

## Children and Young People Commission

**Note of a meeting of Cllr Poulter, Chair, Cllr Rawson, Vice Chair, and Cllr Allen, Liberal Democrat nominee held on 4 July 2007.**

### Work Programme

Minute 07/07 had delegated the Chair, Vice Chair together with a Liberal Democrat member to agree the subject(s) for focussed scrutiny in the period to mid-November 2007, in light of consultation with Commission members. Ratification was also needed on behalf of the SMC.

A table was provided; the 8 suggestions for focussed scrutiny had been divided into two groups of four: those which could be undertaken in the period until mid –September and those which were dependent on new data available later in the autumn. First and second preferences had been expressed by some members. The 3 members added their personal preferences. 6 out of 7 first preferences were for Children's Centres. It was **AGREED** that:

1. Children's Centres be the first subject of focussed scrutiny
2. The review consider these issues:
  - a) whether in Derby i) the range of services is variable between each centre or ii) there is a standard core with local additions *and* how the standard/local range of services is chosen
  - b) how the answers to a) compare to other local authorities
  - c) finance: on school sites do the revenue costs get fairly shared by the various agencies or solely/unfairly borne by the school
  - d) how Children's Centres are governed: dedicated single site, multi-site, or school site; whether tensions result from school governing body 'sovereignty' or whether co-location produces 'good connectivity'
  - e) how the experiences at d) compare to other local authorities
3. Prior to the meeting date a visit be made to another local authority with beacon status or reputation for good practice
4. On the day of the actual meeting, there should be a visit to one Children's Centre and then to a second which shall serve as the venue for the meeting
5. As the above need to be done in term time, the review take place in mid-to-late September
6. Prior to the review, members be provided a list of which children's centres are where in Derby and why the locations were chose: demographic need, availability of land/buildings etc

It was also **AGREED** that:

1. A final decision on any second subject for focussed scrutiny in 2007 be taken later; the first preference would be school bullying but this may not be necessary if new data shows that more schools are providing returns and those contain realistic responses; the second preference would be teenage pregnancies.

## **Training and Awareness Raising**

Minute 10/07 had authorised the Chair, Vice Chair and a Liberal Democrat nominee to prioritise the identified training needs and consider how these might best be met.

The 3 members noted the requests received regarding the 6-part modular training. They considered the requests for service awareness raising. It was **AGREED** that:

1. The first Commission-based service awareness session be on Local Area Agreements targets
2. This would probably be best done by a senior manager of the Children and Young People and member of the Change Management and Performance Unit
3. To encourage attendance the session last 30 minutes starting at 5.30 pm on the evening of the next Commission meeting, with refreshments available in the room
4. It should cover:
  - a) What the relevant targets are and which are mandatory and which are local choice targets
  - b) Which agencies are responsible for which targets
  - c) What is being done about defining targets and agreeing measurements where these are resolved issues
  - d) What is happening about targets where data is not being produced

It was also **AGREED** that the second awareness raising session may be on the five key goals of the 2004 Act but initially a nationally produced guide to the Act and the Derby Children and Young People's Plan be provided to the 3 members.

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