

Scrutiny Committee reports (2) for City Executive Board - Thursday 16 June 2016

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Suggested City Executive Board responses to Scrutiny recommendations have been submitted for the following items:

- Oxford City Council Safeguarding report 2015-16
- Apprentices

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Suggested City Executive Board response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee on the Oxford City Council Safeguarding Report 2015-16

Provided by the Board Member for Community Safety

Recommendation	Agreed? (Y / N / In part)	Comment
1. That anonymised case study examples of safeguarding referrals made by the Council are provided to elected members.	Y	This is part of the safeguarding training that is provided for Members.
2. That the Council continues to work positively and proactively through partnerships to raise awareness of potential safeguarding issues in the City and push for action to investigate and address these issues, including, for example, high levels of pupil absence at particular schools.	Y	The City Council is represented on the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board and the Oxfordshire Children's Trust where these issues are discussed. It also leads on the Community Safety Partnership which is another forum for these issues.
3. That the Council continues to request feedback from partner agencies following safeguarding referrals.	Y	The Council relies on data from the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub and will continue to seek feedback from partner agencies on how referrals are progressing. However, the Council's role is not to investigate
4. That the Council makes representations to government through appropriate channels about the need for more rigorous safeguarding arrangements for language school students aged under 18 living in private sector accommodation.	In part	This can only happen once multi agency work has been done on language schools in Oxford. (see recommendation 5, below) If this work raises concerns that should be raised at a national level, representations to government should be made.
5. That potential safeguarding issues around language school students aged under 18 living in private sector accommodation should be considered and discussed with language schools, the police and other relevant partner agencies.	Y	This work is already underway.
6. That Safeguarding training provided to the Council's HMO and Private Sector Enforcement Teams should cover how to recognise and report potential safeguarding issues around language school students aged under 18 living in the private sector.	Y	The Council's HMO and Private Sector Enforcement Teams are trained in safeguarding both children and adults. The issues relating specifically to language school students including a case study can be added to the training that is in place.

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Suggested City Executive Board response to the recommendation of the Scrutiny Committee on Apprentices

Provided by the Board Member for Young People, Schools and Skills

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Agreed? (Y / N / In part)</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1. That consideration is given to extending the eligibility criteria for apprenticeships beyond the OX1 to OX4 postcode areas but with a preference for appointing applicants with these postcodes.	Agreed	The apprenticeship recruitment campaign will be extended to cover applicants who live in Abingdon, Witney, Bicester, Didcot and Kidlington areas so that the apprentices will be a better reflection of the Oxfordshire labour market. Preference will be given to applicants who live in OX1- OX4.

Please note that additional Scrutiny Committee recommendations on apprentices are expected to be submitted to the City executive Board meeting on 14 July 2016.

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