances.

(2) That negotiations be re-opened with Coleg Cambria on the level of recharged cost for the discretionary transport service.

County Council

County Council considered the following Notice of Motion, submitted by Councillor Dave Healey (Chairman of the Committee) at its meeting on Tuesday 18th June, 2019:-

Cyber bullying

Council notes concerns about the impact of cyber bullying on the mental health of young people.

Council also recognises that this is a national problem and that adults, as well as young people often bully others on social media.

Council also believes that the vast majority of young people, within the County, are responsible in the way in which they engage with social media and do not engage in cyber bullying.

Council also notes that all members of the Education and Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Officers stood, in the Council Chamber, on 20 May 2019, in order to pledge that they would not, themselves, engage in social media in ways which denigrate other individuals.

Members of this Council now rise to take a similar pledge so that Flintshire County Council, as a whole, can be seen to be leading the way in setting an example itself with regard to the shameful activity of cyber bullying.

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Council calls upon Flintshire residents to make a similar commitment with regard to their engagement with social media so that, in the sixth largest county in Wales, we can all work together to stem the tide of toxic abuse which is causing mental health problems for others, young and old.

Council further requests the Officers to draw up an appropriate report to committees so that this expectation can be embedded in future practice within the Council.

County Council resolved to support the Notice of Motion.