

Time commenced – 6.00pm  
Time finished – 7.30pm

**Children and Young People Board  
18 March 2014**

Present      Councillor Whitby (Chair)  
                 Councillors Bailey, Bolton, Hillier, and Williams, Eleanor Berry,  
                 Steve Grundy, Phil Henry, Didier Matamba, Chris Reynolds and Bev Stewart

**59/13    Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Atwal, Campbell and S Khan.

**60/13    Late items 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 it was not available at the time of publication of the agenda.

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2014.

**61/13    Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**62/13    Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2013, 19 November 2013 and 21 January 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendment.

That Councillors Bolton and S Khan were present at the meeting held on 5 November 2014.

**63/13    Call-in**

There were no items.

**64/13    Forward Plan**

The Board considered the Forward Plan published on 4 March 2014. Members wanted an opportunity to consider and comment upon the following items from the March Forward Plan:

- 52/13 – 2014-15 Dedicated Schools Grant
- 65/13 – Housing Related Support for Young People 16 and 17 Years (Who

are Children in Care Including Children in Need) and Care Leavers

**Resolved:**

- 1. to recommend that Forward Plan Item 52/13 be brought to a future meeting of the Children and Young People Board for consideration and comment; and**
- 2. to recommend that Forward Plan Item 65/13 be brought to a future meeting of the Corporate Parenting Sub Board for consideration and comment.**

## **65/13 Delivery of Outdoor Education and operation of Darley Barn**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Darley Barn – future delivery of Outdoor Education in the City of Derby. The report was presented by the Head of Locality 2.

It was reported that the current Derby City Council Outdoor Education service was run by the Children and Young People's Department from Darley Barn, which was a purpose built National Lottery funded facility on the edge of Darley Park. It was further reported that the service owned equipment, for example to run expeditions and canoeing, and this required on-going regular essential maintenance to ensure safe operation.

Members noted that the service had seen year on year budget reductions and only had one full-time worker and volunteers and that there was no budget for essential equipment maintenance. It was reported that the service had a charging facility for delivery of activities and rental of the barn. It was further reported, however, that income generation was not sufficient to cover the cost of operation and there was a forecast budget pressure for 2013/14 of £17k, plus licencing and maintenance costs.

Members noted that a report was due to be presented at the next Children and Young People Cabinet Member Meeting on 27 March 2014 that would seek approval to progress the development of a partnership arrangement with Derbyshire County Council Outdoor Education Service for the delivery of Outdoor Education and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award from Darley Barn.

It was reported that the Head of Locality 2 had carried out a consultation exercise at a recent meeting of Voices in Action. Members of Voices in Action reported some of their ideas to the Board around how the Darley Barn facility could be used, how it could generate income and how it could be promoted and advertised.

Members agreed that Derby City Council should retain the climbing wall. Members also felt that the Council should retain a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Licence.

Members agreed that a report should be brought to a future meeting of the Board outlining the details of the agreement with Derbyshire County Council before any agreement was signed.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the agreements reached at Council Cabinet outlined in paragraph 1.6 of the report;**
- 2. to consider any points which should be included within the partnership agreement with Derbyshire County Council;**
- 3. to support the proposed action plan outlined in paragraph 4.7;**
- 4. to recommend that Derby City Council retains the climbing wall;**
- 5. to recommend that Derby City Council retains a Duke of Edinburgh's Award licence; and**
- 6. to request that a report be brought to a future meeting of the Children and Young people Board, outlining the agreement with Derbyshire County Council before any agreement is signed.**

**66/13 Integrated Commissioning for children, young people and families**

The Board received a report of the Director of Commissioning (CYP and SDCCG) on Integrated commissioning for children, young people and families – progress report. The report was presented by the Director of Commissioning. Members had considered the report at the last meeting of the Board and had invited the Director of Commissioning to provide a further update.

Members noted that the report provided a summary of the progress on 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), the Public Health Outcomes Framework (2013 to 2016) and the Derby Children and Young People's Plan (2012/13).

Members noted that the report also outlined an indicative timeline for work which would need to be completed over the next fifteen months and that this was consistent with the need to put in place new arrangements following the Transforming Community Services contract in health ending in March 2015 and options as to how integrated commissioning would evolve.

It was reported that with on-going fiscal challenges, initial discussions had been started with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and county colleagues to see if there was further integration that could take place relating to the commissioning capacity for children and young peoples' services. It was further reported that options included the development of an integrated function working across the city, county and four CCGs.

Members discussed the imminent replacement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) statements with a single Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan as a result of the Children and Families Bill 2013. Members recognised the amount of work that would be required to transfer the SEN statements over to the EHC plan and the pressure that would put upon the small SEN team involved. Members agreed that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and the Strategic Director of Children and Young People should look at increasing capacity in the

team to ease the transition from SEN statements to education, EHC plans over the next few years.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the progress which has been made over the last nine months on this integrated commissioning approach;**
- 2. to note the indicative timeline and key activities over the next fifteen months;**
- 3. to note the discussions which are taking place regarding future commissioning arrangements; and**
- 4. to recommend that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and the Strategic Director of Children and Young People should look at increasing capacity in the SEN team to ease the transition from SEN statements to Education, Health and Care plans over the next few years.**

## **67/13 School Place Planning – Proposals to increase pupil places across a range of primary schools**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on School Place Planning – Proposals to increase pupil places across a range of primary schools. The report was presented by the Director of Commissioning (CYP & SDCCG) and the Head of School Place Planning and Organisation.

It was reported that the Council had a legal responsibility to ensure that there were enough school places available to meet local needs and that the Council also has a duty to increase the scope for parental choice in planning for and securing school places. It was further reported that there had been significant increases in pupil numbers over recent years and that this trend was projected to continue. Members noted that in order to ensure sufficient school places, proposals had been developed to increase the size and admission numbers of 10 primary schools, as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

It was reported that, as legally required, consultation had taken place over a four week period with all key stakeholders and interested parties and that a summary of responses received was set out in Appendix 2. It was further reported that the proposed new admission numbers, if approved, would take effect from September 2014 and that the Headteachers and Governors of the schools had given their support to the proposals.

Members noted that at the meeting of 12 February 2014, Council Cabinet approved the publication of a statutory notice on the proposals, as set out in paragraph 4.1, in order to move towards the next stage of the consultation process. It was reported that Council Cabinet had also delegated authority to determine the proposals to the Strategic Director of Children and Young people, following the statutory consultation period and consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

Members discussed the Core Housing Strategy and school place planning. Members noted that a joint meeting would be held with Members of the Planning, Housing and Leisure Board on 22 April 2014 to specifically discuss the Core Housing Strategy and school place planning.

**Resolved to consider, comment and make any appropriate recommendations on proposals to increase pupil places at the ten primary schools to the Strategic Director of Children and Young people.**

## 68/13 Children and Young People's Capital Programme 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Children and Young People's Capital Programme 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. The report was presented by the Director of Commissioning and the Head of School Place Planning and Organisation.

It was reported that the Department for Education (DfE) had announced basic need capital allocations (school place planning) for 2015-17, as well as smaller levels of capital funding to support the provision of free school meals to infant pupils for 2014/15.

It was further reported that Derby had been allocated £5,826,651 for 2014-15 basic need capital funding and that this had already been prioritised towards school expansion proposals, following Council Cabinet approval on 6 November 2013. Members noted that it was necessary to commit the 2014-15 allocation at an earlier stage to ensure that major building work could be completed to provide additional classrooms at those schools expanding for September 2014.

It was reported that, in relation to DfE capital allocations for schools maintenance for 2014-15, Derby had been allocated £2,927,098, along with an additional £246,010 for Voluntary Aided Schools. It was further reported that the proposed School Capital Programme 2014-15 and individual school projects were outlined at Appendix 3 of the report.

Members noted that the DfE had allocated limited capital funding to Local Authorities to support the provision of free school meals to infant pupils, which would come into effect from September 2014 and that Derby had been allocated £684,003. Members also noted that, as this was a relatively small sum, this funding would be devolved to infant schools where there was a need to provide additional meals.

Members discussed the schools devolved capital funding for individual schools which was to be used on maintenance and condition projects. Members noted that this was a small funding stream based on a formulaic allocation of £4,000 per school and a small per pupil element. Members asked whether schools were monitored to ensure that they were maintaining their buildings properly. It was confirmed that they were monitored.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to consider, comment and make any appropriate recommendations on the Schools Capital Programme priority schemes for 2014-15 as outlined in Appendix 3; and**
- 2. to note the update on the Priority Schools Building Programme (£28.2m) and that Reigate Primary School will be the sample school.**

## **69/13 Narrowing the Attainment Gap – response to questions**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Narrowing the Attainment Gap – response to questions. The report was presented by the Director of Learning and Inclusion.

Members noted that a Narrowing the Attainment Gap report was considered at the 11 February 2014 Corporate Parenting Sub Board meeting and that due to the absence of the Director of Learning and Inclusion, some questions raised by the Board could not be answered by officers present. Members also noted that the Corporate Parenting Sub Board had resolved that written responses to the questions be presented at the meeting of the Children and Young People Board on 18 March 2014.

Members discussed the use of the pupil premium to narrow the gap and the monitoring of its use by both Ofsted and the Senior School Improvement Officers. Members also discussed the importance of encouraging parents to claim for free schools meals, where eligible, so as to make the pupil premium funding available.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the responses to questions raised by the Corporate Parenting Sub Board; and**
- 2. to agree for the Corporate Parenting Sub Board to continue receiving updates on a regular basis in order to monitor progress of schools related to pupil outcomes.**

## **70/13 Work Programme and Topic Reviews**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on Outline Work Programme and Topic Reviews. The report was presented by the Overview and Scrutiny Officer.

Members noted that the report gave members the opportunity to discuss potential work plans and topic reviews for the forthcoming municipal year and develop the basis for a work programme.

**Resolved to agree the work programme for the final meeting of this**

**municipal year.**

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