

Time commenced - 6.00pm
Time finished - 8.10pm

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSION
12 JUNE 2007

Present: Councillor Poulter (In the Chair)
Councillors Bayliss, Dhamrait, Ginns, Higginbottom,
Rawson, Willoughby.

Co-opted Members: Mr J. Honey - Roman Catholic Diocese Representative
Kirit Mistry – Derby Racial Equality Council

01/07 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen and Bolton, Phil Moncur, Dr Devendra, Nasreen Iqbal and Dave Wilkinson.

02/07 Late Items

There were no late items.

03/07 Declarations of Interest

Name	Type of interest	Reason
Councillor Bayliss	Personal	Chair of Governors – Boulton Primary School
Councillor Dhamrait	Personal	Governor – Dale Primary School
Councillor Higginbottom	Personal	Vice Chair of Governors – Ashgate Primary School
Councillor Rawson	Personal	Governor – da Vinci Community College
<u>Councillor Rawson</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Member of Trustees/Management board - Umbrella</u>
<u>Councillor Rawson</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Member of Trustees/Management board – Derwent Stepping Stones</u>

04/07 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/07 Call-in

- a) There were no items
- b) The Procedure for Call-In

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services setting out details of the procedure and associated protocol for call-in of a decision.

Resolved to note the report.

06/07 Performance Eye

a) Overview

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services providing an overview of Performance Eye and details of a training event on 25 June 2007. Alison Eldam, Change Management and Performance Team, attended the meeting to answer questions on Performance Eye and gave a demonstration on how the system worked.

Councillor Bayliss suggested that Performance Eye would be more beneficial if e-mails could be automatically sent to Commission members if an indicator changed.

Alison responded that the system did have this functionality so emails could be generated for this Commission's indicators that went up or down. Alison added that currently co-opted members were unable to access the Performance Eye system at home. This was being looked at to enable co-opted members and partner agencies to have access.

Resolved

1. To note the report
2. To encourage members of the Commission to attend the Performance Management training event on 25 June 2007.

b) Quarter 4 Data 2006/7 including Annual Indicators

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services providing quarter four 2006/7 performance data and associated commentaries. Additionally, an Issues and Comments paper on the Annual Indicators had been prepared by the co-ordination officer at the request of the Chair. There was a dialogue between members and Andrew Flack, Corporate Director for Children and Young People, about various Annual Indicators, including bullying, Key Stage 1 and 2 performance, teenage conceptions and the numbers on the Child Protection Register

compared to other councils. Under the Quarterly Indicators the shortage of suitable housing for 16 to 19 year olds was referred to.

Resolved

1. To note the performance data and associated commentaries

2. To request the attendance of appropriate officers at the next meeting of the Commission to further discuss the following areas of performance: a) bullying and b) KS2

c) Derbyshire Mental Health Trust

The Commission received a presentation from Ifti Majid and Ian Murphy from Derbyshire Mental Health NHS Trust regarding the 26 week delay in the provision of an initial assessment and the measures they have put in place to reduce this waiting time, as requested by the Commission at its meeting on 13 March 2007.

Some of the issues that had resulted in the delay were:

Recruitment

Qualifications required for posts

Thresholds

Contingencies

Case load management

Ifti and Ian explained to the Commission how these issues were or would be resolved and that they had structures and processes in place to address them and committed to being back on track by September 2007.

Resolved to receive an update from the Derbyshire Mental Health Trust in September 2007.

07/07 Overview and Scrutiny Commissions – Work Planning and Resources 2007/8

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services on work planning and available resources to complete any work carried out. The report mentioned the need to consider pressures on the Department because of the need to prepare for external inspections in the autumn. At the request of the Chair, members had already been invited to suggest items for the work plan. The report proposed a means of finalising a work programme for the first part of the municipal year without having to wait until the next meeting in September.

During discussion the Corporate Director for Children and Young People suggested the following items could add value to the preparation for the forthcoming inspections:

Thresholds for Child Protection

Resolved

- 1. To not conduct a topic review in the period up to mid-November**
- 2. To receive suggestions from the Children and Young People's senior managers as well as Commission members**
- 3. To delegate the Chair, Vice Chair together with a Liberal Democrat member to agree the subject(s) on the basis of the outcome of consultation with Commission members**
- 4. To confirm that i) Performance Eye and ii) retrospective scrutiny be included as standing items on all Commission agendas**

08/07 Focused Scrutiny

Dealt with at Minute 07/07.

09/07 Retrospective Scrutiny

Dealt with at Minute 07/07.

10/07 Overview and Scrutiny Training

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services detailing a modular training package that could be taken up by individual members of the Commission. Members would also be invited to indicate any other training opportunities they would like to be provided with, including awareness raising in respect of the Commission's portfolio

Resolved to authorise the Chair, Vice Chair and a Liberal Democrat nominee to prioritise the identified training needs and how these might best be met.

11/07 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

Members considered the Forward Plan. The co-ordination officer explained that the concept had been introduced under the Local Government Act 2000 to enhance open and transparent decision making and was a resource for citizens as well as Council members and staff. It formed a key planning tool for scrutiny commission members. There was discussion about whether a special meeting should be held in late July to consider School Transport.

Resolved a) that members be provided with the documentation on School Transport as soon as it enters the public domain and b) individual members then contact the Chair should they have views about whether the proposals warrant a special meeting.

12/07 Matters Referred to the Commission

There were no items.

MINUTES END