

Time commenced – 6.00pm  
Time finished – 8.00pm

**Children and Young People Board**  
17 February 2015

Present        Councillor Whitby (Chair)  
                  Councillors Care, Hezelgrave, Nawaz, Williams and S Grundy

In Attendance Councillor Hussain and Voices in Action representatives

**45/14 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Eldret and Keith and Bev Stewart.

**46/14 Late items introduced by the Chair**

There were none.

**47/14 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**48/14 Call-in**

There were no items.

**49/14 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**50/14 Forward Plan**

The Board considered the Forward Plan published on 20 January 2015.

**Resolved to note the Forward Plan.**

**51/14 An update on Youth Justice Issues**

A presentation was delivered to the Board on behalf of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People by the Head of Youth Offending Service.

The presentation outlined the current roles and responsibilities of the Service and partnership arrangements.

- The current performance of the Youth Offending Service against national

outcome measures; Use of custody, Reducing Re-offending and Reducing First Time Entrants and initiatives being developed to further improve outcomes for this cohort of children young people .

- The recent inspection outcome by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation of youth offending work in Derby City and the changes to future inspections of Youth Justice
- The work undertaken with looked after children and ensuring that the voice of the child is central to interventions delivered now and service developments for the future.

Voices in Action (VIA) had been consulted on their thoughts how young people could be prevented from engaging in crime activities. They stated prevention was better than cure. The recommendations they made were accepted by the Board and included in their resolution.

**Resolved to:**

- i) note the report**
- ii) To ask the Chair to write to the police and Crime Commissioner regarding the cut in funding for Ozbox**
- iii) To ask the Director of regeneration to write to the Chamber of Commerce**
- iv) To request a further report in the next municipal year.**

## **52/14 Ofsted thematic review in to overcoming barriers and ensuring that Roma children are fully engaged and achieving in education**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People which informed them in February 2014, Ofsted had undertaken a thematic review of the strategies in schools and Local Authority (LA) areas around Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) communities. The report was presented by Head of Quality Standards and Performance 0-19, in which two Local Authorities were identified; Derby and Sheffield. Both were identified due to low education outcomes for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) children and also due to having a rapidly growing GRT population. The thematic review had been commissioned by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector following a meeting with a group of Sheffield headteachers who had identified a number of specific challenges in ensuring that Roma children attend regularly and do well at school. Latterly, some schools in Manchester were also visited.

The report contained the following recommendations from the Ofsted report:

Local authorities should:

- a) ensure that there is a dedicated and knowledgeable senior leader who can drive the local authority's strategies for improving outcomes for Roma pupils
- b) ensure that all key services work in partnership effectively so that outcomes for Roma pupils are improved

- c) develop sufficient expertise within a specialist support service to provide advice and training for schools
- d) review strategies for improving Roma pupils' attendance and attainment, and for keeping track of pupils from highly mobile families
- e) encourage schools to ensure that pupils receive an initial assessment and induction when they start school in England and ongoing specialist support to meet their needs.

Councillor Williams and Councillor Hezelgrave expressed an interest in being involved with a schools forum working party to carry out the Board's recommendations.

**Resolved to recommend that:**

- i) **the school forum review the way in which English as an Additional Language support is provided in the city. This is a school forum issue since they have voted to use Dedicated Schools Grant for this purpose.**
- ii) **to review the Ofsted recommendations for Local Authorities and present an implementation plan to the Children and Young Peoples' Board in the next municipal year..**

## **53/14 School Improvement - Assessment Update**

A report was presented to the Board by the Head of Quality Standards and Performance 0-19 and the Service Director of Learning & Inclusion Services on behalf of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services.

The report informed the Board that there was a framework for the inspection of local authority arrangements to support school improvement which was originally published in May 2013; following a series of targeted reviews of schools within local authority areas. Derby City was the first of these in January 2013 and although there was no 'formal' judgement or narrative, a letter was sent to the Director of Children's Services, which included areas for improvement.

A revised framework for school improvement was published by Ofsted in November 2014

A summary of the changes to the inspection framework were set out in paragraph 4.2 of the Board's report and The criteria against which Ofsted will judge authority arrangements for school improvement was set out in paragraph 4.7.

**Resolved to note the report.**

## **54/14 NEET and Participation Strategy**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) and Participation

Strategy which was presented by the Acting Head of Service, Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding.

The report informed the Board that Derby has had a NEET and participation strategy in place for 12 months to ensure that historical under performance in this area was addressed and that the numbers of young people who are engaged in recognised forms of education, training or employment (EET) when they leave school was increased.

The report stated Derby had seen a 2.7% drop as a quarterly average for its NEET figure over the 12 month period from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014, which is a greater rate of improvement than that displayed for national, regional and comparator figures. Derby's quarterly NEET average now performs better than its comparator authorities and is now just 0.6% behind the national average, which is a 1% improvement from 12 months ago and 1.7% behind the other east midlands authorities, which is a 2% improvement from 12 months ago.

The current validated NEET figure for Derby city as of 31.12.14, was 6.4%, which was an improvement from December 2013, when the NEET figure was 7.4%. The DORIS target for NEET for Derby City for 2014-15 is 8%, which the city was on target to meet.

Also highlighted in the report were the following improvements:

- A consistent system of identifying year 11 pupils vulnerable to NEET and tracking them post year 11 had been implemented with the agreement of city secondary school Head Teachers.
- A Connexions Personal Advisor has been allocated to each of the key vulnerable (to NEET) groups in the city, i.e. those engaged with the Youth Offending Service, children in care and care leavers, teenage parents, disabled children and those electively home educated. This has led to reductions in both NEET and unknown numbers for these groups over the past 6 months.

**Resolved to note the report and the tremendous progress made, the Board expressed their thanks and support to officers for their work in this area.**

## **55/14 Learning and Improvement Framework**

A report was received by the Board presented by the Head of Children's Quality Assurance on behalf of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People which updated the Members on the Learning and Improvement Framework.

The Learning and Improvement Framework at Appendix two of the report shows the wide range of sources and methods of learning that the Children and Young People's Directorate employs to ensure that services are effective and children and young people were having their outcomes met.

This includes:

- Performance and data analysis and research
- Strategic needs assessment

- Workforce data
- Quality Assurance feedback
- Compliance reports
- Service user feedback and the voice of the child
- Observations from Councillors, managers and staff
- Ofsted reports, serious case reviews and learning reviews

**Resolved to**

- i) **Request an update on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, and;**
- ii) **note the report.**

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## **Work Programmes and Topic Reviews**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer presented the work programme for the final meeting of the municipal year.

The Chair detailed the success of the evidence gathering session for the Board's Topic Review which had been held on 16 February 2015.

**Resolved to**

- i) **note the work programme for the next municipal year**
- ii) **to note the progress with the Board's Topic review and request that draft recommendations from the review be brought to the next meeting.**

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