

## **CABINET – 13 JULY 2018**

### **Response to Public Questioner 4 not present at the meeting**

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**Questioner:** Sahil Ahmadi

**Asked of:** Councillor Krishna Suresh, Portfolio Holder for Community Cohesion and Crime

**Question:** “Education and the role schools are said to play huge role in preventing youth crime - however, it has been made clear that there isn’t enough support from schools to young people vulnerable to crime. What are your plans to ensure education is used as a strategy in preventing youth crime?”

**Written Response:** Schools do play a huge role, in partnership with other agencies, in supporting young people vulnerable to crime. Citizenship plays an important role in the primary and secondary curriculum and many schools are actively engaged in the Rights Respecting programme based on the United Nations Convention of the rights of the child. Furthermore feedback from school inspections point to the facts that schools manage issues in relation to behaviour and helping children and young people take a responsible role within the community as they transition into adulthood. There are targeted programmes in schools which effectively support vulnerable young people and those in most need. There is an education lead in the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub which has ensured schools have played a central role in ensuring vulnerable young people have robust safeguarding plans and are protected.

In discussions and plans around contextual safeguarding schools are significant professional partners in ensuring these plans are effective.