

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 15 Jun 2015 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

John Allin
Boyd Elliott
Keith Longdon
Philip Owen

Mike Pringle
Sue Saddington
Gail Turner
John Wilmott

Ex-officio (non-voting)
A Alan Rhodes

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Edwards	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Derek Higon	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Terri Johnson	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Laurence Jones	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Denis McCarthy	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Philippa Milbourne	Children, Families and Cultural Services
John Slater	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Alison Fawley	Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED 2015/049

That the appointment by County Council on 14 May 2015 of Councillor John Peck as Chair of the Children & Young People's Committee and Councillors Liz Plant and Kate Foale as Vice-Chair of the Children & Young People's Committee be noted.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED 2015/050

The membership of the committee, as set out above, was noted. Councillor Mike Pringle had been appointed in place of Councillor Alice Grice for this meeting only.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2015, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and were signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Mr J Rudd (other business).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kate Foale declared a private interest in item 13 – authority governor appointments and reappointments and LA governor appointments to school governing bodies, as her husband was a governor at Kinoulton Primary, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting on that item.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM TIME DATES FOR LA MAINTAINED SCHOOLS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 2016/17, 2017/18 AND 2018/19

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

Following a debate, an additional recommendation was moved by Councillor Gail Turner and seconded by Councillor Philip Owen.

That the next determination of school holiday and term dates for Local Authority maintained schools in Nottinghamshire should include a full consultation on a proposal to change the October holiday to two weeks.

After discussion the additional recommendation was put to the vote and was carried.

RESOLVED 2015/051

- 1) That the suggested school holiday and term dates for Local Authority maintained schools in Nottinghamshire for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.
- 2) That the next determination of school holiday and term dates for Local Authority maintained schools in Nottinghamshire should include a full consultation on a proposal to change the October holiday to two weeks be approved.

EXCEPTIONAL PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR 2015/16

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

RESOLVED 2015/052

That approval be given to continue to apply, as a guide only, a scale of payments for allowances granted under the exceptional circumstances category up to a maximum of £50 per qualifying pupil: 25% of the full allowance for infant school children, 50% of the full allowance for junior school children and year 11 children and 75% of the full allowance for other secondary school children. Individual circumstances would be taken into consideration when determining the amount.

CHILDREN MISSING EDUCATION – UPDATE

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

RESOLVED 2015/053

- 1) That the update on the impact of the Children Missing Education (CME) Action Plan 2014-15 as attached at Appendix 1 be noted.
- 2) That the development of new ways of working across Nottinghamshire County Council teams to ensure that vulnerable children and young people access their full educational entitlement be noted.
- 3) That the key priorities for the 2015-16 CME Action Plan to ensure that all vulnerable children can be identified and supported into appropriate educational provision either within school or through high quality education be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S SMALL SCHOOLS WORKING GROUP

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

RESOLVED 2015/054

- 1) That the focus and progress of the small primary schools working group currently being developed across the county be noted.
- 2) That the achievements of small schools and the particular challenges faced by small schools at this time be noted.

THE IMPACT OF EARLY HELP IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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

RESOLVED 2015/055

That the update on the current assessment of the impact of our approach to Early Help in Nottinghamshire be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ISSUING FINES FOR PUPIL ABSENCES – AMENDMENT TO THRESHOLD

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

Following a debate, an amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Philip Owen and seconded by Councillor Boyd Elliott:

That the penalty notice threshold be amended to 10% from September 2015.

Following debate the Chair put to members that the item be withdrawn from the Agenda as the amendment had significant financial implications and members would not be able to give the amendment full consideration without additional information. The report would be brought back to the next meeting addressing all issues arising from the proposed amendment.

A proposal to withdraw the item was put to the vote and was carried.

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

FOR

John Allin
Kate Foale
John Peck

Liz Plant
Mike Pringle
John Wilmott

AGAINST

Boyd Elliott
Keith Longdon
Philip Owen

Sue Saddington
Gail Turner

There were no abstentions.

RESOLVED 2015/056

That a full report which included the implications of reducing the threshold to 10% be brought to the meeting on 13 July 2015.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN MISSING OFFICER POST AND JOINT FUNDING FOR SPECIALIST POLICE OFFICER POST

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

RESOLVED 2015/057

- 1) That the establishment of a 1fte Children Missing Officer post (scale 5) be approved.
- 2) That joint funding with Nottinghamshire Police of a 1fte Specialist Police role for Looked after Children and Child Sexual Exploitation, established within Nottinghamshire Police, be approved.

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

RESOLVED 2015/058

- 1) That new appointments to Authority vacancies and re-appointments of Authority governors, who reach the end of their term of office during the period 1 March to 30 April 2015, for schools who have not yet reconstituted, as listed in paragraph 10 of the report be noted.
- 2) That the appointment of parent, Authority, community and staff governors to the shadow governing body of Burton Joyce Primary School, as listed in paragraph 10 of the report be noted.
- 3) That the nomination and appointment of Local Authority governors to reconstituted governing bodies as listed in paragraph 11 of the report be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

Following a debate, an additional recommendation was moved by Councillor Philip Owen and seconded by Councillor Sue Saddington:

That a full report giving an update on the block purchase of residential care for children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties be added to the work programme for July 2015

After discussion the additional recommendation was put to the vote and was carried.

RESOLVED 2015/059

- 1) That the Committee's work programme be noted.
- 2) That a full report giving an update on the block purchase of residential care for children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties be added to work programme for July.

The meeting closed at 11.55am

CHAIRMAN