

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 30 November 2020 (commencing at 10.30am)

**Membership**

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

**COUNCILLORS**

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

Richard Butler	Paul Henshaw
Samantha Deakin	Roger Jackson
Boyd Elliott	John Peck
John Handley	Liz Plant
Errol Henry JP	

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)**

4 Vacancies

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Steve Baumber	Service Manager, Partnerships and Planning, Children and Families Services
Phil Berrill	Team Manager, Property Commissioning, Place
Rachel Clark	Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead, Children and Families Services
Irene Kakoullis	Group Manager, Early Childhood Services, Children and Families Services
Katharine Browne	Public Health and Commissioning Manager, Public Health
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 2 NOVEMBER 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 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 Sue Saddington, who was recovering from an operation.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None.

## **4. PROGRESS OF THE PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVERS 2018-2021**

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

### **RESOLVED 2020/56**

That:

- 1) no further actions were required in relation to this report
- 2) six monthly updates on the impact of the Local Offer for Care Leavers be received
- 3) an annual report on the work of the Partnership Board and the impact of the Strategy on Looked After Children and Care Leavers (2018 to 2021) be received.

## **5. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

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

### **RESOLVED 2020/56**

That:

- 1) no further actions were required in relation to the information in the report on the impact of the Virtual School and its partners for academic year 2019/20
- 2) further annual reports on the work of the Virtual School be presented to the committee

## **6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER (IRO)** **SERVICE: APRIL 2019 – MARCH 2020**

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

### **RESOLVED 2020/57**

That:

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

## **7. COVID WINTER GRANT SCHEME**

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

### **RESOLVED 2020/58**

That:

- 1) the decision taken by the Chief Executive under his Emergency Decision making powers to provide Free School Meals for eligible families during the two-week October half-term period
- 2) the overarching expenditure plan for the Nottinghamshire allocation of the COVID Winter Grant Scheme as detailed in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report be approved.

## **8. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CORE DATA SET – PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE FOR QUARTER 2**

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

### **RESOLVED 2020/59**

That:

- 1) No further actions were required in relation to the performance information on the Council's services for children and young people for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## **9. ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION UPDATE**

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

## **RESOLVED 2020/60**

That:

- 1) a further six-monthly report on Elective Home Education be received and that future updates are made in April and October in order that the updates cover the period of the first half and entire academic year.

## **10. MANNERS SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, AVERHAM, NEWARK – OUTCOME OF INITIAL CONSULTATION**

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

## **RESOLVED 2020/61**

That:

- 1) approval be given for a formal consultation on the closure of Manners Sutton Primary School to begin in January 2021, as detailed in Appendix 2.

## **11. OUTCOME OF THE 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 2020/62**

That:

- 1) the closure of the residential unit at Fountaindale Special School be approved.

## **12. SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT AND 2021/22 SCHOOLS BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (SBIP)**

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

## **RESOLVED 2020/63**

That:

- 1) the successes and progress that have been made in delivering the Schools Capital Programme be considered.

- 2) the projects for addition to the Schools Building Improvement Programme for 2021/22 and the commencement of project feasibility stage be approved.

### **13. GIVING CHILDREN THE BEST START: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BEST START STRATEGY 2021-2025**

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

#### **RESOLVED 2020/64**

That:

- 1) the draft Best Start Strategy be considered and referred to the Health and Wellbeing Board for further consideration prior to recommendation to Policy Committee for final approval
- 2) Best Start Strategy Updates be brought back to the committee on a six-monthly basis, commencing six months after set up.

### **14. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSEMENT 2020 AND THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE SECTOR IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

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

#### **RESOLVED 2020/65**

That:

- 1) the actions and recommendations of the Nottinghamshire Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2020 (The impact of Coronavirus on the Early Years and Childcare Sector in Nottinghamshire), as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved.

### **15. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20**

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

#### **RESOLVED 2020/66**

That:

- 1) no further actions were required in relation to the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

## **16. LOCAL TRANSFORMATION PLAN FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE**

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

### **RESOLVED 2020/67**

That:

- 1) no further actions were required in relation to the issues contained within the report
- 2) a follow up report be received in six months and that this be included in the work programme

## **17. REMODELLING PRACTICE WITHIN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT THROUGH STRENGTHS-BASED PRACTICE**

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

### **RESOLVED 2020/68**

That:

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

## **18. CHANGES TO THE STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT IN CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE TO ESTABLISH A SOCIAL WORK APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME**

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

### **RESOLVED 2020/69**

That:

- 1) the establishment of a Social Work Apprenticeships programme in Children's Social Care, with the initial establishment of five Social Work Apprenticeship posts, be approved.

## **19. SCHOOLS FORUM AND EDUCATION TRUST BOARD OFFICER GROUP**

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

### **RESOLVED 2020/70**

That:

- 1) a further update report on the work of the Schools Forum and Education Trust Board be received in 12 months and that this be included in the work programme.

## **20. WORK PROGRAMME**

### **RESOLVED 2020/71**

That any amendments required to the work programme be considered.

The meeting closed at 11:59 am.

CHAIRMAN