

ITEM 4

Time commenced – 6.03pm
Time finished – 7.58pm

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSION 9 JUNE 2009

Present: Councillor Bolton (Chair)
Councillors Higginbottom, Ginns and F Khan

In attendance: Joe Russo – Chief Executive Enthusiasm Trust Ltd
Chris Doyle – Enthusiasm Trust Ltd

01/09 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Williams and Alison Brown.

02/09 Late Items

There were no late items.

03/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/09 Call-in

There were no items.

Items for Discussion

06/09 An overview of 'Healthy Lives, brighter futures' the strategy for children and young people's health

The Commission received a briefing from Andy Wakeman, Derby City PCT on an overview of 'Healthy Lives, brighter futures' the strategy for children and young people's health. The Commission were informed of the background in Derby, stating that overall children and young people were much healthier and that a major impact had been the childhood immunisation programme that continues to be developed. It was reported that more needed to be done including addressing specific concerns around obesity, teenage pregnancy and mental health issues.

Members raised concerns as to how effective the HPV immunisation programme was. It was noted that currently the programme was over 90% effective but this was currently only offered to girls as this was most cost effective option. Members were informed that there was a lot of uptake from parents asking for their child to be immunised.

The Commission asked for details of the Height and Weight surveillance and support services. Members were informed that this service was due to start for children from year 6, and it would now identify children that may need help in this area. The parents affected would be written to by the School informing them of their child's BMI. It was requested by members that this be dealt with in a sensitive manner by the school.

Resolved to note the presentation.

10/09 Evidence gathering session for the Commission's
review of the 'Gang Culture' in Derby

Councillor Bolton provided the Commission a background to the review and reported that the death of a young man in the city was the impetus to start the review.

Joe Russo reported that Enthusiasm was a charity based in Allenton but operating in Osmaston, Alvaston, Boulton, Stockbrook, Austin, Sunny Hill and Chellaston too. The focus was on young people who were at risk of entry into Criminal Justice system. It was noted that originally the trust were told that there was nothing for young people to do on the Austin Estate so they set up a youth club with close links with the Youth Offending Team. It was reported that the trust felt that prevention made the most sense to help young people as it cost between £52,000 and £120,000 to keep a young person in prison so to stopping them offending was better option. The trust would work with the young person on a one to one basis to address the issues to target and deal with them appropriately.

The Chair thanked Joe and Chris for attending the meeting and recommended the Commission visit Enthusiasm later in year.

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