

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 18 January 2021 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

Richard Butler	Paul Henshaw
Samantha Deakin	Roger Jackson
John Handley	John Peck
Errol Henry JP	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
Irene Kakoullis	Group Manager, Early Childhood Services, Children and Families Services
Martin Gately	Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executive's

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2020 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and will be signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Richard Butler substituted for Councillor Boyd Elliot.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

4. ADOPTION EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY UPDATE – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2020

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

RESOLVED 2021/01

That:

- 1) no further was required in relation to the update on activity in the Regional Adoption Agency from April to September 2020
- 2) an update report be received in the next 12 months, and annually thereafter, and that this be included in the work programme

5. DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOSTERING SERVICE

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

RESOLVED 2021/02

That:

- 1) the proposal to further develop and grow the Nottinghamshire County Council Fostering Service, as detailed in paragraphs 4-34 be approved
- 2) the establishment of the following posts in the Fostering Service be approved from April 2021:
 - 2 FTE Social Workers (Hay Band B)
 - 1 FTE Advanced Practitioner (Hay Band C)
 - 1 FTE Panel Administrator (NJE Grade 3)
 - 1 FTE Business Support Assistant (NJE Grade 3)
 - 0.5 FTE Fostering Panel Manager (Hay Band C)

and the establishment of the following posts from April 2022

- 3 FTE Supervising Social Workers (Hay Band B).
- 3) the management and population of an additional fostering panel each month (bringing the total to three) as detailed in paragraphs 16-25

- 4) an increase in spend on marketing activity in order to amplify the number of quality enquiries received by the Fostering Service as detailed in paragraphs 35 & 36
- 5) purchase of assessment training for Social Workers in order to complete assessments as quickly and effectively as possible as detailed in paragraph 28.

6. CONTACT SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

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

RESOLVED 2021/03

That:

- 1) no further actions were required in relation to the information contained within the report.

7. COVID WINTER GRANT SCHEME BUDGET

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

RESOLVED 2021/04

That:

- 1) the expenditure plan for the Nottinghamshire allocation of the COVID Winter Grant Scheme as detailed in paragraphs 8-12 of the report be approved.

8. PROGRESS ON THE IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN

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

RESOLVED 2021/05

That:

- 1) the updated Efficiency and Effectiveness Plan, attached as Appendix 1, be agreed, and that no further actions were required in relation to the information contained in the report.
- 2) the disestablishment of 3 fte Unit Leader (Band B) posts within the Family Service.

9. THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN (2021-2023) AND THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE INTEGRATED SEND

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

RESOLVED 2021/06

That:

- 1) the proposed Nottinghamshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategic Plan (attached as Appendix 1), and the Nottinghamshire Integrated SEND Commissioning Strategy (attached as Appendix 2) be approved.

10. CHILDREN MISSING EDUCATION SIX MONTHLY UPDATE

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

RESOLVED 2021/07

That:

- 1) no further actions were required in relation to the issues contained within the report.
- 2) an update on Children Missing Education be received in six months and that this be included in the work programme

11. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE: CHANGE TO SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM TIME DATES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MAINTAINED SCHOOLS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FOR 2021/22

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

RESOLVED 2021/08

That:

- 1) the change to the school holiday and term time dates for 2021/2022 for Local Authority maintained schools in Nottinghamshire as set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

12. TROUBLED FAMILIES UPDATE AND CHANGES TO THE FAMILY SERVICE

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

RESOLVED 2021/09

That:

- 1) a follow-up report be received in the next six months and that this be included in the work programme.
- 2) the following changes in the staffing establishment of the Family Service from 1st March 2021 be agreed:
 - disestablishment of 1.5 FTE Early Help Case Manager (Band A) posts
 - establishment of 1 FTE Advanced Practitioner for Practice Development (subject to job evaluation) post.

13. DIGITAL RESOURCE TO DELIVER DfE FUNDED CHILDREN'S PROJECTS

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

RESOLVED 2021/10

That:

- 1) the establishment of a 1 fte fixed term (12 months) Digital Development Officer (Band A) post to deliver two projects funded by the Department for Education for the Children and Families Service.

14. NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 2020

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

RESOLVED 2021/11

That:

- 1) no further actions were required in relation to the key messages from the National Children and Adult Services Conference contained in the report

15. CONSULTATION ON THE OPENING OF A SPECIALIST SATELLITE SCHOOL PROVISION ON KING EDWARD PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

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

RESOLVED 2021/12

That:

- 1) a statutory consultation on the proposed development of Carlton Digby Satellite School at the King Edward Primary and Nursery School site in Mansfield be approved.
- 2) a feasibility study to identify any adaptations that could be required to the existing buildings be approved.

16. WORK PROGRAMME

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

Members heard that the report on Child and Family Poverty would be scheduled onto the work programme for April.

RESOLVED 2021/13

That:

- 1) any amendments required to the work programme be considered.

The meeting closed at 11:40 am.

CHAIRMAN