

minutes

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 11 March 2013 (commencing at 10.30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Philip Owen (Chairman)
Allen Clarke
John Allin
Michael J Cox
A Bob Cross
Sybil Fielding
A Keith Longdon
John Peck JP
Sue Saddington
Lynn Sykes
Liz Yates

Ex-officio (non-voting)
A Mrs Kay Cutts

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

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

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mel Shepherd MBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Allmond	Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Jon Hawketts	Senior Executive Officer, Children, Families and Cultural Services
John True	Programme Director, Children, Families and Cultural Services
Pip Milbourne	Children, Families and Cultural Services
John Slater	Service Director, Children, Families and Cultural Services
Anna Vincent	Policy, Planning and Corporate Services
Michelle Welsh	Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

MEMBERSHIP

It was reported that Councillor John Allin had been appointed in place of Councillor S Smedley MBE JP.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bob Cross (Illness/Medical), Councillor Keith Longdon (Illness/Medical) and Mr John Rudd.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2013

RESOLVED: 2013/012

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 11 February 2013, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2014-15

Anthony May and John True responded to Members' questions and comments on the report.

RESOLVED: 2013/013

1. That the general admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria (including agreed variations), as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved;
2. That planned admission numbers (PANs) for 2014-15, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved;
3. That proposals for changes to oversubscription criteria for All Hallows (VC) CE Primary School to include additional denominational criteria, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, be approved;
4. That the co-ordinated scheme and timelines for 2014-15; non-statutory in-year admission scheme and timelines for 2013-2014 and revised Fair Access Protocols (Appendices 4 and 5 of the report) be approved.

SCHOOL CAPITAL PROGRAMME TO MEET BASIC NEED 2014/15

John True responded to Members' questions and comments on the report.

RESOLVED: 2013/014

1. That an increase in the number of primary school places available for September 2014 be approved in line with demand demonstrated by Basic Need, and to meet the Department for Education recommendation of 5% unfilled places to support parental preference by working with all schools listed in the report to consider options for development
2. That consultation to increase the number of school places by 25% or more be approved, as required under Section 19 of the Education and Inspections Act; with staff, governors, parents/carers and other interested parties of the following schools:
 - Beardall Street Primary
 - Forest Town Primary
 - Round Hill Primary
 - Pierrepont Gamston VA Primary
3. That a further report on the outcome of the above consultation with recommendations for action be brought to a future Committee meeting.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS IN POST-16 EDUCATION

RESOLVED: 2013/015

That it be approved that during the year 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014 Regulation 3 (1) of The Local Education Authority (Post-Compulsory Education Awards) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 shall not apply to 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 higher education in 2013/14 in any circumstances.

NATIONAL MINIMUM FOSTERING ALLOWANCES

RESOLVED: 2013/016

1. That it be approved that Nottinghamshire County Council pays its foster carers a weekly allowance, at the national minimum rate prescribed by the Department for Education, as detailed in paragraph 8 of the report.
2. That it be approved that Nottinghamshire County Council continues to base its means tested financial support to the carers of children on Special Guardianship Orders, on Residence Orders, and those eligible for support post Adoption Order, on the National Minimum Fostering Rates, and therefore also uplift these to the new rates for 2013-14.

PROPOSAL TO ASSIST WITH ONE OFF GRANT TO AN ADOPTIVE FAMILY FOR LOFT CONVERSION

RESOLVED: 2013/017

That approval be given for a sum of £29,640 from the Adoption Financial Support budget, to fund a loft conversion in order to meet the needs of all members of an adoptive family. The grant is secured by a legal charge upon their property.

LARGE FAMILY TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE

RESOLVED: 2013/018

1. That a grant payment of up to £15,834 be authorised in principle for payment
2. That the grant be payable upon conclusion of the Care Proceedings
3. That upon payment, the foster carers' receipt of the Large Family Transport Allowance to cease
4. That the grant be subject to a legal agreement.

ESTABLISHMENT OF POSTS IN CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

Anthony May responded to Members' questions and comments on the report.

RESOLVED: 2013/019

That the establishment of the posts in Children's Social Care, as detailed in the report, be approved.

REVIEW OF STAFFING STRUCTURE TO SUPPORT PLANNING, PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY ASSURANCE FUNCTIONS WITHIN CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CULTURAL SERVICES

RESOLVED: 2013/020

That the revised staffing structure to support the planning, performance, data, capital projects and quality assurance functions within the Children, Families and Cultural Services Department, as set out in the report, be approved.

The meeting closed at 11.10 am.

CHAIRMAN