

Out of Hours Fostering Service Support – Action Plan

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Sub-Commission considered the out of hours fostering service at its meeting on 14 February 2012
- 1.2 The Sub-Commission decided that they needed to gather more evidence about the service and its effectiveness for service users.
- 1.3 The Sub-Commission asked the Director of Specialist Services to collect information on the types of calls received by the out of hours regarding fostering and asked that it is brought to a future meeting of the Corporate Parenting Sub Commission.
- 1.4 The Sub-Commission asked Councillor Whitby to liaise with the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer to arrange for Members of the sub-commission to go to a foster carers coffee morning to discuss the out of hours service with them to establish whether they were happy with the service or whether they had concerns.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the report
- 2.2 To ask the new Corporate Parenting Sub-Commission for 2012-13 or its equivalent to continue investigations into this matter
- 2.3 To agree that Councillors Whitby, Bolton and Bailey attend a Foster Carers coffee morning.
- 2.4 To ask the Sub-Commission Members who attend the Coffee Morning to write a report of their findings which can be taken to a future meeting of the Corporate Parenting Commission

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Sub-Commission felt that this issue merited further investigation. The Sub-Commission will have started the investigations by the end of this municipal year but are concerned that their initial investigations are recorded and assessed.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Councillor Whitby has made contact with the organiser of a Fosters Coffee morning in Derby.
- 4.2 It has been suggested that three Members of the Sub-Commission attend the Commission and the foster carers will be informed that Councillors are coming.
- 4.3 It is suggested that Councillors Whitby, Bolton and Bailey attend the Coffee morning in April and that they are asked to write a report on their visit for a future meeting of the Sub-Commission.
- 4.4 Information from the Director of Specialist Services about the types of calls the out of hours service receives can then be considered alongside Members findings.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	
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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 N/A

Legal

2.1 N/A

Personnel

3.1 N/A

Equalities Impact

4.1 N/A

Health and Safety

5.1 N/A

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 N/A

Asset Management

7.1 N/A

Risk Management

8.1 N/A

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 The report contributes to the Being Safe and Feeling Safe and Good Health and Well-being Priorities and also relates to the Council's Priorities of providing a good quality service that meets local people's needs and a skilled and motivated workforce.

