

Time commenced - 18:05
Time finished - 19:50

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BOARD 26 JUNE 2012

Present: Councillor Whitby (Chair)
Councillors Atwal, Bailey, Bolton, Campbell, J Khan, Martin, Williams and
F Winter

Councillor F Winter left during consideration of 10b/12 and was absent for 11/12 to 13/12 inclusive.

01/12 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Alison Brown and David Wilkinson.

02/12 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/12 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest as she was the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People in the municipal year 2011/12.

Councillor Whitby declared a personal interest as he was a foster carer for Derby City Council.

Councillor Campbell declared a personal interest as he was a member of NASUWT.

04/12 Minutes of the Children and Young People Commission meeting held on 20 March 2012

The minutes of the last meeting of the Children and Young People Commission held on 20 March 2012 were noted.

05/12 Call-in

There were no items.

06/12 Voices in Action Priorities 2012

The Board received a presentation from Members of Voices in Action and their Support Officer on Voices in Action's priorities for 2012/13.

The Board noted that Voices in Action had identified the following priorities:

- work experience opportunities for young people – including young people with disabilities;
- B_Line2 discount card – campaign to get discount changed from 1/3 and back to 1/2; and
- support for young people indirectly affected by cancer.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the report; and**
- 2. to invite Members from Voices in Action to a future meeting of the Children and Young People Board to provide an update on progress made with their priorities for 2012.**

07/12 Children and Young People Board's Remit

The Board received a report from the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer on the service areas within the remit of the Children and Young People Board.

It was reported that the following portfolios and service areas were covered within the remit of the Children and Young People Board:

- Commissioning
- School organisation and provision
- Quality, standards and performance
- Adult Learning
- Inclusion and Intervention
- Integrated Disabled Children's Services
- Children in Care
- Children's Quality Assurance
- Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding

Resolved to note the Children and Young People Board Terms of Reference and remit.

08/12 Children and Young People Directorate Priorities for 2012/13

The Board received a presentation from the Strategic Director with responsibility for Children and Young People on the directorate's priorities for 2012/13. A summary was provided of all four departments within the directorate and a number of achievements were highlighted, including:

- Ofsted inspection of the fostering service – “good” standard found;
- National recognition of integrated services;
- the Children in Care Council Pledge;
- youth “one stop shop”;
- building schools for the future provision; and
- managing school places.

The Board noted the key challenges, such as;

- reducing the numbers of looked after children;
- implementation of Munro recommendations;
- benefit/welfare reform and the impact upon demand for services;
- school buildings – conditions and health and safety;
- school place planning; and
- impact of academies on capital and revenue budgets.

Resolved to note the presentation.

09/12 Discussion of the Work Programme for 2012/13 Municipal Year

The Board identified the following items for possible inclusion in the work programme for the 2012/13 municipal year:

- Children's Homes – look at options on how they can develop in the future;
- Munro Report – look at the implementation of the recommendations;
- Raising the Participation Age in schools;
- special educational needs Green Paper – personalised budgets;
- Key Stage 2 performance results – how is the Derby Winners School Improvement Strategy performing;
- schools below the Government's key performance threshold;
- impact of academies;
- youth unemployment; and
- hard to reach children.

Resolved:

- 1. to ask the Chair and Vice Chair to meet with the Strategic Director, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer and any other relevant officers to produce a robust and timely Work Programme for the municipal year 2012/13;**
- 2. to ask the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer to circulate the Work Programme to all Board Members; and**
- 3. to note that the Work Programme is a working document that may change to reflect unforeseen issues that require scrutiny and changing timescales.**

10/12 Topic review

a) 2011/12 – Adoption Timescales

The Board received a report on Topic Review 2011/12 – How Can the Timescales for Adoption at Derby City Council be Improved? It was reported that at its meeting on 22 January 2012 the Children and Young People Commission discussed their topic review choice for the municipal year 2011/12. The Commission chose to look at "How Can the Timescale for Adoption at Derby City Council be Improved?" Work on the review took place in March and April 2012 and draft recommendations were received.

Resolved:

- 1. to approve the report;**
- 2. to refer the report and its recommendations for consideration at Council Cabinet; and**
- 3. to request that Council Cabinet responds to the Board recommendations.**

b) 2012/13

The Board received a report on Topic Review 2012/13. It was reported that the Children and Young People Board had been asked by Council Cabinet to take forward a motion from Council to undertake a review of the Family Intervention Project as its first topic review for 2012/13.

Resolved:

- 1. to investigate early intervention services as the first topic review for 2012/13; and**
- 2. that the topic review begins with immediate effect.**

11/12 Corporate Parenting Sub Board

The Board received a report on Establishment of the Corporate Parenting Sub Board. It was reported that under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule OS2 of the Constitution, the Board can establish a sub commission, without approval from Council.

Resolved:

- 1. to agree to establish a Corporate Parenting Sub Board with the same terms of reference as in the municipal year 2011/12;**
- 2. to agree that the membership of the Sub Board be made up of all the elected Members of the Children and Young People Board;**
- 3. to agree that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Sub Board be appointed at the first meeting of the Sub Board;**
- 4. to agree that the Sub Board would contain co-optees and that the Strategic Director responsible for Children and Young People would draw up a list of possible co-optees for consideration at the first meeting of the sub board;**
- 5. to agree that dates for the Sub Board meetings for the municipal year 2012/13 be brought to the next meeting of the Children and Young People Board; and**
- 6. To agree that the Chair of the Children and Young People Board and the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Sub Board visit the Children in Care Council at a future date.**

12/12 Corporate Parenting Week 25 June

The Board received a report from the Director of Specialist Services on Corporate Parenting Week – 25 June 2012.

Resolved to note that Corporate Parenting Week is taking place.

13/12 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Board identified the following items from the forward plan for consideration at a special meeting:

05/12 – Alternative Options for School Improvement

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