

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 11 February 2019 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

	John Handley	John Peck JP
	Errol Henry JP	Liz Plant
	Richard Butler	Sue Saddington
A	Rachel Madden	Yvonne Woodhead

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

4 Vacancies

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Edwards	Service Director Young Families & Social Work
Linda Foster	Group Manager, Children and Families Services
Karen Hughman	Group Manager, Children and Families Services
Laurence Jones	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Rachel Miller	Group Manager, Children and Families Services
Colin Pettigrew	Corporate Director, Children and Families Services
Koni Rakhit	Consultant, Children and Families Services
Mike Sharpe	Team Manager, Children and Families Services
Claire Wilcoxson	Team Manager, Children and Families Services

Phil Berrill Team Manager, Departmental Services

Jacob Barker Work Placement

Martin Gately Democratic Services Officer

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Rachel Madden replaced Councillor Samantha Deakin for this meeting only.
Councillor Rachel Madden also sent apologies.
Councillor Richard Butler replaced Councillor Roger Jackson for this meeting only.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

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

RESOLVED 2019/008

That:

- 1) the addition of one extra project to the School Building Improvement Programme for the 2018/19 allocation, as detailed in paragraph 8 be approved.
- 2) the addition of projects to the Schools Building Improvement Programme for the 2019/20 allocation, as detailed in paragraph 9 be approved.

5. BASIC NEED PROGRAMME OF SCHOOL EXPANSION

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

RESOLVED 2019/009

That:

- 1) the list of schools identified in Appendix 1 be taken forward to feasibility with the Council's Departmental Services.

6. FIRST ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES – 2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

RESOLVED 2019/010

That:

- 1) any actions required in relation to the information contained within the report on the outcomes of the Council's admissions services for Nottinghamshire applications to primary schools for the 2018/19 academic year be considered.
- 2) further advice be sought about the possibility of making it essential for parents to have preferenced more than one school before the application can be processed.

7. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2020-2021

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

RESOLVED 2019/011

That:

- 1) the proposed school admission arrangements for 2020-2021 as detailed in Appendix 1 be determined, including:
 - overall procedures and practices including oversubscription criteria for community voluntary controlled schools, as detailed in Section 1
 - published admission numbers, as listed in Section 2
 - qualifying schemes in Section 3
 - in-year scheme in Section 4

8. REVISED NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FAIR ACCESS PROTOCOL

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

RESOLVED 2019/012

That:

- 1) a revised Nottinghamshire Fair Access Protocol, attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

9. STRATEGY FOR IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL (2019-2021)

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

RESOLVED 2019/013

That:

- 1) the development and consultation on a Strategy for Improving Educational Opportunities for All be approved, and that a report on the consultation

outcomes and a proposed Strategy be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

10. CHANGES TO DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FOR DISABLED CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO CHILDCARE (DCATCH) DELIVERED AT HOME

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

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Peck and duly seconded:

‘That the cut off date is extended to March 2023. The parental contribution rise from £3.50 an hour by 50 pence a year through to 2023.’

The amendment was put to the meeting and the Chairman declared it was lost.

RESOLVED: 2019/014

That:

- 1) a phased withdrawal of the Disabled Children's Access to Childcare Home Based Packages service, as detailed in paragraph 11.

11. TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE UPDATE

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

RESOLVED: 2019/015

That:

- 1) a follow-up report be received in the next six months and that this be included in the work programme.

12. EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS PLAN 2019-2020

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

RESOLVED: 2019/016

That:

- 1) the proposed Early Childhood Services Communications Plan 2019-2020, attached as Appendix 1 be approved.

13. REVIEW OF PROVISION OF SUPPORT STAFF TO CHILDREN'S HOMES

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

RESOLVED: 2019/017

That:

- 1) approval be given for a request to be made to the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee for an allocation from contingency for £25,000 to fund the cost of external review of the provision of support staff in Nottinghamshire Council children's residential homes.

14. APPROVAL OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S LOCAL OFFER FOR CARE LEAVERS

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

RESOLVED: 2019/018

That:

- 1) the proposed Nottinghamshire Local Offer for Care Leavers, attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

15. DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOSTERING SERVICE

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

RESOLVED: 2019/019

That:

- 1) the proposal to develop and grow the Nottinghamshire County Council fostering service, as detailed in paragraphs 15-23 be approved.

16. UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENTAL CHANGE PROGRAMME

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

RESOLVED: 2019/20

That:

- 1) the disestablishment of the identified posts in Youth, Families and Social Work and Safeguard, Assurance and Improvement, as detailed in paragraphs 3 and 5 be approved.

- 2) initiatives to increase availability and to decrease costs of placements for looked after children through joint work with other local authorities, increased block contracting and development of the market to provide avoidance of £260,000 in costs per annum by 2021/22.
- 3) the continued work on the feasibility of a new four-bedded residential unit with a report initially to Policy Committee in relation to the required capital and property be endorsed.
- 4) the establishment of posts to support the delivery of the projects as detailed in paragraph 9.
- 5) the sale of additional capacity in residential disability homes to maximise use, create income and to provide high quality care places for children who require them be approved
- 6) any other actions required by the department to develop and deliver on plans to meet the anticipated financial challenges be considered

17. ROTA VISITS TO CHILDREN'S HOMES: AUTUMN 2018

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

RESOLVED: 2019/021

That:

- 1) a further report on Minster View be scheduled for a future meeting.

18. WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: 2019/22

That the work programme be agreed.

The meeting closed at 11:23 am.

CHAIRMAN