

PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Children, Education, Skills & Early Help

CABINET DATE:²

8.11.2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE
THE LAST REPORT:³

Welcome to Cllr Andrew Kerby, the new Lead Member for Safeguarding and our thanks to Cllr Jane Somper, who moves from Children's Services to take up a new lead role with Adults. Cllr Kerby has received briefings from directors and me, on areas of work he will be undertaking.

Cllr Parry, Quayle & Kerby, visited to St Mary's/Dorset Centre of Excellence, to meet with Mark Blackman & newly appointed Head, Katie Charles and inspect progress on the schedule for opening. Also visits to the Vale Pantry (by invitation of Cllr Carole Jones). Cllr Parry visited Hopscotch Nursey, Tricketts Cross at the request of Cllr Lugg, which proved to be a very informative discussion regarding early years.

Cllr Parry & Quayle attended School's Forum, which included members voting to approve early years funding.

People & Health Scrutiny Committee received a comprehensive report on Social Mobility, which included a request to brief Cabinet Members about the discussions held and how we progress work on this matter going forward.

Cllr Parry, was asked to make a presentation about the work of Dorset Council, Children's Services, to a recent meeting of the East Dorset DAPTC.

A joint meeting with Cllr Laura Miller & Wimborne area members, was held regarding QE Leisure Centre consultation.

The Harbour, Weymouth, launch event and conference. Fantastic to welcome key stakeholders who will be working in partnership with us.

Festival of the Future, included a presentation from Shaftesbury School, which has partnered with industry to showcase technology in the classroom.

¹ Enter the portfolio area

² Insert the date of the Cabinet meeting to which this summary update is to be reported

³ Provide brief details of the meetings attended, key activities or project milestones completed since the last report

Cllr Byron Quayle has been working with Officers and the Lead Member for place, to establish the framework to review the post 16 transport, to ensure that our policies remains effective and we understand the needs of our young people.

**DELEGATED DECISIONS
MADE:⁴**

The second round of Youth Grant funding awarded over £47k (of annual £100k fund) to 11 Dorset organisations.

**ANTICIPATED
ACTIVITIES/MILESTONES
FOR NEXT PERIOD:⁵**

Publication of Ofsted Inspection report has been confirmed for the 19th November 2021

⁴ Enter details of any delegated decisions made since the last meeting

⁵ Provide details of key activities, project milestones or significant meetings anticipated in the next period