Nottinghamshire County Council

minutes

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date

13th January 2014 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership

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Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Peck JP (Chairman) Liz Plant (Vice-Chairman)

John Allin Boyd Elliott Kate Foale Alice Grice Keith Longdon

John Wilmott

Philip Owen

Sue Saddington

Jacky Williams

Ex-officio (non-voting) Alan Rhodes

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

- A Ms Gail Neill
- A Mr James Parry Mr David Richards JP Mr John Rudd

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Allmond Policy, Planning and Corporate Services Children, Families and Cultural Services Diana Bentlev Martin Done Policy, Panning and Corporate Services Children, Families and Cultural Services Steve Edwards Children, Families and Cultural Services Derek Higton Laurence Jones Children, Families and Cultural Services Children, Families and Cultural Services Terri Johnson Anthony May Children, Families and Cultural Services Philippa Milbourne Children, Families and Cultural Services Children, Families and Cultural Services John Slater Mandy Stratford Children, Families and Cultural Services

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2013, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

ADOPTION AND FOSTERING RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN EVALUATION

Martin Done presented the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2014/001

That the evaluation of the adoption and fostering recruitment campaign be noted.

SOCIAL WORK HEALTH CHECK

Diana Bentley presented the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2014/002

- 1) That the summary of the responses to the Social Work Health Check Report 2013, the recommendations and the action plan be noted.
- 2) That progress on the implementation of the action plan be reported to the Children's Social Care divisional leadership team.
- 3) That the Committee receive regular update reports, with the first coming to Committee in three months. The frequency of further reports to be determined at that meeting.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE) ACTION PLAN

Steve Edwards and Terri Johnson presented the report, showed a DVD and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2014/003

- 1) That the progress made regarding developments in the response to child sexual exploitation within Nottinghamshire be noted.
- 2) That the Committee receive a further update report on child sexual exploitation in six months.

THE TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Laurence Jones presented the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2014/004

- 1) That the update on the development of the Troubled Families Programme in Nottinghamshire be noted.
- 2) That the establishment of 1.5 full time equivalent (FTE) Family Key Worker (Scale 5) and 1 FTE District Coordinator (Hay Band B) posts on a fixed term basis, initially until 30 September 2015 based within Targeted Support and Youth Justice Service, be approved.

ROTA VISITS TO CHILDREN'S HOMES: OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2013

Steve Edwards introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members. Councillor Allin advised Members that he had carried out a visit to Lyndene and found the unit to be the same as previous reports. He was concerned at the size of the overnight accommodation for staff, but accepted that it was better that the children each had a separate bedroom and en-suite bathroom meaning that the space left for staff accommodation was restricted.

Members requested that future reports included an action tracker of all issues identified during previous visits to ensure they were being addressed.

RESOLVED 2014/005

That the outcome of the six-monthly rota visits to Nottinghamshire County Council's children's homes that took place in October and November 2013 be noted.

SCHOOLS FORUM OFFICER GROUP REPORT

John Slater introduced the report and responded to comments and questions from Members.

RESOLVED 2014/006

That the legal status, composition, constitution and recent work of the Schools Forum be noted.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PREMISES SUPPORT OFFICER POST IN THE EARLY YEARS SERVICE

Mandy Stratford introduced the report requesting the establishment of a premises support office post in the Early Years and Early Intervention Service.

RESOLVED 2014/007

That the establishment of one temporary Premises Support Officer post within the Early Years and Early Intervention Service at Scale 5 (subject to Job Evaluation) for a period of two years be approved.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2014/008

That the Committee's work programme be noted.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2014/009

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the Committee's remaining business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEM

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2013, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm

CHAIRMAN M_13Jan2014