

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 13 September 2021 (commencing at 10:30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Tracey Taylor (Chairman)
Sinead Anderson (Vice-Chairman)
Sam Smith (Vice-Chairman)

	Matt Barney		Roger Jackson
	Anne Callaghan	A	Johno Lee
A	Samantha Deakin		Andy Meakin
	Errol Henry		Michelle Welsh

Substitute Members:

Chris Barnfather
Daniel Williamson

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Maureen Dobson

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

4 Vacancies

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Marion Clay	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Steve Edwards	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Laurence Jones	Service Director, Children and Families Services
Lucy Peel	Group Manager, Children and Families Services
Neil Gamble	Group Manager, Place
Martin Gately	Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executive's

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 26 July 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2021 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and have been signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Barnfather substituted for Councillor Lee for this meeting, and Councillor Daniel Williamson substituted for Councillor Deakin.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

4. ELECTED MEMBER OVERSIGHT OF CHILDREN IN LOCAL AUTHORITY CARE: CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER GOVERNANCE BOARD – TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

RESOLVED 2021/068

That:

- 1) the terms of reference for the Children Looked After Governance Board, attached as Appendix 1, be agreed.
- 2) the annual report on sexual abuse and harmful sexual behaviour involving children in the care of the Council be presented to the Children Looked After Governance Board.

5. CHANGES TO THE STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT AT ADOPTION EAST MIDLANDS

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

RESOLVED 2021/069

That:

- 1) the following changes to the Adoption East Midlands establishment be approved:
 - disestablishment of 0.1 FTE Team Manager (Band D) post
 - disestablishment of 0.1 FTE Panel Manager (Band C) post
 - disestablishment of 1 FTE Social Worker (Band B) post
 - establishment of 2 FTE Social Work Support Officer (Grade 4) posts

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CORE DATA SET – PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE FOR QUARTER 1 2021/22

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

RESOLVED 2021/070

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 1st April to 30th June 2021.

7. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES FOR FIRST ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TRANSFER FROM INFANT TO JUNIOR/PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022, AND FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2023-2024

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

RESOLVED 2021/071

That:

- 1) the publicity campaign to inform parents and families about applying for school places for September 2022 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 2023-2024 be approved.
- 3) the communication strategy to inform stakeholders about the statutory consultation on Nottinghamshire County Council's proposed school admission arrangements 2023-2024 be approved.

8. FAIR ACCESS PROTOCOL STATUTORY CONSULTATION UPDATE

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

RESOLVED 2021/072

That:

- 1) Policy Committee be requested to consider the consultation response and the revised Fair Access Protocol at its meeting on 14 October 2021 in order that it can be effective from that date.

9. OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION ON OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF NORTH CLIFTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AND RESPONSE TO PETITION TO KEEP THE SCHOOL OPEN

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

RESOLVED 2021/073

That:

- 1) North Clifton Primary School governing body's commitment to secure the viability of the school during 2021-22 be supported in order to inform the Committee's decision on this matter in June 2022 when further information will be available.
- 2) the lead petitioner be informed of the outcome of the Committee's consideration and that this be reported back to Full Council.
- 3) a review of the small school estate be undertaken in partnership with the dioceses to ensure that rural schools can be sustainable into the medium and longer terms.

10. PROPOSED EXPANSION OF CARLTON LE WILLOWS ACADEMY

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

RESOLVED 2021/074

That:

- 1) approval be given to increase the available funding for this project, through the Grant Funding Agreement, £10,922,640 to a total maximum sum of £13,984,719.

11. PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ACADEMY

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

RESOLVED 2021/075

That:

- 1) the completion of a funding agreement with the Redhill Trust to provide funding to a maximum of £1,950,000 for the expansion of South Nottinghamshire Academy to five forms of entry in a form to be agreed by Legal Services.
- 2) the commissioning of Arc Partnership to undertake an assurance role through the course of the funding agreement at a cost of £40,0000 be approved.

12. PROPOSED CONSULTATION ON THE USE OF RETFORD CENTRAL CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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

RESOLVED 2021/076

That:

- 1) the pending consultation exercise which will inform the change in the use of the Retford Central Children's Centre building to become a Family Hub (Option 1) or a Maternity Hub (Option 2).
- 2) the findings of the consultation exercise be reviewed at the December meeting of the Committee and recommendations made to colleagues in Property and Estates to progress a lease if the preferred option is to create a Maternity Hub.

13. CHANGES TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE STRUCTURE

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

RESOLVED 2021/077

That:

- 1) the establishment of the posts detailed in paragraph 4 of the report be approved.
- 2) the revised staffing structure for the Young People's Service, attached as Appendix 2, be approved in order to provide a responsive youthwork model which will enable the service to fill posts on a fixed term basis once funding has been secured.

14. CHANGES TO THE STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT IN THE MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB AND THE EARLY HELP UNIT

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

RESOLVED 2021/078

That:

- 1) the establishment of the following posts in the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and Early Help Unit on an initial six-month, fixed term basis:
 - 1 FTE Children's Services Manager (Front Door Development) (Hay Band E)
 - 2 FTE Children's Social Work Team Managers (Hay Band D)
 - 6 FTE Social Workers (Hay Band B)
 - 2 FTE Advanced Practitioners (Hay Band C)
 - 3 FTE Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub Officers (NJE 4)
 - 3 FTE Early Help Officers (Hay Band C)
 - 1 FTE Project Manager (Hay Band C)
 - 1 FTE Project Officer (Hay Band A)
 - 1 FTE Business Systems Analyst (Hay Band C)
 - 1 FTE Business Intelligence Report Developer (Hay Band B).

15. UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN AND FORMER UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN CARE LEAVERS – RE-MODELLING SERVICE PROVISION AND PRACTICE

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

RESOLVED 2021/079

That:

- 1) the current service provision for asylum seeking looked after children and care leavers be re-modelled as detailed in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the report.
- 2) the development of a focused Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children team with immediate establishment of the following posts
 - 1 FTE Team Manager (Band D)
 - 2 FTE Social Workers (Band B)
 - 3 FTE Leaving Care Personal Advisors (Grade 5)
 - 0.5 FTE Business Support Administrator (Grade 3).

16. WORK PROGRAMME

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

Mr Edwards confirmed that an update report on the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub would be received in six months.

Mr Jones confirmed that data on the numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children could be added to the quarterly performance report.

RESOLVED 2021/080

That:

- 1) No further amendments were required to the work programme.

The meeting closed at 12:34 pm.

CHAIRMAN