

**Children and Young People Board**  
**22 April 2014**

Present      Councillor Whitby (Chair)  
                 Councillors Bailey and Campbell and Steve Grundy

**71/13    Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Atwal, Bolton, S Khan and Williams and Eleanor Berry, Chris Reynolds and Bev Stewart.

**72/13    Late items introduced by the Chair**

There were none.

**73/13    Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**74/13    Call-in**

There were no items.

**75/13    Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**76/13    Forward Plan**

The Board considered the Forward Plan published on 1 April 2014.

**Resolved to note the Forward Plan.**

**77/13    Keeping Families Together Strategy Update**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Keeping Families Together Strategy Update. The report was presented by the Service Director, Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding.

It was reported that the Keeping Families Together Strategy was finalised following consultation by the former Service Director – Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding, in March 2012 and was agreed by the Authority in April 2012.

It was further reported that the key purpose of the Strategy was to transform operational deliver of family support services, including social work services, and

planning for children in care.

Members noted that the three key priority areas were:

- To provide early help to families to improve outcomes for those who are most vulnerable.
- To better identify those children who are at risk of significant harm and to intervene to prevent escalation of that risk or the need for them to become Looked After Children – in care.
- To make sure that those children who do come into care are planned for effectively, to achieve reunification with their community or timely placement in good quality alternative permanent care.

It was reported that the Strategy aimed to deliver against these priorities through five objectives and a range of actions.

Members noted that the report attached as Appendix 2 provided the second update of activity and progress against the Strategy and that it did not replace the original Strategy document, which continued to provide the vision and direction, nor did it intend to provide a reanalysis of the issues.

The Service Director reported that she had recently met with Voices in Action to look at the issues around keeping families together. Voices in Action were asked to consider three questions:

1. Why do so many young people want to leave home at 16-17?
2. How do you prevent young people leaving home before 18?
3. How do you prevent families evicting children before 18?

Members of Voices in Action provided the Board with feedback on the discussions that had taken place in relation to the three questions. Members noted that in relation to question three, Voices in Action proposed the use of mediation/bonding sessions and fining/charging parents.

It was reported that bonding sessions were part of the Priority families Programme. Members of Voices in Action asked about families that were not part of the programme. The Services Director reported that consideration could be given to making resources available to families who were not classified as 'troubled'. Members of the Board and Members of Voices in Action recognised the importance of schools and The Space @ Connexions in supporting these families. All agreed that work should be undertaken to make the public more aware of The Space @ Connexions.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the progress in relation to implementation of the Keeping Families Together Strategy;**
- 2. to note the next steps in the Keeping Families Together Strategy;**
- 3. to consider whether any additional activity is required to deliver against the aims of the Strategy;**
- 4. to support the Voices in Action proposals in relation to the use of mediation and fining/charges, to support the delivery of the aims of**

- the strategy;**
- 5. to consider whether some elements of the Priority Families Programme could be used to deliver further activity against the aims of the Strategy; and**
  - 6. to agreed that work should be undertaken to make the public more aware of The Space @ Connexions.**

## **78/13 Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after and care leavers**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after and care leavers. The Board received a presentation from the Strategic Director and the Improvement Partner for Children and Young People.

It was reported that in November 2013 Ofsted commenced inspections against a new inspection framework on services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after and care leavers.

It was further reported that the inspection framework was published in September 2013 (revised in November 2013) and replaced a number of established / interim inspection frameworks for Children's Services:

- Child Protection (interim framework introduced in April 2012 to replace the Safeguarding and Looked After Children inspection framework).
- Adoption (established framework that was last revised in 2012).
- Fostering (established framework that was last revised in 2012).

Members noted that in addition to pulling a number of existing frameworks together the 'single' social care inspection framework also included the introduction of an independent review of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

Members were informed about the work being undertaken to ensure readiness for future Ofsted inspections.

Members noted the areas that required Member support, such as in relation to their corporate parenting responsibilities and challenging the service. Members recognised the importance of them talking to inspectors in terms of the scrutiny of services and the role of Members as corporate parents.

### **Resolved:**

- 1. to note the report; and**
- 2. to receive the presentation at the meeting.**

## **79/13 Core Strategy and School Place Planning**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Core Strategy and School Place Planning. The report was presented by the Head of School Place Planning and Organisation.

It was reported that Derby City Council shared a Housing Market Area (HMA) with Amber Valley Borough Council and South Derbyshire District Council. It was further reported that the proposals across the three Authorities would include 35,354 houses across the HMA, with 19,175 of these properties being located within Derby or on the edge of the City, known as the Derby Urban Area (DUA). Members noted that the housing would be developed gradually over a 15 year period. It was reported that to ensure sufficient school places, it would be important for the Council to develop a strategy that provided significant additional school places. It was further reported that the Core Strategy would allocate land for new housing and would include policies to secure funds through Section 106 contributions towards school place provision.

Members noted that the housing growth would have a significant impact on infrastructure and that Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council were legally responsible for providing education for those pupils residing within their own administrative boundaries. It was reported that the two local authorities would continue to work closely together on school place planning to help shape and develop proposals.

It was reported that in order to respond to the significant increase in pupil numbers, it was inevitable that new schools would be required. Members noted that it was likely that five or six new primary schools and one or two new secondary schools would be required, either within the City or County, to deal with the growth in housing numbers.

Members agreed that 2.2 of the report should be moved to Appendix 1, 2.1.

Members discussed the difference between the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the Section 106 planning obligations (S106) in relation to the building of schools. Members agreed that an update on CIL and S106 be brought to a future meeting of the Children and Young People Board.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the requirement to expand primary and secondary education in the areas affected by proposed housing development, including the need for new schools;**
- 2. to note that feasibility studies and informal consultation with schools will be progressed in order to develop a primary and secondary education strategy; and**
- 3. to request that an update on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the Section 106 planning obligations (S106) in relation to the building of schools be brought to a future meeting of the Children and Young People Board.**

## **80/13 CYP Performance Surgery Outcomes**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on Children and Young People Performance Surgery Outcomes. The report was presented by the Overview and Scrutiny Officer.

It was reported that at the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting on 21 January 2014, Members received a report on the quarter two performance results for the Children's Services Council Scorecard measures. Members noted that the report recommended performance measure EIIS PM16a (NI 117) 16-19 year-olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET) for review at a performance surgery in early 2014.

It was further reported that the Children and Young People Performance Surgery was held on Tuesday 27 March 2014 to discuss the reasons for the level of performance of both indicator EIIS PM16a and the Percentage of Unknowns – 16–19 year-olds who were not in education, training or employment (NEET).

It was reported that following a discussion between Members and officers on possible ways to increase the level of information received on post-16 destinations and reduce the numbers of 16-19 year olds that were NEET, the following resolutions were made:

- To explore the opportunities for identifying the locations of 16-19 year olds through the electoral registration process and individual voter registration.
- To explore how 16-19 year olds can be encouraged to inform the council of their current situation with regards to their education, employment or training status and how we can assist those who are NEET into education, employment or training.
- To receive an update to the Children and Young People Board in around six months time.
- To receive a report on Apprenticeship Pathways to the Children and Young People Board as this develops.

Members noted the following amendment to the wording of the last sentence at 4.3 of the report:

Work is also being undertaken to develop an information sharing agreement with Staffordshire LA for Burton and South Derbyshire College who have a number of young people from Derby on their programmes and whose data Derby LA require to track potential EET destinations.

**Resolved to note the report.**

## 81/13 Work Programme

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on Outline Work Programme and Topic Reviews. The report was presented by the Overview and Scrutiny Officer.

It was reported that as this was the last meeting of the Board for this municipal year, there was no work programme to agree at this meeting. It was further reported that the draft work programme for the next municipal year would be circulated to Board Members prior to the first meeting and amended and agreed as appropriate at this meeting.

Members noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Officer would aim to agree a full

agenda for the first meeting of the new municipal year with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board following the approval of constitutional appointments at Council in June.

Members agreed that the Pupil Premium should be the subject of a Topic Review.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the report; and**
- 2. to agree that the Pupil Premium be the subject of a Topic Review.**

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