

# minutes



Meeting CORPORATE PARENTING SUB-COMMITTEE

Date Monday, 16 September 2013 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

## Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

## COUNCILLORS

Liz Plant (Chair)

John Allin  
Alan Bell  
Boyd Elliott  
Kate Foale

Philip Owen  
Sue Saddington  
John Wilkinson  
Jacky Williams

## Officers in attendance

- Pom Bhogal - Broxtowe Locality Manager, Young People's Service
- Rachel Coombs - Group Manager, Children, Families and Cultural Services Department
- Helen Daft - Interim Service Manager, CAMHS/Mainstream Residential Services
- 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 Chair Service
- Shelagh Mitchell - Service Manager, Adoption

## Foster Carers

Dawn Clements  
Aleks Jackowska

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillor John Wilkinson replaced Councillor Colleen Harwood for this meeting only.

## **MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED 2013/018**

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 June 2013 having been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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

None.

## **LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN STRATEGY UPDATE**

Rachel Coombs, Group Manager, Access to Resources updated the Sub-Committee on the progress of the action plan for the Looked After Children Strategy and outlined key actions in priority areas which had been completed. She reported that a revised copy of The Pledge would be available in the near future and would be circulated to all members when published.

### **RESOLVED 2013/019**

That the update on the progress of the action plan for the Looked After Children Strategy be noted.

## **ADOPTION SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT**

Shelagh Mitchell, Service Manager, Adoption presented the report giving a review of activity in the adoption service in 2012. She reported on the statistics in the report relating to Adoption and stated that recruitment of adopters had increased by almost 50% in 2012-13.

### **RESOLVED 2013/020**

That the review of activity in the Adoption Service in 2012 be noted.

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

Izzy Martin, Service Manager, Independent Chair Service updated the Sub-Committee with details of the Independent Reviewing Officer Service from April 2012 to March 2013. She highlighted areas of work which the service had prioritised during the past year and key areas for further development for 2013-14.

### **RESOLVED 2013/021**

That the activities of the Independent Reviewing Officer Service from April 2012 to March 2013 be noted.

## **CHILDREN'S HOMES IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

Helen Daft, Interim Service Manager, CAMHS/Mainstream Residential Services updated Members on Nottinghamshire's Children's Homes and their Ofsted inspection ratings. She reported that all of the six homes had been judged as providing a high standard of safeguarding and safe care.

### **RESOLVED 2013/022**

- (1) That the update on Nottinghamshire's Children's Homes and their Ofsted inspection ratings be noted.
- (2) That Rachel Coombs bring a report to the next meeting regarding Commissioning of places and responsibility for children from other local authorities in private children's homes in Nottinghamshire.

## **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 gave an overview of the work of the Young People Looked After team. She stated that the Children in Care Council ensured that young people in care were represented at all levels in the Nottinghamshire system of Youth Participation.

### **RESOLVED 2013/023**

That the overview of the work of the Young People Looked After team be noted.

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

### **RESOLVED 2013/024**

That the committee's work programme be noted, and consideration be given to any changes which the committee wishes to make.

## **FOSTER CARERS ITEMS**

Dawn Clements, Foster Carer informed the Sub-Committee that there were delays in the cases of Looked After Children being booked into Fostering Panels for permanent fostering decisions.

The meeting closed at 3.00 pm

## **CHAIRMAN**

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