



HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 21ST MARCH 2017

SUBJECT: JUNIOR AND YOUTH FORUM PRIORITIES

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 1.1 The report, which was presented to and supported by Cabinet on 1st March 2017 and Education for Life Scrutiny Committee on 10th January 2017, detailed the proposal of the Youth Forum in addressing their Priority Issue – ‘Awareness of Mental Health needs to be improved and stereotypes should be challenged’, and the Junior Forum, in addressing their Priority Issue – ‘More awareness of local wildlife and the harm grass fires cause to natural habitats’.
- 1.2 Cabinet Members stated that Caerphilly County Borough Council considers the involvement and views of the Youth and Junior Forums to be of great value and are keen for this to continue. Members agreed that they are always encouraged and impressed by the quality and maturity of the debate when they attend the Youth Conference.
- 1.3 Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer’s report: -

- (i) Cabinet to have due regard to issues raised by Children and Young People when making decisions which impact upon their lives;
 - (ii) Cabinet to support the Youth Forum in addressing their Priority Issue; Awareness of mental health needs to be improved and stereotypes should be challenged;
 - (iii) Cabinet to support Young People’s attendance at Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to present their issue.
- 1.4 Members are asked to consider the report and note the Youth Forum Priorities.

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Appendix: Report to Cabinet dated 1st March 2017.