

Time commenced – 6.10pm

Time finished – 7.40pm

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSION 19 SEPTEMBER 2006

Present: Councillor Williams (in the Chair)
Councillors Allen, Banwait, Ginns, Higginbottom, Ingall, Jones,
MacDonald, S Khan and Marshall

Co-opted Members: Mr John Honey – Roman Catholic Diocese

30/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mitchell, Dr Devendra – Parent Governor, Nasreen Iqbal – Parent Governor, Phil Moncur – Church of England Diocese, Ian Jennison - NUT and Councillor Bolton – Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

31/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items, however, Councillor Williams advised members of a success conference that would be taking place on 6 October which was to celebrate the success of the Gatsby Project. Details of the event would be emailed to members separately.

32/06 Declarations of Interest

Name	Type of interest	Reason
Councillor Higginbottom	Personal	Vice Chair of Governors – Ashgate Primary School
Councillor Allen	Personal	Chair of the Management Committee at the Pupil Referral unit Governor at St Clare's School
Councillor Banwait	Personal	Governor at Oakwood Primary School and Noel Baker Community School
Councillor MacDonald	Personal Personal	Governor – Lees Brook Community Sports College Member of National Union of Teachers

33/06 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

34/06 Call In

There were no items.

Items for Discussion

35/06 Proposal to Co-opt Mr Joe Russo to the Commission

The Commission considered a proposal from Councillor Banwait to co-opt Mr Joe Russo to the Commission.

Resolved to not co-opt Mr Russo at this time but to call on Mr Russo's expertise and guidance if required once the Commission had determined it's work programme for the remainder of the municipal year and future topic reviews had been identified.

36/06 Home to School Transport

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People on the home to school transport review 2005-6. The report detailed the changes that had taken place and the savings resulting from the changes in the appeals procedure and the introduction of the new policy.

Simon Longley – Assistant Director, Strategic Support, reported that there had been a reduction in the number of appeals in 2005/6 compared with 2004/5 as the revised policy and guidance was much clearer and parents have to identify their specific grounds for appeal against criteria in the guidance.

The Chair asked for the Commission's thanks to be passed on to Officers for the work they had put in to make the new system work. The Commission were particularly pleased that there had been no complaints.

Resolved to note the report.

37/06 Children's Social Services Annual Complaints Report to the Commission for Social Care Inspection

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services on the Annual Children and Young People's Social Care

Services Complaints 2005/6. Mike Moody – Business and Customer Support Manager presented the report to the Commission.

Resolved to note the report.

38/06 Performance Eye

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services detailing the first quarter 2006-7 performance eye data relating to the Commission's scorecard on Performance Eye. Appendix 3 of the report included a more detailed commentary on four areas for concern that were requested by the Chair and Vice Chair. These were:

- CF/A2 (BV50, CP2.2ai) - % of young people leaving care with at least one GCSE
- CF/A4 (BV161, CP2.3bii) - % of looked after children engaged in education/training/employment at 19
- CF/C23 (BV163) - % of looked after children adopted
- CYP 2.6 - % of families with up to date information about services in Surestart areas

Simon Longley – Assistant Director, Strategic Support, provided further information on each of the four indicators identified by the Commission and advised that he would provide further information relating to CYP 2.6 to members of the Commission before the next meeting

Resolved to note the report.

39/06 Retrospective Scrutiny

The Chair advised that once the Topic Review on Children looked After was completed she would email members for items to consider for the workplan.

40/06 Forward Plan

There were no items, however, the Committee asked for a report on Building Schools for the Future to be brought to a future meeting. The Commission was concerned that schools would be built without facilities for the Youth Services and Community Groups. The Chair undertook to raise the issue at the forthcoming liaison meeting with the Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

41/06 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

Proposed Re-Allocation of Youth Service

The Commission considered Minute Extracts from Council Cabinet on 4 July 2006 and 1 August 2006 detailing the Cabinets decision in response to the Commission's request to reallocate Youth Services from the Adult Services Cabinet Member portfolio to the Children and Young People's Cabinet Member Portfolio.

Resolved to note Cabinet's decision to not to reallocate the Youth Service to the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

42/06 Matters Referred to the Commission by Council
Cabinet

There were no items.

Minutes End