

Time commenced - 6.00pm  
Time finished - 7.40pm

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSION**  
**11 MARCH 2008**

**Present:** Councillor Poulter (in the Chair)  
Councillors Allen, Bayliss, Dhamrait, Ginns, Higginbottom  
and Rawson

**Co-opted Members:** John Honey - Roman Catholic Diocese Representative  
Kirit Mistry – Derby Racial Equality Council

**In Attendance:** Councillor Bolton – Council Cabinet Member for Children  
and Young People  
Councillor Turner – Adult and Health Commission

**68/07 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Baxter, Councillor Webb, Councillor Willoughby, Pat Hill, Nasrren Iqbal, Alison Brown and Dave Wilkinson.

**69/07 Late Items**

There were no late items.

**70/07 Declarations of Interest**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of interest</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Councillor Dhamrait	Personal	Governor – Dale Primary School
Councillor Higginbottom	Personal	Chair of Governors – Ashgate Primary School and a governor at Brackensdale Junior School
Councillor Rawson	Personal	Governor – da Vinci Community College  Trustee / Management Board Member – Umbrella  Trustee / Management Board Member – Derwent Stepping Stones

## 71/07 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 January 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### Items for Discussion

## 72/07 Connexions Transition – Key Decisions 65/07 – expected to be considered by Council Cabinet on 18 March 2008

The Commission considered a report from the Assistant Director of Locality Services on the Connexions Services: Evaluation of future options. Responsibility for the statutory duties and funding for all Connexions services transfer to Local Authorities in April 2008. There was a transitional arrangement unit Connexions Derbyshire for services up to March 2009 but the Government now expects every Local Authority to have determined future arrangements for Connexions by the end of March 2008.

The Commission supported the recommendation for a Local Authority controlled Company of the City and Country Councils with a 50/50 split in ownership as this was the neutral choice and represented the minimum risk to the clients.

The Chair requested an update for the Commission in November following the publication of the NEAT figures.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To support the proposals to Cabinet**
- 2. The Commission to receive an update in November**

## Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

## 73/07 Budget 2008/09

The Commission considered the response from the Council Cabinet to the Budget Recommendations for the Commission.

### 6.1 Noted

- 6.2 The Commission agreed to convene a special meeting on 7 May 2008 at 6.00pm to consider the Primary Strategy for Change and the BSF Strategy Part 2

## 74/07 Primary Strategy for Change

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Children and Young People on Primary Strategy for Change.

**Resolved that Members agree a means of scrutinising the Primary Strategy for Change.**

## Performance Management

### 75/07 Bullying Data

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People on the annual social cohesion data report based on incidents recorded in Local Authority schools. It was reported that this year has had the highest number of returns from schools for racist and bullying incidents.

There has been a recognised possible tension between the returns / recording of incidents and reducing numbers. It was reported that no support schools were recording the data, a small number of schools were to join a pilot programme called Sentinel to test a web recording system that records and manages incidents in an electronic form that can be shared with the Local Authority and partners.

It was reported that a new leaflet to raise the profile of incidents had been produced for parents, teachers and children.

It was noted that 3 schools had yet to return their data and it was suggested that a letter from the Chair of the Commission and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People be sent to the relevant schools.

Members requested the pilot results later in the year. Agreed to note the report and welcome the increased returns.

**Resolved that Members consider the data provided in the report.**

### 76/07 Schools' Performance in Key Stage 1 and 2 Assessments

The Commission received a presentation on the schools' performance in Key Stage 1 and 2 Assessments.

It was reported that there was encouraging progress and that work would continue to track the achievements of the pupils.

**It was agreed to note the presentation.**

77/07          Joint Area Review of Services for Children and Young People

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People on the Joint Area Review of Services for Children and Young People.

The confirmed the existence of focus with plenty of positives and easy to address weakness.

Members requested a project report in 6 months. The Corporate Director for Children and Young People reported that an Action Plan was required in 70 days so a report could be brought to the June meeting of the Commission.

**Resolved to note the report and receive an update at the June Commission.**

78/07          Children and Young People Plan 2008-10

The Commission considered a proposal for a special meeting of the Commission to be held on 15 April 2008 to consider the draft Children and Young People plan ahead of the Council Cabinet meeting on 22 April 2008.

**Resolved that a special meeting of the Commission be held on 15 April 2008 to consider the draft Children and Young People Plan ahead of the Council Cabinet meeting on 22 April 2008.**

79/07          Performance Sub-Group

The Commission considered the report of the Performance Sub Group held on 31 January 2008. The Chair agreed to continue with sub groups and to invite the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to all future meetings.

## Items for Discussion

80/07          Reducing Teenage Pregnancy

It was reported that the update on Reducing Teenage Pregnancy would be discussed at the Special Meeting on 15 April 2008.

## 81/07 Phase 3 Children's Centres

### **Resolved**

- 1. To agree in principle the identified areas for Phase 3 children's centres.**
- 2. To approve the consultation process to proceed with the development of the centres and the engagement of required partners.**

## 82/07 Focussed Scrutiny

There were no items.

## 83/07 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

## Call-in

### 84/07 To consider any matter referred to the Commission in relation to a call-in of a decision

There were no items.

## 85/07 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

66/07 To consider Building Schools for the Future Part 2 at the April Special Meeting.

45/07 To consider BSF Local Education Partnerships at after it has been to Council Cabinet.

## 86/07 Forward Plan tracking and reporting

The Commission considered a report of Chair on the forward plan for entries appearing for less than four months.

The Commission noted the need for close liaison with the department to ensure that items were placed on the Forward Plan as soon as possible to ensure that members could have the opportunity to discuss.

**Resolved to consider the reasons for entries appearing in the Forward Plan for less than four months.**

87/07        Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

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