

Time began 1.00 pm
Time ended 1.27 pm

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING MONDAY 22 JUNE 2009

Present: Councillor Allen

In attendance: Councillor Bolton

01/09 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

02/09 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 April 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to adding Councillor Bolton to the attendance.

Non-Key Decisions

05/09 Improving Access to Sexual Health Support for Children in Care through Children and Young People's Trust Arrangements

A report from the Director of Children and Young People was considered on Improving Access to Sexual Health Support for Children in Care through Children and Young People's Trust Arrangements.

The report explained that, as a corporate parent, the council has a responsibility to ensure that at least 50% Children in Care over 12 were offered an annual one-to-one discussion with a practitioner or responsible adult of their choice to ask anything they liked 'about relationships and sexual health'.

Derby has a teenage pregnancy rate higher than the national average and still faces considerable challenges in meeting the 2010 target to reduce under-18 conceptions by 55% (Derby 13.5%, England 10.7% in 2007).

The proposals in the report supported the Children and Young Persons Act 2008, which strengthened the legislative framework underpinning the care system by putting in place the structures to enable children and young people to receive high-quality care and support.

Resolved;

To support the principle that all Children in Care nurses and other specialist workers could offer additional sexual health services to young people in care as part of an enhanced package of support. This would be initially in line with the agreed menu of options on offer to secondary schools through extended school-based health services with the potential to be expanded according to need.

06/09 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that the following item involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

07/09 School Mergers – Proposals for Consultation

A report from the Director of Children and Young People was considered on School Mergers. It was reported that at its meeting of 2 June 2009, Council Cabinet approved the policy of promoting school mergers whenever possible and appropriate, once consideration had been given to a range of factors and following the announcement of a forthcoming headship vacancy.

Resolved to approve the recommendations as set out in the report.

MINUTES END