

AGENDA ITEM 11

Panels update – October 2013

Youth Justice: This has been a light- touch review panel, following the Youth Offending Service through its recent restructure and monitoring the team's work and outcomes.

The final panel meeting was due to take place in October 2013 but has just been postponed until early 2014 to allow for an external Ofsted review to take place in December. This review will focus on female offenders and alcohol.

The panel will reconvene post the publication of this review, to look at the issues that the review throws up. The panel has also been asked by our new Director of Children's Services to consider some additional issues including the degree to which the YOS is 'owned' and funded by city partners, and arrangements for the YOS board.

Homelessness: The evidence gathering meetings have been completed and a set of recommendations agreed with the panel. The report is now being written up and will be presented to the HWOSC meeting on November 5th 2013

Alcohol: The following three topics were suggested by the Alcohol Programme Board, as areas that could be usefully investigated further:

1) Alcohol free events: We have had our meeting, where representatives of the local Licensing Association, supermarkets and pubs met with council and police officers. The intention was to look at alcohol free events in the city, but it was clear that there was more scope in looking at alcohol-controlled events, and how public and private sector partners can work in partnership. The panel have come up with a number of recommendations including trying to support local traders in running alcohol controlled events, considering more alternative alcohol free drinks

2) Licensing policy review/retail: Panel members are going to meet with Tim Nichols on 3rd October to review the local Statement of Licensing Policy and make suggestions for areas that can be reviewed

3) Responsible drinking: This panel intends to talk to universities, local tourism managers, and other relevant parties about how they promote alternatives to drinking alcohol and responsible drinking. The date is to be arranged but will hopefully happen before Christmas

Social Value: The panel members have been selected and the panel is due to commence in Feb/March 2014.

Services for children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions: The panel has held two evidence gathering panel meetings in September 2013. They are due to hold at least a further two evidence gathering meetings in the coming months.

Bullying in Schools: The panel has held three evidence gathering meetings and the draft report and recommendations are currently being written up. The report of the panel is due to go to the Health Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee on February 4th 2014.

Community Engagement Framework: Scrutiny have discussed this with the Communities Team and we hope to run a workshop on the issue in early 2014.

Seafront Infrastructure: The review is in the early scoping stage.

Models of Service Delivery: This review will follow the completion of the work on ASC Future Service Delivery Models.

Party Houses: This review is in the scoping stage.

Community use of school playing fields: Scrutiny has had initial conversations with the Director of Children's Services who is keen to progress the issue. Further work is continuing on the project.

Adult Care Future Service Delivery Models: The panel has held two informal meetings considering a range of possible service models for ASC Provider services. The minutes from these meetings and a series of recommendations from the panel members will inform a report to P&R in late 2013.

Financial Inclusion work: the following three areas are going to be looked at together in 2014 to co-ordinate with the work of the Policy and Public Health teams:

- 1) **Benefit Changes/financial inclusion**
- 2) **Credit unions/payday loans**
- 3) **BHCC interactions with debtors**