

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 8.28pm

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BOARD 19 MARCH 2013

Present: Councillor Whitby (Chair)
Atwal, Bolton, Campbell, Martin, Williams, Winter

60/12 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received for David Wilkinson and Councillors Bailey and J Khan.

61/12 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100(B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit the following item on the grounds that the item needed to be considered before the next scheduled meeting of the Board:

- Child Protection Improvement Plan

62/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

63/12 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

64/12 Call-in

There were no items.

65/12 Child Protection Improvement Plan

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director for Children and Young People on the Child Protection Improvement Plan. The report was presented by the Head of Performance and Improvement. It was reported that an inspection of the Council's arrangements for the protection of children took place in December 2012 and the findings were published by Ofsted on 21 January 2013. It was further reported that overall, Derby's arrangements were assessed as 'good' and the report included a number of areas where Derby was performing well. Members noted, however, that the inspection team highlighted four recommendations to improve services.

It was reported that an improvement plan detailing the actions required to address areas of improvement had now been developed and was included in the report.

Resolved:

- 1. to approve the child protection improvement plan; and**
- 2. to receive an update on the improvement plan at a future Children and Young People Board meeting by the end of September 2013.**

66/12 Looked After Children Strategy

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director for Children and Young People on Looked After and Adopted Children and Young People Strategy 2012 - 2015. The report was presented by the Director of Specialist Services. It was reported that the strategy was due to be presented to the Cabinet on 20 March 2013 and that the report had been brought before the Board for comment.

It was reported that the strategy was aimed at all partners, elected Members and Directorates across the City Council as a means to secure the best possible outcomes for all looked after children, adopted children and young people who were cared for by the Local Authority. Members noted that the strategy reinforced the Corporate Parenting responsibilities of all partners, staff and elected Members in promoting the needs of all looked after children.

Members felt that on page 7 at 4.1.3 of the Cabinet report, figures should be included for all of the looked after children and not just those that reside in Derby. Members also felt that on page 10 at 5.9 of the Cabinet report, a sentence should be inserted to make it clear that the Local Authority was also working with non-maintained schools to ensure that looked after children in those schools were receiving the same services.

Resolved:

- 1. to comment on the strategy prior to its approval to Cabinet;**
- 2. to recommend that the text of the Cabinet report on page 7 at 4.1.3 be amended to reflect the statistics of all looked after children, not just those in Derby; and**
- 3. to recommend that in the text of the Cabinet report on page 10 at 5.9, an additional sentence be added stating, 'We are working closely with non-maintained schools in Derby to ensure that looked after children in these schools receive the same services.'**

67/12 Residential Children's Homes

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director for Children and Young People on Residential Children's Homes. The report was presented by the Director of Specialist Services. Members noted that the report outlined the strategy for residential provision in children's homes over the next five years. It was reported that

the strategy was to be presented to Cabinet on 20 March 2013 and that the report had been brought before the Board for comment.

It was reported that the authority was committed to providing its own high quality residential children's homes for looked after children. It was further reported that the strategy aimed to resolve a number of problems with the current properties in relation to their type, size, state of repair and cost. Members noted that a phased programme of change would include re-development of the Moorfields site to provide a high quality and homely environment for looked after children in residential care and that future considerations of re-developing other properties would be made over a period of time.

Members agreed that Cabinet should approve the use of the £2 million to be spent on new residential Children's Homes, but felt that the options appraisal should have been brought before the Board. Members also agreed that Cabinet should approve the £2.8 million for the second phase of the development subject to the Board being included in the consultation for phase 2.

Resolved:

- 1. to comment on the strategy prior to its approval to Cabinet;**
- 2. to recommend that Cabinet approve the use of £2 million from the capital programme to be spent on new residential Children's Homes subject to the Children and Young People Board receiving a full options appraisal detailing how and why this decision was reached and access to the Children and Young People departmental review of Children's Homes; and**
- 3. to recommend that Cabinet approve the £2.8 million for the second phase of development subject to the Board being included in the consultation for phase 2.**

68/12 Raising the Participation Age

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director for Children and Young People on Raising of the Participation Age (RPA). The report was presented by the Director of learning and Inclusion and the Senior School Improvement Officer (14 – 19). It was reported that the first phase of RPA, full participation of all young people until the end of the academic year they turn 17, would come into force in summer 2013 and that this would rise to their 18th birthday in summer 2015.

Members noted that the Educational and Skills Act (2008) placed a duty on all young people to participate in education or training until their 18th birthday but this would not necessarily mean staying in school. It was reported that young people would be able to choose how they participated, which could be through:

- full-time education, such as school or college;
- an apprenticeship; and
- part-time education or training if they are employed, self employed or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week.

Resolved to note the presentation.

69/12 Recent School Ofsted Inspections

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on School Ofsted Inspection Outcomes, September 2012 Onwards. The report was presented by the Director of Learning and Inclusion. It was reported that a new Ofsted inspection framework was introduced on 1 September 2012 and that this included the introduction of comments on local authorities into the Ofsted reports. It was further reported that, in Derby, the comments relating to the Local Authority (LA) had been overwhelmingly positive and reflected the effective implementation of the 'Derby Winners' policy.

Members noted that in January 2013, Derby was subject to 10 focused inspections led by Her Majesty's Inspectors and that during these inspections very detailed discussions had been held with headteachers and governors about the LA role in school improvement.

It was reported that the School Improvement team provided support for schools in preparing for Ofsted, so that they were in a strong position to demonstrate their strengths and the investments made. Members noted that there had been some recent staff changes within the team and asked whether that situation had now settled down. It was reported that there was now stability within the team, with the officers getting to know the schools.

Members asked about recent improvements at Pear Tree Community Junior School. It was reported that the LA and school had written a statement of action and devised plans to help the school to improve. It was further reported that an Interim Executive Board was still in place and there had been leadership changes at the school.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the Ofsted inspections judgements; and**
- 2. to agree strategies for support to schools.**

70/12 Health and Well-being Commissioning Strategy for Children, Young People and Families

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director for Children and Young People on Health and Well-being Commissioning Strategy for Children, Young People and Families. The report was presented by the Director of Commissioning. Members noted that the report provided a summary of the key children, young people and family priorities which had been developed from the Health and Well-being Strategy – everyone's business, the NHS Outcomes Framework (2013/14) and the Derby Children and Young People's Plan (2012/13).

It was reported that discussions had taken place across the health economy, including with the South Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Children's Services and Public Health.

Members discussed the reasons that patients may choose to use hospitals rather than GP services or pharmacies and the challenges faced when trying to educate certain groups and communities.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the development of these priorities across commissioners and development of this integrated commissioning approach; and**
- 2. to support these priorities and the development of a programme of work supporting this integrated approach.**

71/12 Implementation of Munro's Recommendations

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director for Children and Young People on Implementation of the Recommendations of the Munro Review of Child Protection. The report was presented by the Service Director, Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding. It was reported that in June 2010 the Secretary of State for Education asked Eileen Munro to conduct an independent review of Child Protection in England. Members noted that the report outlined national and City of Derby progress on the implementation of the recommendations of the Munro Review of Child Protection and identified the next steps for Derby City Council.

Members noted that the administrative burden on frontline staff had grown significantly and asked whether portable ICT was still being looked at to assist officers. It was reported that some pilots had been carried out and the intention was to use mobile devices as much as possible to reduce the administrative burden.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the current position with regard to those recommendations from the Munro Review of Child Protection, which are nationally led;**
- 2. to note progress on the implementation of the recommendations in the City of Derby; and**
- 3. to note planned further developments and those that will be required on introduction of revised national frameworks.**

72/12 Topic Review Draft Report for Approval

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on Topic Review Draft Report – Are our Children's Homes Fit for Purpose Now and in the Future. The report was presented by the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer. It was reported that the Children and Young People Board resolved at its meeting on 11 September 2012 to conduct a Topic Review to establish 'Are our Children's Homes fit for purpose now and in the future. Members noted that the report detailed the evidence gathered and the processes used to receive the data and also set out the suggested recommendations for the Children and Young People Board's approval.

Resolved:

- 1. to amend the report as the Children and Young People Board see fit;**
- 2. to approve the report; and**
- 3. to resolve to refer the report for consideration by Council Cabinet.**

73/12 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

An extract of the Council Cabinet Forward Plan including items relating to the board's terms of reference was considered. Members were keen to have an opportunity to consider and comment upon the following item:

- Item 33/12 – Alternative School Organisation Models

Resolved to recommend that Forward Plan item 33/12 be brought to a future meeting of the Children and Young People Board for consideration and comment.

MINUTES END