

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 17th March 2014 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Peck JP (Chairman)

Liz Plant (Vice-Chairman)

	John Allin	Sue Saddington
	Boyd Elliott	Martin Suthers OBE
	Kate Foale	Jacky Williams
	Alice Grice	John Wilmott
A	Keith Longdon	
	Ex-officio (non-voting)	
A	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
Steve Edwards	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Chris Harrison	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Derek Higton	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Laurence Jones	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Anthony May	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Philippa Milbourne	Children, Families and Cultural Services
John Slater	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Chris Warren	Children, Families and Cultural Services

MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Martin Suthers OBE had been appointed to the Committee in place of Councillor Philip Owen for this meeting only.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2014, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Keith Longdon (medical/illness).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Martin Suthers OBE declared a private interest in item 5 – proposed restructure of the Young People's Service from 1 October 2014 – response to petitions as he was a governor at Toot Hill School who were the landlord of the youth centre based there which was one of the centres listed in the report.

OFSTED FRAMEWORK FOR INSPECTIONS OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF HELP AND PROTECTION, CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AND CARE LEAVERS AND REVIEWS OF LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARDS

Anthony May gave a presentation on the Ofsted framework and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2014/019

That the information provided on the current Ofsted inspection regime and the preparation activity for a future Ofsted inspection be noted.

PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE FROM 1 OCTOBER 2014 – RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Chris Warren presented the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

A recorded vote was requested, the votes were as follows:-

FOR

John Allin
Kate Foale
Alice Grice

John Peck
Liz Plant
John Wilmott

AGAINST

Boyd Elliott
Sue Saddington

Martin Suthers OBE
Jackie Williams

There were no abstentions.

RESOLVED 2014/020

That the proposed mitigated actions set out in paragraphs 6 – 11 of the report be approved.

UPDATE ON A REVISED OPERATING MODEL FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Derek Higton presented the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2014/021

- 1) That the progress described in the report be noted.
- 2) That the interim senior management structure for 2014/15 be approved.
- 3) That the revised Departmental purpose, principles and outcomes be approved.
- 4) That a further update report be received by Committee in June 2014.

FINALISED PERFORMANCE FIGURES FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES – SUMMER 2013

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

RESOLVED 2014/022

That the achievements of Nottinghamshire's schools and young people in Key Stage assessments in 2012/13 be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2015-2016

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

RESOLVED 2014/023

That Nottinghamshire County Council determines the proposed admission arrangements for 2015-2016, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report, including:

- published admission numbers as detailed in Section 1 of the arrangements
- admission oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools in Section 2
- Nottinghamshire County Council's coordinated schemes in Section 3
- catchment area changes outlined in Section 4 of the arrangements. In order to ensure fairness for all families resident on this new development and in the previously unallocated areas of land, these changes will take immediate effect.

THE EARLY YEARS PLAN

Derek Higon introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2014/024

That the Early Years Plan be recommended to Policy Committee for approval at its meeting on 2 April 2014.

NATIONAL MINIMUM FOSTERING ALLOWANCES AND FEES TO FOSTER CARERS

Steve Edwards introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2014/025

- 1) That Nottinghamshire County Council pays it foster carers a weekly fostering allowance, at the national minimum rates prescribed by the Department for Education, as detailed in paragraph 9 of the report.
- 2) That Nottinghamshire County Council introduces changed business practices to improve its efficiency in the making of payments to foster carers.
- 3) That Nottinghamshire County Council introduces a fee paid scheme (11plus) with effect from 1 April 2014.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS IN POST-16 EDUCATION

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

RESOLVED 2014/026

That during the year 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015 Regulation 3 (1) of The Local Education Authority (Post-Compulsory Education Awards) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 shall not apply in Nottinghamshire County Council and that in consequence the County Council will have no powers to make post-compulsory education awards to post-16 students entering new courses in schools or in further or higher education in 2014/15 in any circumstances.

SEND POLICY AND PROVISION – PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE OF THE ASSESSMENT AND COMMISSIONING TEAMS AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

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

RESOLVED 2014/027

That the proposed new staffing structure for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Policy and Provision be approved with effect from April 2014.

SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS SERVICE – PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE OF THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT TEAM

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

RESOLVED 2014/028

That the proposed staffing restructure for the Education Improvement team be approved with effect from 1 April 2014 including:

- the relocation of Governing Body Services from the Business Development and Support Service to the Education Improvement Team;
- the relocation of aspects of the Achievement and Equality team, as described in paragraph 9 of the report, into the Education Improvement Team;
- the establishment of a third Looked After Children (LAC) Achievement Officer post;
- the disestablishment of the Advisor for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) and Elective Home Education Consultation posts;
- the relocation of the Adviser Post for Behaviour and Attendance into SEND Policy and Provision.

CHANGES TO THE STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT IN EARLY HELP SERVICES

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

A recorded vote was requested, the votes were as follows:-

FOR

John Allin
Kate Foale
Alice Grice

John Peck
Liz Plant
John Wilmott

AGAINST

Boyd Elliott
Sue Saddington

Martin Suthers OBE
Jackie Williams

There were no abstentions.

RESOLVED 2014/29

That the changes to the staffing establishment of the Early Help Services, as detailed in the report, be approved.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2014/030

That the Committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.31 pm

CHAIRMAN

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