

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 16 December 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)

Rachel Madden
Boyd Elliott
John Handley
Errol Henry JP

Paul Henshaw
Roger Jackson
John Peck JP
Liz Plant

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

4 Vacancies

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

John Longdon

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kerrie Adams	Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager, Public Health
Marion Clay	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Steve Edwards	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Joe Foley	Group Manager, Children and Families Services
Edward Goodson	Project Manager, Chief Executive's
Karen Hughman	Group Manager, Children and Families Services
Laurence Jones	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Irene Kakoullis	Group Manager, Children and Families Services
Pip Milbourne	Business Support, Children and Families Services
Colin Pettigrew	Corporate Director, Children and Families Services
Martin Gately	Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executives

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2019 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Changes of Membership – Councillor Madden replaced Councillor Deakin for this meeting only.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – ACTION PLAN

RESOLVED 2019/103

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

That:

- 1) The action plan formulated in response to the findings to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse report 'Children in Care of Nottinghamshire Councils' be approved (Appendix 1), and a progress report be brought back to the Children and Young People's Committee in July 2020.
- 2) A cross-party working group of Members and officers be established to review the governance of Looked After Children care settings and provide recommendations to the Children and Young People's Committee in July 2020.

5. CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND CHILDREN MISSING FROM HOME AND CARE: SIX MONTHLY UPDATE

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

RESOLVED 2019/104

That:

- 1) Annual reports with a six-monthly update be received to provide an overview of the work to address the threat of Sexual Exploitation and Children Missing from Home and Care in Nottinghamshire.

6. CHILDREN'S HOMES GOVERNANCE BOARD UPDATE

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

RESOLVED 2019/105

That:

- 1) A review of the revised governance arrangements for the Council's children's homes be incorporated into the wider review of the Council's Looked After Children care settings.
- 2) All members of the Children and Young People's Committee be involved in announced or unannounced visits to children's homes on at least an annual basis in accordance with the guidance.

7. FOSTER CARER ITEMS

Steve Edwards, Service Director, Youth, Families and Social Work stated that he had met with the Foster Carers' Group towards the end of November. The group had received additional funding, and an increased social media presence was anticipated.

8. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CORE DATA SET – PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE FOR QUARTER 2 2019/20

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

RESOLVED 2019/106

That:

- 1) No further actions were required.

9. REMODELLING PRACTICE WITHIN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLVED 2019/107

That:

- 1) No further actions were required.

- 2) External promotion of the of the Department's strengths-based practice model be approved.

10. CHILDREN MISSING EDUCATION – SIX-MONTHLY UPDATE

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

RESOLVED 2019/108

That:

- 1) An update on Children Missing Education be received in six months and that this be included in the work programme.
- 2) No further actions were required in relation to the issues contained within the report.

11. ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION UPDATE

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

RESOLVED: 2019/109

That:

- 1) A further six-monthly report on Elective Home Education be received.

12. HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR BY CHILDREN

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

RESOLVED: 2019/110

That:

- 1) An annual report on Nottinghamshire's response to Harmful Sexual Behaviour by children be received and that this be included in the work programme.

13. PROGRESS ON IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN

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

RESOLVED: 2019/111

That:

- 1) No further actions were required in relation to the information contained in the report.

14. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT CHAPTER – EARLY YEARS AND SCHOOL READINESS

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

RESOLVED: 2019/112

That:

- 1) No further actions were required in relation to the information contained within this report.
- 2) The recommendations be supported through their inclusion in County Council priorities, strategies, and divisional work plans.

15. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT – 1001 DAYS, CONCEPTION TO AGE 2

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

RESOLVED: 2019/113

That:

- 1) No further actions were required arising from the information contained within the report.
- 2) The recommendations be supported through their inclusion in County Council priorities, strategies and divisional work plans.

ATTENDANCE AT THE BETTER EDUCATIONAL TRAINING & TEACHING (BETT) AWARDS ON 22 JANUARY 2020 AND APPROVAL TO HOST A LOCAL EVENT

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

RESOLVED: 2019/114

That:

- 1) The travel, accommodation and transport costs be approved for the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee to attend the Better Educational Training and Teaching (BETT) Awards ceremony in London on 22nd January 2020 as a result of the Multi Modal Literacy Project being shortlisted as a finalist and any appropriate communications arising from the event.
- 2) The delivery of a County celebration event at County Hall for all children foster carers and teachers who have participated in the IT Multi Modal Project since 2011 and any appropriate communications arising from the event.

LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES DURING THE PERIOD 17 AUGUST TO 8 NOVEMBER 2019

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

RESOLVED: 2019/115

That:

- 1) Further updates be received regarding future appointments on a quarterly basis in line with the Constitution.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: 2019/116

That:

- 1) The work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 11:36 am.

CHAIRMAN