

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.01pm

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSION 6 JUNE 2006

Present: Councillor E Berry (in the Chair)
Councillors Allen, Banwait, Ginns, Higginbottom, Ingall, MacDonald
and Mitchell

Co-opted Members: Dr Devendra

01/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jones, S Khan and Marshall and Nasreen Iqbal.

02/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/06 Declarations of Interest

Name	Type of interest	Reason
Councillor Allen	Personal	Chair of the Management Committee at the Pupil Referral unit Governor at St Clare's School
Councillor Banwait	Personal	Governor at Oakwood Primary School and Noel Baker Community School
Councillor Higginbottom	Personal	Vice Chair of Governors – Ashgate Primary School
Councillor MacDonald	Personal Personal	Governor – Lees Brook Community Sports College Member of National Union of Teachers

04/06 Minutes of the Previous Commission Meetings

The Commission considered the minutes of the Education Commission meeting on 24 April 2006 and the minutes of the Social Care and Health Commission meeting on 3 April 2006.

Resolved to refer the minutes of the Education Commission on 24 April 2006 and the Social Care and Health Commission on 3 April 2006 to Scrutiny Management Commission for approval.

05/06 Call In

There were no items.

06/06 Call In Procedure

The Commission received a presentation on the procedure for Call-in.

Resolved to note the procedure for Call-in

Items for Discussion

07/06 Outstanding Overview and Scrutiny Items

The Commission considered items from both the Education Commission and Social Care and Health Commission to continue on the Children and Young People Commission agenda.

The Chair commented that the Youth Service was not under the remit of the Children and Young People Commission as it came under the Adult Services Cabinet portfolio and suggested that the Commission recommend to Council Cabinet that this be moved. She argued that the Youth Service was more directly related to the Children and Young People agenda, with a seamless link between services being required. It was also felt that the Youth Service not being under the Children and Young People agenda could have an adverse effect on the CPA rating. Concerns were also raised that the Children and Young People Commission statutory co-opted members also had a statutory entitlement to vote on Youth Service issues under Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and so would have to attend the Adult Services and Health Commission meetings when matters relating to the Youth Service were discussed.

Resolved:

- 1. to continue the Review of Children Looked After Services and confirm the Terms of Reference previously agreed on 3 October 2005, these being around foster care, recruitment of social care workers, adoption and foster carers.**

2. **to receive regular updates on School Place Planning at strategic points**
3. **to keep School Transport as a six monthly agenda item**
4. **to request that Council Cabinet consider reallocating the Youth Service from the Adult Services Council Cabinet portfolio to the Children and Young People Council Cabinet portfolio**

08/06 Standing Agenda Items

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed the recommendations from the Scrutiny Management Commission, that Performance Eye and retrospective scrutiny be standing items on Overview and Scrutiny Commission agendas

Resolved

1. **to have Performance Eye as a standing item on the Children and Young People Commission agenda**
2. **to have retrospective scrutiny as a standing item on the Children and Young People Commission agenda**
3. **to accept the offer of training on Performance Eye for all new Commission Members and Co-opted Members**

09/06 Work Planning and Resources

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed the options available to the Commission regarding their work planning for the rest of the Municipal Year.

Resolved to conduct one topic review during the 2006/07 municipal year, which would be the Review of Children Looked After, with the previously agreed terms of reference.

10/06 Overview and Scrutiny Training

The Commission considered a verbal report from Rob Davison, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer which detailed the Overview and Scrutiny Training on offer, including the different forms of delivery available.

Resolved to receive the training modules by CD/e-mail and each Member to complete two of the modules before the next meeting

11/06 Co-opting Individuals to the Commission

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services which detailed the options the Commission had in terms of co-opting

individuals to the Commission, without voting rights. The Children and Young People Commission also had 5 statutory co-opted members relating to the Local Education Authority function who did have voting rights.

A member suggested appointing a young person as a co-opted member.

The Chair explained how she saw the role of observers. An observer who wished to speak on an agenda item should contact the Chair no later than the day before the meeting to make the request to speak. Should a new issue or aspect arise at the meeting, that was not apparent from the agenda papers, an observer could indicate a wish to speak at the meeting itself and the Chair would decide whether or not it was appropriate for the observer to speak.

Resolved:

- 1. to invite the two Youth Parliament Members of Parliament to attend the next meeting to inform the Commission of their work within the Parliament**
- 2. to note how observers could participate in meetings of the new Commission.**

12/06 Forward Plan

There were no items.

13/06 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

There were no items.

14/06 Matters Referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

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