

Time began	1.04pm
Time ended	1.41pm

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING 18 SEPTEMBER 2013

Present: Councillor Rawson

In attendance: Councillor Williams

5/13 Apologies

There were no apologies.

6/13 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

7/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

8/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9/13 Performance Monitoring – Quarter One 2013 - 14

The Cabinet Member received a report of the Chief Executive on Performance Reporting – Quarter One 2013/14. The report was presented by the Strategic Director for Children and Young People and the Improvement Partner – Children and Young People. The report presented the quarter one performance results for the Council Scorecard and included a summary of portfolio performance in Appendix 2 and individual measure dashboards at Appendix 3.

It was noted that the Council Scorecard, which contained 71 priority measures, was presented at the Part 1 Cabinet meeting on 11 September 2013. It was reported that there were 17 performance measures relevant to the Children and Young People Cabinet Member portfolio. The Cabinet Member considered each of the 17 performance measures.

It was reported that SS PM26 Average time between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family (days), was a new measure and an ambitious target had been set. It was noted that a lot of work was being carried out on timeliness but there was also a recognition that sometimes it does take time to get things right. It was asked whether

matches were looked at before court authority was received. It was reported that the practice was now in place and would become more routine.

In terms of LPI 52b Percentage of Children and Young People complaints responded to within the statutory timescale, it was reported that there was no information available for quarter one as the way in which data was collected had changed. However, it was noted that the Children and Young people directorate was the highest performing one in the authority.

It was noted that there had been considerable improvement with L&I PM23c Percentage of inspected services settings and institutions that are judged as 'good' or 'outstanding' – maintained schools.

It was reported that SS PM07 – Children in Care per 10,000 population aged under 18 (EISS PM05), had seen a reduction in numbers and the reduction was being sustained. It was noted that work was being done to decrease the numbers entering the service and increase the numbers leaving the service and that this involved both supporting parents and recruiting foster carers respectively.

In terms of SS PM13 (L&I PM24) Percentage of looked after children with a current Personal Education Plan (PEP), it was noted that there had been a dip in performance. It was reported that PEPs were now recorded electronically and that work was being done to improve the processes involved.

It was reported that in addition to the 17 measures within the Council Scorecard, Children Services also reviewed performance against a set of priority business plan measures via the Improvement Board. Members noted that the following had been reviewed by the directorate-led Improvement Board:

- SS PM17 (NI 63) – Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement; and
- SS PM16 (NI 62) – Stability of placements of looked after children: number of moves.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the quarter one 2013/14 performance results for this portfolio; and**
- 2. to review areas which are under-performing to ensure appropriate actions are in place to support improvement.**

MINUTES END