

PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Byron Quayle - Children, Education, Skills & Early Help

CABINET DATE:²

07.11.23

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE
THE LAST REPORT:³

Children's Services Workforce Awards – 05.10.23

I attended the annual event which took place at the George Albert Hotel this year. In attendance were many officers and staff from across the Service who had been nominated for an award. Not only did CS officers attend but many groups or organisations from across Dorset who support young people also attended.

This was a truly inspirational evening which highlighted all the good work that is taking place to support and promote young people.

Meetings which I attended over the past month

Dorset Virtual School Full Governing Body – 09.10.23

I attended the Virtual School Governing Body meeting which was chaired by Amanda Davies. Our VS continues to go from strength to strength.

Performance Board Meeting – 11.10.23

Hayeswood Open Afternoon – 11.10.23

Hayeswood is the newly established short breaks home, for children who have a learning disability or autism. The home will offer a nurturing, supportive environment, providing new experiences and opportunities for children, and a much-needed break for the family.

The opening of Hayeswood addresses a much-needed requirement for such a service in the East of the County.

SEND Partnership Board - 12.10.23

B2SA Partnership Board - Service Delivery Model Option

Following two years of work to bring Children's, Adults and Health together to establish a new operating model, which was put forward for a new way of working. This will be finalised in the coming months before being rolled out next year.

Pimperne Primary School Visit – 17.10.23

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

Along with the Lead Member for Education, Cllr Penfold and local member Cllr Jespersen, I attended a school visit to Pimper Primary School.

Initial Housing Board Meeting – 19.10.23

People and Health Scrutiny Committee – 31.10.23

Tricketts Cross Centre Meeting – 02.10.23

Along with Cllr Cathy Lugg, I spent the morning looking at the working model of our 'flagship' Family Hub model which is called The Centre and based in Ferndown.

**DELEGATED DECISIONS
MADE:⁴**

B2SA Partnership Board - Service Delivery Model Option

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

To come to Cabinet:

- 1. EXPANSION OF FUNDED CHILDCARE OFFER FROM APRIL 2024**
- 2. MAKING CARE EXPERIENCE A PROTECTED CHARACTERISTIC -LOCAL ADOPTION**
- 3. FAMILIES FIRST FOR CHILDREN PATHFINDER**

As well as a very busy calendar of day-to-day CS work.

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