

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 14 October 2019 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Philip Owen (Chairman)
Sue Saddington (Vice-Chairman)
Tracey Taylor (Vice-Chairman)

Samantha Deakin	Paul Henshaw
Boyd Elliott	Gordon Wheeler
John Handley	John Peck JP
Errol Henry JP	Liz Plant

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

4 Vacancies

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

John Ogle

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Phil Berrill	Team Manager, Property Commissioning
Marion Clay	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Laurence Jones	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Colin Pettigrew	Corporate Director, Children and Families Services
Pip Milbourne	Business Support, Children and Families Services
Shelagh Mitchell	Interim Head, Adoption East Midlands
Koni Rakhit	Consultant, Children and Families Services
Mandy Stratford	Early Years Strategic Manager, Children and Families Services
Martin Gately	Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executives

OTHER ATTENDEES

Chris Few Safeguarding Board

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2019 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman, subject to the correction of a minor error in the record of attendance.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Changes of Membership – Councillor Gordon Wheeler replaced Councillor Roger Jackson for this meeting only.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. REDUCTION IN POWERS OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOLS COMMISSIONER TO INTERVENE IN UNDERPERFORMING – RESPONSE FROM THE RSC

RESOLVED 2019/086

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

That:

1) No further actions were required following receipt of the response from the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) regarding the reduced powers of the RSC to intervene in underperforming schools previously deemed to be coasting.

5. BASIC NEED SCHOOL EXPANSION - KING EDWIN PRIMARY, EDWINSTOWE – LATEST ESTIMATED COST

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2019/087

That:

1) Approval be given for the school expansion project at King Edwin Primary School, Edwinstowe, to proceed to the construction phase based on the estimated costs as detailed in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the report.

6. FREE SCHOOL PRESUMPTION COMPETITION TO SECURE A SPONSOR FOR A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN WEST BRIDGFORD AND UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF FREE SCHOOL PRESUMPTION COMPETITIONS

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2019/088

That:

- 1) Approval be given to run a free school presumption competition in relation to the proposed new secondary school in the West Bridgford planning area.
- 2) No further information and/or updates were required in relation to the information contained in the report.

7. A STRATEGY FOR IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2019/089

That:

- 1) The Strategy for Improving Educational Opportunities for All, attached as Appendix 1, be forwarded to Policy Committee for approval, replacing the existing Closing the Educational Gaps Strategy (2012).
- 2) Six monthly update reports be received on progress towards the Strategy for Improving Educational Opportunities for All success criteria and that these be included in the Committee's work programme.

8. OUTCOMES OF OFSTED INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS – TERMLY UPDATE

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2019/090

That:

- 1) for the schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to Require Improvement, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services write to the head teacher and chair of governors of Local Authority maintained schools to inform them that the Committee will track closely their progress to become a Good school. In relation to academies, a letter will also be sent to the Regional Schools Commissioner.

- 2) for the schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to remain Good but declining, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services write to the head teacher and chair of governors of Local Authority maintained schools to inform them that the Committee will track closely their progress to become a Good school. In relation to academies, a letter will also be sent to the Regional Schools Commissioner.
- 3) for schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to remain Good, or become Good or Outstanding, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services write to the head teacher and chair of governors of Local Authority maintained schools to congratulate them on their achievement. A copy of this letter will also be sent to the Regional Schools Commissioner in relation to academies.

9. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT 2019

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2019/091

That:

- 1) The recommendations of the Nottinghamshire Childcare Sufficiency Assessment be approved.

10. OFSTED ANNUAL CONVERSATIONS

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2019/092

That:

- 1) No further actions were required arising from the letters received following the Ofsted annual conversations.

11. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2019/092

That:

- 1) Mr Chris Few be thanked for his outstanding service as Chair of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board, and due recognition given that this was a particularly difficult area of work.

12. IMPROVING THE EMOTIONAL HEALTH OF LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2019/093

That:

- 1) A further report on this matter be received by the committee in six months' time.

13. ADOPTION EAST MIDLANDS: REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY UPDATE APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2019

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2019/094

That:

- 1) No further information was required in relation to the update on activity in the Regional Adoption Agency from April to September 2019
- 2) The continued media activity to promote adopter activity be approved.

14. WORK PROGRAMME

That:

- 1) The work programme be agreed.

The meeting closed at 11:15 am.

CHAIRMAN