

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 21 September 2020 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Philip Owen (Chairman)
Sue Saddington (Vice-Chairman)
Tracey Taylor (Vice-Chairman)

Helen-Ann Smith
Boyd Elliott
John Handley
Errol Henry JP

Paul Henshaw
Roger Jackson
John Peck
Liz Plant

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

4 Vacancies

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Colin Pettigrew	Corporate Director, Children and Families Services
Marion Clay	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Steve Edwards	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Laurence Jones	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Martin Gately	Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executive's

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2020 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and will be signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith substituted for Councillor Samantha Deakin.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

4. NATIONAL MINIMUM FOSTERING ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS RATES TO FOSTER CARERS 2020-21

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

RESOLVED 2020/32

That:

- 1) Nottinghamshire County Council continues to pay foster carers a weekly fostering allowance, at the national minimum rates, as prescribed by the Department for Education

5. CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND CHILDREN MISSING FROM HOME AND CARE: ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

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

RESOLVED 2020/33

That:

- 1) Quarterly performance data be included in the quarterly performance reports to the Committee
- 2) Annual reports be received to provide an overview of the work to address the threat of Child Sexual Exploitation and Children Missing from Home and Care in Nottinghamshire

6. INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – ACTION PLAN

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

RESOLVED 2020/34

That:

- 1) No further actions were identified in relation to the issues contained within the report

- 2) A follow-up report on the actions arising from the specific IICSA recommendation be received in 3 months' time and a report regarding future governance arrangements for children in care settings be received in 6 months' time and that these be included in the work programme.

7. CHANGES TO THE STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT IN THE CAMHS CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AND ADOPTION TEAM

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

RESOLVED 2020/35

That:

- 1) the disestablishment of a 0.6 FTE Social Work (Band B) post be approved
- 2) the establishment of a 0.82 FTE Therapeutic Child and Family Support Work post (subject to job evaluation)

8. FOSTER CARER ITEMS

No issues were raised.

9. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CORE DATA SET – PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE FOR QUARTER 1

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

RESOLVED 2020/36

That:

No further actions were required in relation to the performance information on the Council's services for children and young people for the period 1st April to 30th June 2020

10. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES POLICY (2020-2023)

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

RESOLVED 2020/37

That:

- 1) the proposed Nottinghamshire Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Policy (2020-2023) attached as Appendix 1, be forwarded to Policy Committee for approval.
- 2) An annual update report on progress with the implementation of the SEND Policy be received and that this be included in the Committee's work programme.

11. MANNERS SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, AVERHAM, NEWARK – PROPOSED CONSULTATION REGARDING CLOSURE

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

RESOLVED 2020/38

That:

- 1) Approval be given to undertake statutory consultation to explore options for Manners Sutton Primary School, Averham, Newark, including possible closure.

12. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES FOR FIRST ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TRANSFER FROM INFANT TO JUNIOR/PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2021, AND FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2022-2023

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

RESOLVED 2020/39

That:

- 1) the publicity campaign to inform parents and families about applying for school places for September 2021 for children starting school for the first time (reception) and transferring from infant school (Year 2) to junior/primary education (Year 3) be approved.
- 2) the proposal to consult on Nottinghamshire County Council's school admission arrangements 2022-2023 be approved.
- 3) the communication strategy to inform stakeholders about the statutory consultation on Nottinghamshire County Council's proposed school admission arrangements 2022-2023 be approved.

13. EARLY SUPPORT REMODELLING PROJECT

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

RESOLVED 2020/40

That:

- 1) the recommendations of the Early Support Service Remodelling Project, as detailed in paragraph 11 be approved.
- 2) the establishment of the revised staff structure, as outlined in Appendices 3 and 4 be approved.
- 3) the establishment of an additional Service Organiser post in the Children's Commissioning Team to support the commissioning framework for the Integrated Children's Disability Service's Specialist Support Team be approved.

14. CONSULTATION ON CLOSURE OF THE RESIDENTIAL UNIT AT FOUNTAINDALE SPECIAL SCHOOL

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

RESOLVED 2020/41

That:

- 1) Approval be given for a statutory consultation on the proposed closure of the residential unit at Fountainsdale Special School.

15. RESPONSE TO THE HOME OFFICE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL TRANSFER SCHEME FOR UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN

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

RESOLVED 2020/42

That:

- 1) the general content of the Council's response to the Home Office's consultation on the proposal for changes to the National Transfer Scheme for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children
- 2) the Corporate Director, Children and Families, in consultation with the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee be authorised to finalise the detailed drafting of the consultation response prior to submission to the Home Office

16. WORK PROGRAMME

Members requested that a report on autism be brought to a future meeting of the committee.

RESOLVED 2020/43

That any amendments required to the work programme be considered.

The meeting closed at 11:35 am.

CHAIRMAN