

Time commenced – 6.00pm

Time finished – 7.47pm

## **Inspiring Young People Board Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2016**

**Present** Councillor Whitby (Chair)  
Councillors Anderson, Care, Hezelgrave, Nawaz, Roulstone, Smale, Williams  
and Eleanor Berry and Steve Grundy

**In Attendance:** Andy Smith – Strategic Director of People Services  
Maureen Darbon - Director of Early Help and Children's Safeguarding  
Suanne Lim – Director – Specialist Services  
Gurmail Nizzer – Director – Integrated Commissioning  
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer

### **01/16 Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

### **02/16 Late items introduced by the Chair**

There were none.

### **03/16 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Whitby wished it to be noted that he was a Derby City Council Foster Carer. Councillor Hezelgrave wished it to be noted that he was involved with Derby Skill Build. Councillor Williams wished it to be noted that she was employed by YMCA and was also Chair of Governors – Asterdale Primary School. Councillor Roulstone wished it to be noted that she was involved with the Parent Carer Forum and sat at SEND meetings. Steve Grundy wished it to be noted that he was Vice Chair of Governors – Firs Estate Primary School and a Derby City Council Foster Carer.

### **04/16 Minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2016 were noted.

### **05/16 Work Programme and Terms of Reference**

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive on Work Programme and Terms of Reference.

The Strategic Director of People Services spoke to the Board about the priorities and challenges that were relevant to its remit.

The Board considered its terms of reference and the draft work programme for the

2016/17 municipal year. Members agreed a number of extra items for the work programme. Members discussed possible topics for review. It was agreed that topics for review be further considered outside of the meeting.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to agree the Board's Terms of Reference, reproduced at section 4.1 of the report; and**
- 2. to agree items for the work programme for the 2016/17 municipal year.**

## **06/16 Topic Review: Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers**

The Board received a report of the Chair of the Inspiring Young People Board on Topic Review: Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers.

It was reported that on 4 August 2015, the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board referred the recruitment of in-house foster carers to the Inspiring Young People Board for a detailed topic review.

It was reported that in August and September 2015, Members of the Board met with senior officers to discuss the possible scope of the topic review. It was further reported that the scope of the topic review was then agreed by the Board at its meeting on 21 September 2015.

It was noted that Members of the Board carried out evidence gathering sessions with the following:

- a) Derby City Council senior officers, Foster Care Social Workers and officers from the Fostering and Adoption Team and Derby City Council foster carers;
- b) Barnardos;
- c) Derby City Council's Policy and Improvement Manager; and
- d) The Derby Foster Care Association

It was reported that following the evidence gathering sessions, Members of the Board put together a number of draft recommendations to help improve the recruitment and retention of foster carers.

The Board considered and agreed the draft recommendations. The Board also agreed that the Chair should meet with Councillors Care, Hezelgrave and Williams to finalise the wording of the recommendations for inclusion in the report that should then go to a future meeting of Council Cabinet.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to agree the draft recommendations; and**
- 2. to agree that the Chair will meet with Councillors Care, Hezelgrave and Williams to finalise the wording of the recommendations for inclusion in the report that will then go to a future meeting of Council Cabinet.**

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