

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 1 November 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	John Lee
A	Samantha Deakin	Andy Meakin
	Errol Henry	Michelle Welsh

Substitute Members:

Daniel Williamson

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

4 Vacancies

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Colin Pettigrew	Corporate 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, Children and Families Services
Mick Allen	Group Manager, Environment, Transport and Property
Phil Berrill	Team Manager, Environment, Transport and Property
Martin Gately	Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executive's

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2021 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and have been signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Daniel Williamson substituted for Councillor Deakin.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor Welsh declared a private non-pecuniary interest as a recipient of childcare services within the county in relation to item 9.

4. ADOPTION EAST MIDLANDS ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

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

RESOLVED 2021/081

That:

- 1) the annual update on Adoption East Midlands Regional Adoption Agency activity for 2020-21 be approved.
- 2) an update report be received in the next 12 months and that this be included in the work programme.

5. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

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

RESOLVED 2021/082

That:

- 1) no actions were required in relation to the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, attached as Appendix 1.

6. FOSTER CARER ITEMS

There were no issues to report.

7. CHILD POVERTY AND THE IMPACT OF COVID 19

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

RESOLVED 2021/083

That:

- 1) the findings of the recent review of the impact of Covid-19 on child and family poverty in Nottinghamshire be noted and the Improving Life Chances for Children and Families Partnership be tasked to consider and address the issues identified in the report.
- 2) the proposal to allocate approximately £2.3 million of the new Household Support Fund for the provision of vouchers to children and young people eligible for free school meals for October half-term, the Christmas holidays and February half-term 2022 be approved.
- 3) the transfer of responsibility for the remainder of the Household Support Grant not distributed as a result of the recommendations in this report to the relevant Committee, subject to continued oversight by Children and Young People's Committee on any decisions involving funding for children and young people be approved. Such oversight to be exercised by the Chairman of Children and Young People's Committee or their nominee from time to time.

8. CHILD OBESITY TRAILBLAZER UPDATE – TACKLING FOOD INSECURITY

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

RESOLVED 2021/084

That:

- 1) the continuation of this partnership work by the Early Childhood Services with Public Health and wider County Council services to improve access to and availability of healthy food, and enabling parents to develop good child eating habits in the early years and support families facing food insecurity be approved.
- 2) the continued delivery of approaches as part of this work such as FOOD clubs through the Children's Centre Service and other Council services where feasible and accessible for target groups be approved.

9. CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT 2021: THE EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE SECTOR IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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

RESOLVED 2021/085

That:

- 1) the actions and recommendations of the Nottinghamshire Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2021 as detailed in paragraph 19 of the report be approved.

10. BEST START STRATEGY

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

RESOLVED 2021/086

That:

- 1) the progress made so far to deliver the Best Start Strategy be acknowledged.
- 2) the suggested next steps for the effective delivery of the Best Start Strategy and improvement of outcomes for children and families be approved.
- 3) the concerns of Members about the items at paragraph 19 points 2 and 5 be noted and a further report with a detailed action plan come back to this committee.

11. OUTCOMES OF OFSTED INSPECTIONS OF SCHOOLS – TERMLY UPDATE

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

RESOLVED 2021/087

That:

- 1) for any schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to Require Improvement, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services write to the head teacher and chair of governors of Local Authority maintained schools to inform them that the Committee will track closely their progress to become a Good school and that the Education Improvement Service will work directly with them to provide a range of support packages aligned to the issues raised during the inspection. This support will continue until the school is judged to be securely Good. In relation to academies, a letter will also be sent to the Regional Schools Commissioner.
- 2) for any schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to remain Good but declining, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services write to the head teacher and chair of governors of Local Authority maintained schools to inform them that the Committee will track closely their progress to become a Good school and that the Education Improvement Service will work directly with them to provide a range of support packages aligned to the issues raised during the inspection. This support will continue until the school is judged to be securely Good. In

relation to academies, a letter will also be sent to the Regional Schools Commissioner.

- 3) for any schools identified in the report judged by Ofsted to remain Good, or become Good or Outstanding, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee and the Corporate Director of Children and Families Services write to the head teacher and chair of governors of Local Authority maintained schools to congratulate them on their achievement. A copy of this letter will also be sent to the Regional Schools Commissioner in relation to academies.

12. EXTENDED DUTIES OF THE HEAD OF THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL

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

RESOLVED 2021/088

That the proposed use of the Extended Duties Grant by the Virtual School be approved as follows:

- increasing the capacity of the Virtual School leadership team from 1.0 to 1.6 fte Assistant Head of Virtual School role
- increasing the capacity of the Virtual School team by 1.0 fte Achievement Officer role
- improving access to information and guidance by the provision of a dedicated advice line run by the Virtual School team, and the development of the Virtual School team's website, and
- extending the training offer to Designated Safeguarding Leads alongside the existing Designated Teachers.

13. SCHOOL CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT AND 2022/23 SCHOOLS BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

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

RESOLVED 2021/089

That:

- 1) the successes and progress that has been made in delivering the Schools Capital Programme be considered.
- 2) the projects for addition to the School Building Improvement Programme for 2022/23 and the commencement of the project feasibility stage be approved.

14. ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION UPDATE

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

RESOLVED 2021/090

That:

- 1) a further six-monthly report on elective home education be requested.

15. LOCAL TRANSFORMATION PLAN FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES' EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH - UPDATE

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

RESOLVED 2021/090

That:

- 1) a further update on this topic be received by the committee in June.

16. LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES DURING THE PERIOD 19TH JUNE TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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

RESOLVED 2021/091

That:

- 1) further updates regarding future appointments be received on a quarterly basis in accordance with the Constitution

17. WORK PROGRAMME

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

RESOLVED 2021/092

That:

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

The meeting closed at 1:19 pm.

CHAIRMAN