

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 17 July 2017 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Philip Owen (Chairman)
Boyd Elliott (Vice-Chairman)
Tracey Taylor (Vice-Chairman)

A	Samantha Deakin	Liz Plant
	Errol Henry JP	Mike Pringle
	Vaughan Hopewell	Sue Saddington
	John Peck JP	Steve Vickers

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carl Bilbey	Resources
Marion Clay	Children, Families and Cultural Services
David Ebbage	Resources
Steve Edwards	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Alison Fawley	Resources
Derek Higton	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Pip Milbourne	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Colin Pettigrew	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Beth Richmond	Resources
Michelle Welsh	Resources

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2017 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies

Councillor Pringle replaced Councillor Henshaw for this meeting only.
Councillor Vickers replaced Councillor Rostance for this meeting only.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

OUTCOMES OF OFSTED INSPECTIONS OF SCHOOLS – TERMLY REPORT

The Chairman informed the Committee the outcomes of inspections of state funded schools over the spring term and any actions being taken by the Council to support those schools identified as Requiring Improvement (RI) or Inadequate (Special Measures (SM) or Serious Weaknesses (SW).

RESOLVED 2017/035

That:

- 1) the outcomes of Ofsted inspections of state funded schools over the spring term and any actions being taken by the Council to support those schools identified as Requiring Improvement or Inadequate (Special Measures or Serious Weaknesses) be noted
- 2) when schools are judged by Ofsted to Require Improvement or Special Measures, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children, Families and Cultural Services will:
 - a) 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
 - b) write to the Regional Schools Commissioner to raise concerns about the performance in academies judged to Require Improvement or Special Measures
 - c) write to the Chief Executive of the academies judged to Require Improvement or Special Measures requesting rapid action to address weaknesses identified by Ofsted.
- 3) the Regional Schools Commissioner is invited to Committee to outline his vision to ensure all academies in Nottinghamshire are Good or Outstanding
- 4) all Outstanding state funded schools in Nottinghamshire are invited to a celebration reception in County Hall on a yearly basis
- 5) further update reports be brought to the Committee on a termly basis.

PUBLICATION OF A STATUTORY NOTICE CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OF MEADOW LANE INFANT SCHOOL AND COLLEGE HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE OPENING OF A NEW SCHOOL TO BE CALLED THE LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

RESOLVED 2017/036

- 1) That the outcome of the publication of a Statutory Notice concerning the closure of Meadow Lane Infant School and College House Primary School, and the opening of a new school to be called The Lanes Primary School from 1 September 2017 be noted.
- 2) That the subsequent application to the Schools Adjudicator for approval to close Meadow Lane Infant School and College House Primary School, and the opening of a new school to be called The Lanes Primary School from 1 September 2017 be noted.

UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN AND THE NATIONAL TRANSFER SCHEME IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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

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

FOR

Phillip Owen
Tracey Taylor
Sue Saddington

Boyd Elliott
Vaughan Hopewell
Steve Vickers

AGAINST

Errol Henry
Mike Pringle

John Peck
Liz Plant

There were no abstentions

RESOLVED 2017/037

That:

- 1) the update on Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children in Nottinghamshire be noted
- 2) Nottinghamshire's involvement in voluntary transfer schemes, namely the National Transfer Scheme, Regional Transfer Scheme and Dubs Scheme, be suspended in light of the funding shortfall. The County Council will continue to meet its statutory responsibility in relation to "spontaneous arrivals" in Nottinghamshire;
- 3) the Children & Young People's Committee resolve to contact the Minister of State for Immigration, requesting that funding be made available to the Authority to cover the outstanding costs incurred.

EARLY HELP – CHANGES TO THE YOUTH JUSTICE AND STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT

The Chairman introduced the report to seek approval to convert 1 FTE (full-time equivalent) Youth Justice Support Officer post (NJE Grade 5) to 1 FTE Youth Justice Case Manager post (Hay Band A) from 1st August 2017.

RESOLVED 2017/038

That the conversion from 1 FTE Youth Justice Support Officer post (NJE Grade 5) to 1 FTE Youth Justice Case Manager post (Hay Band A) from 1st August 2017 be approved.

END OF YEAR REPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER SERVICE

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

RESOLVED 2017/039

That the activities and performance of the Independent Reviewing Officer service from April 2016 to March 2017, and the areas of focus in the coming year, be noted.

FOSTERING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

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

RESOLVED 2017/040

That:

- 1) Information on the activity and performance of the fostering service from April 2016 to March 2017 be noted.
- 2) Fostering service provides recruitment packs to Elected Members to support their engagement with fostering recruitment in their electoral divisions.
- 3) A further report be brought to the Committee in six months on foster carer recruitment and retention.

ROTA VISITS TO CHILDREN HOMES: SPRING 2017

The Chairman informed the Committee of the outcome of six-monthly rota visits to Nottinghamshire County Council's children's homes that took place in Spring 2017.

RESOLVED 2017/041

That:

- 1) the outcome of the six-monthly rota visits to Nottinghamshire County Council's children's homes that took place in Spring 2017 be noted.

- 2) Members who wish to undertake rota visits to children's homes to contact the Children's Service Manager, Access to Resources, as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report, for further information.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2017/042

That the Committee's work programme be noted and updated as agreed.

The meeting closed at 11.23 am.

CHAIRMAN