

Meeting: Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Board

Date: 23 October 2023

Wards affected: All

Report Title: To receive an update on the Safety Valve

When does the decision need to be implemented? N/A

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to provide members with an update on the agreement of the Safety Valve.
- 1.2 The report sets out the progress made against each of the conditions of the grant, an overview of the budget position as of 31st August 2023 and the trajectory of the budget. The report also includes data that demonstrates the impact of our work to date.

2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

- 2.1 N/A – this report has been prepared to provide an update.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

1. That members of the Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Board note the report (attached at appendix one), the progress made, the emerging risks and the support required.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Safety Valve Update – September 2023 - Exempt

Background Documents

Please see report at appendix one.

Supporting Information

1. Introduction.

- 1.1 This is the second progress report since the agreement of the Safety Valve in March 2023. The report sets out the progress made against each of the conditions of the grant, an overview of the budget position as of 31st August 2023 and the trajectory of the budget. The report also includes data that demonstrates the impact of our work to date.
- 1.2 Work continues to be implemented delivering the reform programme needed and setting the conditions for future and sustained change. Local scrutiny of performance remains considerable, the work of the safety valve continues to be overseen by the CEO through the executive transformation board and reviewed/driven by School Forum [Browse meetings - Schools Forum \(torbay.gov.uk\)](#).
- 1.3 The interdependencies between the Safety Valve and Written Statement of Action for SEND and the implementation of our Family Hubs are understood, and further challenge is provided by the SEND Strategic Board and monitoring meetings.
- 1.4 The Safety Valve was part of the new elected members induction.

2. Options under consideration

- 2.1 N/A – report has been prepared to provide members with an update therefore no options are under consideration.

3. Financial Opportunities and Implications.

- 3.1 Please see the full report at appendix one.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 N/A

5. Engagement and Consultation

- 5.1 Please see the full report at appendix one.

6. Purchasing or Hiring of Goods and/or Services

- 6.1 N/A

7. Tackling Climate Change

7.1 N/A

8. Associated Risks.

8.1 Please see the full report at appendix one.

10. Cumulative Council Impact

10.1 Please see the full report at appendix one.

11. Cumulative Community Impacts

11.1 Please see the full report at appendix one.