

# minutes



Meeting CORPORATE PARENTING SUB-COMMITTEE

Date Monday, 14 January 2013 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

## Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

## COUNCILLORS

Allen Clarke (Chair)

John Allin  
Ged Clarke  
Revd Tom Irvine  
Philip Owen

Mel Shepherd  
Stella Smedley MBE JP  
A Lynn Sykes  
Brian Wombwell

## Officers in attendance

- |                       |   |   |
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| Rachel Coombs         | - | Group Manager, Children, Families and Cultural Services Department                      |
| Yvonne Cottingham     | - | Team Manager, CAMHS   |
| Helen Daft            | - | Children's Service Manager  |
| Sue Denholm           | - | Co-ordinator, Virtual School  |
| Linda Foster          | - | Team Manager, School Improvement Team   |
| Sue Hollingworth-Shaw | - | Co-ordinator, Young People Looked After Youth Work Team                                 |
| Christine Marson      | - | Assistant Democratic Services Officer, Policy, Planning & Corporate Services Department |
| Izzy Martin           | - | Service Manager, Independent Chairs Service   |
| Dawn Clements         | - | Foster Carer Representative   |
| Aleks Jackowska       | - | Foster Carer Representative   |

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

It was reported that Councillor Revd Tom Irvine had been appointed to the Committee in place of Councillor Bob Cross.

## MINUTES

### **RESOLVED 2013/001**

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 29 October 2012 having been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Lynn Sykes (other reason).

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

None

### **AUTUMN TERM REPORT FOR THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

Sue Denholm, Co-ordinator of the Virtual School gave a progress report to the Sub-Committee highlighting the evaluation received in December 2012 for the LAC outcomes based on the national statistical first relates. This included all LAC pupils regardless of in/out of county school placement.

### **RESOLVED 2013/002**

The Committee were pleased to note the overall the achievement and progress of Nottinghamshire LAC reported in the statistics.

### **PROVISION, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS OF THE CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL AND PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LOOKED AFTER 2012-13**

Sue Hollingworth-Shaw, Co-ordinator, Young People Looked After Youth Work Team presented a report looking at the work of the Children in Care Council. She outlined several fostering and support after adoption events which had taken place.

### **RESOLVED 2013/003**

That the report be noted.

### **SERVICE PROVISION AND DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY CAMHS CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AND ADOPTION TEAM 2012-13**

Helen Daft, Children's Service Manager gave an update on the work and service developments of the County CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) Children Looked After and Adoption Team. A summary was presented to the Sub-Committee to gain an understanding of the composition of the Looked After Children and the complexity of their needs.

### **RESOLVED 2013/004**

That the report be noted.

## **END OF YEAR REPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER SERVICE 2011-12**

Izzy Martin, Service Manager, Independent Chairs Service informed the Sub-Committee of the activities within the Independent Reviewing Officer Service focussing on the structure and management of the service.

### **RESOLVED 2013/005**

That the report be noted.

### **WORK PROGRAMME**

### **RESOLVED 2013/006**

That the work programme be noted. It was agreed to add the following items to the March meeting:-

- Progress on the Adoption Service
- Update on the LAC strategy
- Issues relating to CAMHS

### **FOSTER CARERS ITEMS**

Aleks Jackowska, Foster carer representative stated that foster carers had been asked to collate information for CAMHS anonymously. On behalf of foster carers spoke about the lack of planning for preparatory meetings and also no ongoing support. It was noted that some courses were helpful and produced good work with the children and Theraplay produced good techniques.

Helen Daft and Yvonne Cottingham thanked the foster carers for their feedback and stated they would take the points mentioned to their next team meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.00 pm

### **CHAIR**