

minutes

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 8 July 2013 (commencing at 10.30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Peck JP (Chairman)
Liz Plant (Vice-Chairman)
John Allin
Steve Calvert
Boyd Elliott
Kate Foale
Keith Longdon
Philip Owen
Sue Saddington
Jacky Williams
John Wilmott

A Ex-officio (non-voting)
Alan Rhodes

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

A Ms G Neill
A Mr James Parry
A Mr David Richards JP
A Mr John Rudd

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Allmond	Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Steve Edwards	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Justine Gibling	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Jon Hawketts	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Derek Higton	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Laurence Jones	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Pip Milbourne	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Maggie Pape	Children, Families and Cultural Services
John Slater	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Chris Warren	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Michelle Welsh	Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Councillor Liz Plant returned in place of Councillor Alan Bell.

Councillor Steve Calvert was appointed to the Committee in place of Councillor Alice Grice for this meeting only.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2013

RESOLVED: 2013/044

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 10 June 2013, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr John Rudd and Mr David Richards who were both on School Governor Business.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

INTRODUCTION TO SERVICES: YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

Derek Higton gave a presentation giving an introduction to the work of Youth, Families and Culture department.

RESOLVED: 2013/045

That the contents of the presentation be noted.

ACHIEVING TWO YEAR OLDS FREE EARLY EDUCATION ENTITLEMENT

Justine Gibling introduced the report which updated the Committee on the development of the free early education programme for two year olds in Nottinghamshire and outlined progress with the roll out of the offer across the County. An update report would be brought to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: 2013/046

That the development of the free early education programme for two year olds in Nottinghamshire and the plans to address capacity for the roll out of the offer for Nottinghamshire be noted.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL ATTENDANCE

Laurence Jones introduced the report which set out proposals for a new Code of Conduct in relation to Education Penalty Notices, and also proposed that a new approach to cross-border educational welfare work be developed.

RESOLVED: 2013/047

1. That the current provision of education welfare services to meet the Council's statutory obligations in relation to attendance and the Council's approach to tackling poor attendance be noted.
2. That a new Code of Conduct in relation to Education Penalty Notices be issues, which allows head teachers to exercise their legal powers to issue notices if they wish.
3. That a new approach to cross-border educational welfare work be developed where the local authorities take responsibility for cases based on the residential address of the family rather than the location of the school.
4. That a letter be sent to all Head Teachers advising them of the change to the Code of Conduct and offering advice on the use of Education Penalty Notices.

ROTA VISITS TO CHILDREN'S HOMES: FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2013

Steve Edwards introduced the report which provided information on the rota visits which took place during February and March 2013 and to propose how arrangements for future visits will be managed.

RESOLVED: 2013/048

1. That the outcome of six-monthly rota visits to Nottinghamshire County Council's children's homes that took place in February and March 2013 as detailed in the report be noted.
2. That approval be given for the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee, with the Group Manager, Access to Resources, to manage the arrangements for six-monthly rota visits by councillors and ensuring that those councillors undertaking rota visits receive an appropriate induction.

PROVISION OF FUNDING FOR ADAPTATIONS TO LOCAL AUTHORITY FOSTER HOMES

RESOLVED: 2013/049

1. That the provision of funding of £20,000 for an adaptation to a Local Authority foster home to foster carers LF and BF be approved. Standards legal charges upon the foster carers' property will apply to protect the Local Authority.
2. That the provision of funding of £28,000 for an adaptation to a Local Authority foster home to carers SG and FG be approved. Standards legal charges upon the foster carers' property will apply to protect the Local Authority.

3. That the provision of funding of £36,000 for an adaptation to a Local Authority foster home to carers HH and PH be approved. Standards legal charges upon the foster carers' property will apply to protect the Local Authority.

ANNUAL OFFICER GROUP REPORT FROM THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST AND REFRESH OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PLAN

Jon Hawketts introduced the report which sought approval of the annual refresh of the Children and Young People and Families Plan and provided an overview of performance and activities of the Nottinghamshire Children's Trust.

RESOLVED: 2013/050

1. That the overview of performance and activities of Nottinghamshire Children's Trust between April 2012 and May 2013 be noted.
2. That the 2013-14 annual refresh of the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2011-14 be approved.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EARLY HELP UNIT ALIGNED TO THE MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB

Justine Gibling introduced the report which proposed the establishment of an Early Help Unit to manage and signpost referrals to a range of early help services and to establish two additional early help officer posts to be located within the Unit.

RESOLVED: 2013/051

1. That the establishment of an Early Help Unit aligned to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub be noted.
2. That the establishment of two additional Early Help Officer posts be approved.

REALIGNMENT OF YOUTH WORK TEAMS IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

Chris Warren introduced the report which set out the proposal to realign a number of teams within the Young People's Service.

RESOLVED: 2013/052

That the realignment of teams in the Young People's Service, as detailed in paragraph six of the report, to enable a comprehensive and consistent approach to youth work delivery, be approved.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY SOCIAL WORKER ROLE WITHIN TARGETED SUPPORT AND EARLY YEARS AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICE (LINKED TO THE FAMILY NURSE PARTNERSHIP) AND THE INCREASING OF YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE OFFICER POST WITHIN YOUTH JUSTICE FROM 0.75 FTE TO FULL-TIME

Laurence Jones introduced the report which sought approval for the establishment of five Community Social Worker posts within the Targeted Support and Early Years and Early Intervention Services, and to seek approval to increase a Youth Offending Service Officer post within the Youth Justice Service from 0.75fte to full-time.

RESOLVED: 2013/053

1. That the establishment of five Community Social Worker posts across the Targeted Support Service and the Early Years and Early Intervention Service, and linked to the Family Nurse Partnership, as detailed in the report, be approved.
2. That an increase in the Youth Offending Service Officer post in the Youth Justice Service from 0.75fte to full-time be approved.

AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS AND LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

John Slater introduced the report which set out the Authority governor appointments and reappointments and Local Authority Governor appointments to school governing bodies made since the last report.

RESOLVED 2013/054

1. That new appointments to Authority governor vacancies and re-appointments of Authority governors who reach the end of their term of office during the period 1 May to 30 June 2013, as list in paragraph 12 of the report, be noted.
2. That the appointment of two additional Authority governors to the Beech Hill School governing body, as listed in paragraph 12 of the report, be noted.
3. That the appointment of Local Authority governors to each Learning Centre (Pupil Referral Unit), as listed in paragraph 12 of the report, be noted.
4. That the nomination and appointment of Local Authority governors to reconstituted governing bodies, as listed in paragraph 13 of the report, be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: 2013/055

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.18 pm.

CHAIRMAN