

Time commenced – 6.01pm
Time finished – 9.10pm

**Children and Young People Board
21 January 2014**

Present Councillor Whitby (Chair)
 Councillors Atwal, Bailey, Bolton, Campbell and Williams, Eleanor Berry,
 Steve Grundy, Chris Reynolds and Bev Stewart

46/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen and S Khan and Phil Henry and Didier Matamba.

47/13 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

48/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

49/13 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

50/13 Call-in

There were no items.

51/13 Forward Plan

The Board considered the Forward Plan published on 17 December 2013. The Overview and Scrutiny Officer updated the Board on the Forward Plan published on 14 January 2014. Members wanted an opportunity to consider and comment upon the following items from the January Forward Plan:

- Item 44/13 - School Expansion Proposals
- Item 45/13 – Derby's Schools Capital Programme Priority Schemes

Resolved:

- 1. to recommend that Forward Plan Items 44/13 and 45/13 be brought to a future meeting of the Children and Young People Board for consideration and comment.**

52/13 NEET and Participation Strategy

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on NEET and Participation Strategy. The report was presented by the Acting Head of Service – Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding.

It was reported that the city required a strategy that provided a cohesive and systematic approach to ensuring that the numbers of young people who were engaged in recognised forms of education, training or employment (EET) when they left school was increased.

It was further reported that Derby had a higher not in education, employment or training (NEET) figure than for neighbouring authorities and had also received recent national scrutiny regarding its figures pertaining to young people who had left school in year 11 but whose EET destinations were unknown.

Members noted that the NEET hotspots in the city were in the following wards:

- Arboretum, Normanton, Sinfin and Derwent.

It was reported that performance followed an annual cycle of peaks and troughs depending on the time of the academic year and on reporting requirements and that locally, it had been impacted by reductions in funding and subsequent reductions in personnel of those engaged in the activity of reducing both NEET and unknown figures.

It was further reported that the NEET and participation strategy aimed to:

- Reduce numbers of NEET young people
- Reduce numbers of unknown destination's
- Ensure appropriate provision to meet the needs of NEET groups
- Influence the development and commissioning of provision for NEET groups
- Understand the NEET cohort and devise a performance framework to support achievement of key aims
- Diversify and open up learning with a focus on the most vulnerable
- Ensure robust and joined up communication and tracking systems are in place to support improved performance
- Develop increased multi-partner ownership of achieving the key aims of this strategy

Members discussed how the NEET and Participation Strategy fitted in with other strategies. The Board agreed that a report should be brought to a future meeting on the work undertaken by the Improvement Board on commitments in key strategies and the links between them, with particular reference to the NEET and Participation Strategy.

Members of Voices in Action, who attended the meeting, discussed the importance of apprenticeships and work experience. Members agreed that a report should be brought to a future meeting of the Board on opportunities for apprenticeships and work experience with the Council and how a Council co-ordinated approach could be adopted.

Members discussed the numbers of unknown destinations and Members of Voices in Action put forward reasons why they may occur. Members agreed that officers should develop protocols with education providers to reduce the occurrences of unknown destinations.

Resolved:

- 1. to consider and comment upon the NEET and participation strategy during this consultation and implementation period;**
- 2. to request a report on the work undertaken by the Improvement Board on commitments in key strategies and the links between them, with particular reference to the NEET and Participation Strategy.**
- 3. to recommend that a report be brought to a future meeting of the Board on opportunities for apprenticeships and work experience with the Council and how a Council co-ordinated approach could be adopted; and**
- 4. to recommend that officers develop protocols with education providers to reduce the occurrences of unknown destinations.**

53/13 Children's Services Peer Review – Key Findings

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Children's Services Peer Review – Key Findings. The report was presented by the Service Director, Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding, the Head of Quality, Standards and Performance and the Improvement Partner - CYP.

It was reported that in 2012, the nine authorities in the East Midlands developed a local model for 'sector-led improvement' and that the specific focus of the process was to build upon the strong partnerships that existed and create an environment and culture that allowed each authority to support each other in delivering improvements in target areas.

It was further reported that as part of the sector-led improvement process, every authority had the opportunity to host a small team of assessors who spend three days on site while reviewing local services and processes in an area or areas identified for improvement by the host authority.

Members noted that Derby City Council had hosted a small assessment team from Monday 9 December 2013 to Wednesday 11 December 2013 (inclusive).

It was reported that the key lines of enquiry (KLOEs), which were the focus of the assessment, were:

KLOE 1 – Is there sufficient capacity across the city to support the necessary improvements required to reduce the number of schools causing concern and increase the percentage judged to be ‘good’ or ‘better’ (with a focus on Key Stage 2)?

KLOE 2 – What has been the impact of early intervention in Derby on the total number of children coming into care?

Members discussed the results of the peer review and expressed disappointment that the areas for improvement that were identified were already being actioned by Children’s Services.

Members agreed that the departmental draft targets, objectives and performance targets should be included in the report on work carried out by the Improvement Board, as requested under the NEET and Participation Strategy item.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the report;**
- 2. to receive a presentation; and**
- 3. to request that the departmental draft targets, objectives and performance targets are included in the report on work carried out by the Improvement Board requested under the NEET and Participation Strategy item.**

54/13 Performance Reporting – Quarter Two 2013/14

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Performance Reporting – Quarter Two 2013/14. The report was presented by the Improvement Partner – CYP.

Members noted that the report presented the quarter two performance results for the Children’s Services Council Scorecard measures. It was reported that the Council Scorecard contained 71 priority measures and that there were 17 relevant measures for Children’s Services.

It was further reported that there was one measure, EI1SS PM16a (NI 117) 16-19 year-olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET), which had been highlighted for review at a performance surgery after quarter three in early 2014.

In relation to SS PM23b Percentage of Independent Fostering Agency (IFA), Members felt that the year end forecast of 45 per cent was too high.

In respect of SS PM13 (L&I PM24) Percentage of looked after children with a current PEP, members discussed the different timescales of the Looked After Child (LAC) Review and the Personal Education Plan (PEP) Review. Members agreed that the LAC Review and the PEP Review should be aligned to minimise duplication and that this could possibly be included during the initial multi-agency meeting which occurred when a child was brought into care. Members noted that

an update report on the matter was due to be brought to the next meeting of the Corporate Parenting Sub Board.

Members agreed that a performance surgery should be undertaken to look at the issues around out of area placements.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the quarter two 2013/14 performance results for Children and Young People's Services (CTP);**
- 2. to recommend that performance measures EI1SS PM16a (NI 117) 16-19 year-olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET) is reviewed at a performance surgery early in 2014;**
- 3. to recommend that the Looked After Child (LAC) Review and the Personal Education Plan (PEP) Review be aligned to minimise duplication and achieve good outcomes for children, possibly to be included during the initial multi-agency meeting which occurs when a child is brought into care; and**
- 4. to request that an update on aligning the LAC Review and the PEP Review be brought to the next meeting of the Corporate Parenting Sub Board; and**
- 5. to recommend that a performance surgery be undertaken to look at the issues around out of area placements.**

55/13 Education Improvement Report January 2014

The Board received a report of the Director of Learning and Inclusion on Education Improvement Report January 2014. The report was presented by the Head of Quality, Standards and Performance.

It was reported that education improvement was judged in terms of pupil outcomes (progress and attainment) and in terms of Ofsted judgements. It was further reported that the Derby Winners Policy outlined the local authority policy for school improvement and its implementation had contributed to significant improvements over the last two years.

Members noted that trends in terms of pupil outcomes at KS1 and KS2 showed a steadily improving picture in Derby since 2011 and that whilst pupil outcomes remained below national, there had been a year on year improvement and the gap between Derby's performance and national performance was narrowing.

Members asked whether there was a relationship between class size and attainment. It was reported that the quality of teaching was much more important as a factor.

Resolved:

- 1. to support the continued implementation of the Derby Winners Policy**

- and the increased team focus on Foundation Stage;**
- 2. to note the outcomes of recent Ofsted inspections; and**
- 3. to note the improvements in pupil performance at KS1 and KS2.**

56/13 Children's Centres

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Children's Centres. The report was presented by the Locality head of Service, along with a presentation. Members noted that the purpose of the presentation was to update Members on the developments in Children's Centres since the meeting of the Board in April 2013.

It was reported that there were 18 Children's Centres, three Locality Teams, 17,375 children under 5 to reach and that there had been a 62 per cent reduction in base budget over the past three years.

Members noted at the following items were on the work programme:

- Refine data and Performance Management Tool
- Define Sustained engagement to meet Ofsted requirements
- Prepare new guidance for inspection due to new inspection framework
- Integrate Chesapeake Parenting Assessment team
- Confirm identified Vulnerable Groups

Resolved:

- 1. to note the content of the presentation; and**
- 2. to recommend the continuation of children's centre visits by Members.**

57/13 Integrated Commissioning for children, young people and families – progress report

The Board received a report of the Director of Commissioning (CYP and SDCCG) on Integrated commissioning for children, young people and families – progress report.

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).

It was reported that these commissioning intentions were developed in discussions with key commissioners across the health economy in derby and that this approach had resulted in considerable support for an integrated commissioning approach to deliver better health outcomes.

Members noted that the report outlined the progress that had been made

regarding the governance, capacity and work-streams to implement the commissioning intentions and also the key activities which would be taking place over the next eighteen months up to April 2015.

It was reported that consultation had taken place with key providers through both stakeholder events and the establishment of Commissioning Groups, focusing on each of the eight commissioning intentions.

It was further reported that a robust governance structure had been established and was maturing well and that the Integrated Commissioning Board, which sits under the Health and Well-being Board and the Children, Family and Learners Board, was well established and was meeting monthly.

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; and**
- 3. to invite the Director of Commissioning to attend the March 2014 meeting of the Board to provide a further update on integrated commissioning for children, young people and families.**

58/13 Work Programme and Topic Review

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on Outline Work programme and Topic Reviews

Resolved:

- 1. to recommend that the work programme be updated with items discussed during the meeting; and**
- 2. to discuss and agree future topics for review before the next meeting of the Board.**

MINUTES END