

Time commenced - 6.00pm  
Time finished - 7.30pm

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSION  
30 JULY 2008

Present: Councillor Bolton (Chair)  
Councillors Ginns, F Khan, Rawson

16/08 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Higginbottom and Latham, Alison Brown, John Honey, Nasreen Iqbal and Dave Wilkinson.

17/08 Late Items

There were no late items.

18/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

19/05 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 10 June 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## Items for Discussion

20/08 Building Schools for the Future – Progress Report

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People on Building Schools for the Future – Progress Report. Rita Silvestor, Assistant Director – Performance and Commissioning, used the document prepared for the Soft Marketing event to brief members on the scope and progress of Building Schools for the Future. BSF was a huge opportunity to transform secondary education with significant capital investment. This national programme aimed to replace and renovate all secondary school buildings over the next 15 years. Derby was formally included in this programme from October 2007. The proposed programme of capital works, with indicative costs for each school, was set out in the report. The Strategy for Change (SfC) was the first formal component of the BSF approvals process. It was designed to capture both the local authority's strategy for 11-19 education and the requirements that strategy places upon the physical school estate.

The SfC has two parts:

Part 1 is the Key Challenges and Objectives section of the SfC showing the scope of the authority's BSF transformation plan. It is the 'what is to be done' component.

Part 2 is the Detail and Delivery section adding contextual, qualitative and quantitative information to Part 1 and showing how the authority intends to achieve its objectives. It is the 'how it will be done' component.

**Resolved that the Commission note the progress made in relation to the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme.**

21/08          Consultation on the relocation of St Martins Special School

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young people on the consultation on the relocation of St Martins Special School. Members were informed by Rita Silvester, Assistant Director – Performance and Commissioning, of the outcome of the consultation on the relocation of St Martins Special School. As part of the development of our Building Schools for the Future Strategy for Change, consultation has been carried out on a proposal to co-locate St Martins School on the same site as Noel-Baker School, as part of the rebuild programme. This report notes the outcomes of the consultation and confirms the proposal.

The Council's strategy was to rebuild, where appropriate, existing special schools on mainstream secondary school sites. This would enhance provision for every student and maximise the scope for full inclusion, as well as providing better learning opportunities for all members of the school community.

**Resolved to approve the proposal to re-locate St Martins Special School to a new building collocated on the grounds of Noel-Baker Community School and Language College.**

22/08          Children Looked After Topic Review: Action Plan Final Update and Key Indicator Out-turn for 2007 – 2008

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People on the Children Looked After Topic Review. Elene Constantinou, Head of Service, Children in Care Service, presented a report detailing progress against the Action Plan objectives. The report advised that of the 34 recommendations, 14 had been fully achieved, 14 had been achieved and were being monitored and there were a further six

recommendations where progress had been made but there was still some further work to complete.

**Resolved that the Commission noted the progress that had been made on the topic review action plan.**

23/08 Derby Safeguarding Children Board Annual Review  
07/08 and Business Plan 08/09

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People on the Derby Safeguarding Children Board Annual Review 07/08 and Business Plan 08/09. The report on this item was presented to Members by Sue Richards, Head of Children's Quality Assurance, who outlined the work of the Board and answered Members' questions on the Annual Review and the Business Plan. The Derby Safeguarding Children Board was formally established in 2006 in accordance with the requirements of section 13 of The Children Act 2004 and the statutory guidance contained within 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' 2006. Each Children's Services Authority is required to establish with its partners a Local Safeguarding Children Board. The law prescribes the partners to local safeguarding arrangements and places upon them a statutory duty to co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of local children (section 11 of the Children Act). The remit of the Safeguarding Children Board is set out in the Working Together Guidance. Essentially the Board must provide leadership and ensure a co-operative local partnership that is working effectively to safeguard local children and promote their welfare. In order to achieve this, the Board must develop and adequately resource an annual business plan and monitor its effectiveness. The Board has an important role in raising safeguarding issues within the wider (non-professional) community and in evaluating the effectiveness of local services.

**Resolved to note the performance of the local safeguarding children arrangements for the last year (2007/08) and the key priorities for the Derby Safeguarding Children Board for the coming year (2008/09).**

24/08 Primary Strategy for Change

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People on the final strategy document on the primary Strategy for Change which had been submitted to the Department for Children Schools and Families. The Children and Young People Commission considered the Primary Strategy for Change consultation document at its meeting on 7 May 2008. The Commission resolved:

- to welcome the strategy
- to receive further updates on the strategy at future meetings.

There were responses from 31 schools, of which 22 endorsed the general principles. School Councils were also asked to complete a questionnaire about what they thought of their buildings and outdoor space, responses were

received from 32 schools. The strategy was also endorsed by the Church of England and Catholic diocesan authorities, and Children and Young People's Executive. Council Cabinet agreed the strategy at its meeting on 3 June 2008 and also to delegate final changes of detail to the submission to the Corporate Director for Children and Young People in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

**Resolved to note the final strategy document submitted to the Department for Children, Schools and Families.**

25/08        LSC Transition – Sub-Regional Arrangements

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People on the LSC Transition – sub regional arrangements. Andrew Flack, Corporate Director for Children and Young People, briefed Members on the reforms proposed in the White Paper 'Raising Expectations: Enabling the System to Deliver'. The Commission had no comments that it wished to make to Council Cabinet at this point in time.

**Resolved to note the proposed arrangements for future commissioning of 14-19 provision, including a sub-regional grouping with Derby County Council.**

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