CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSION 12 DECEMBER 2006

Present: Councillor MacDonald (in the Chair) Councillors Banwait, Higginbottom, Ingall, and Marshall

Co-opted Member: John Honey

60/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Ginns, Jones, Mitchell and Williams, Phil Moncur – Church of England Diocese Representative and Dave Wilkinson – NASUWT.

61/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

62/06 Declarations of Interest

Name	Type of interest	Reason
Councillor Higginbottom	Personal	Vice Chair of Governors – Ashgate Primary School
Councillor MacDonald	Personal	Governor – Lees Brook Community Sports College
	Personal	Member of National Union of Teachers
Councillor Banwiat	Personal	Governor at Oakwood Primary School and Noel Baker Community School

63/06 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

64/06 Call In

There were no items.

Responses of the Council Cabinet or its Individual Member(s) to any reports of the Commission

65/06 Looked After Children Topic Review

The Commission considered the response of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from 21 November 2006 on the Commissions recommendations from the Looked After Children Topic Review.

Resolved to welcome the response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and look forward to receive a more detailed response at the January meeting of the Commission.

66/06 Building Schools for the Future

The Commission considered the response of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from 21 November 2006 on Building Schools for the Future.

Resolved to note the comments of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and to request further updates when they are available.

Items for Discussion

67/06 Local Safeguarding Children Board

The Commission received a presentation from Rachel Dickinson – Assistant Director, Locality Services on the activities and functions of the new Local Safeguarding Children Board, required by the Children Act 2004.

Resolved to note the presentation.

68/06 Performance Eye – Second Quarter 2006/7

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services detailing the Performance Eye commentaries for Quarter 2 2006/7. Also included at Appendix 4 of the report were explanations to points raised at the special meeting held on 30 November 2006. Members were asked to consider performance areas to focus on at the January 2007 meeting.

Members discussed the following:

CF23 – Looked After Children Adopted CYP 2.1 - Number of weeks waiting time for access to specialist CAMHS services

Resolved to note the report.

69/06 Work Plan for the remainder of 2006/7

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services detailing the proposed issues for the work programme for the remainder of the 2006/7 municipal year. Members were asked to agree on an issue for a short topic review.

Members agreed to look at the provision of Children's play areas and youth provision in new build schools as a short topic review. Rita Silvester, Assistant Director – Performance and Commissioning, reported that the Council were expecting an announcement shortly regarding funding for building schools for the future. She suggested that this Topic Review would be useful and could feed into the process, depending on which wave of funding the Council would be included in

Resolved to carry out a short topic review of the provision of children's play areas and youth provision in new build schools, subject to the inclusion of Derby in the 5th phase of the building schools for the future programme.

70/06 Appointment to the Adoption Panel

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services requesting the Commission to appoint one of its' members to a second Adoption Panel.

Resolved to appoint Councillor Ingall to the Adoption Panel.

71/06 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

72/06 Forward Plan

The Commission studied the latest version of the Forward Plan.

Resolved to request a report on 41/06 – Approval of Play Strategy at the next meeting of the Commission and to request Council Cabinet on 19 December to make its decision subject to any comments of the Commission.

73/06 Matters Referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

Minutes End