

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time adjourned – 6.05pm
Time reconvened – 6.20pm
Time finished – 6.40pm

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSION 25 JULY 2006

Present: Councillor MacDonald (in the Chair)
Councillors Ginns, Higginbottom, Jones, S Khan and Marshall

Co-opted Members: Mr Phil Moncur and Mr John Honey

Also present: Councillor Bolton, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

15/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Banwait, Ingall and Williams and Dr Devendra and Nasreen Iqbal.

16/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items, however, Councillor MacDonald reminded members of the evidence gathering sessions taking place during the week on the Children Looked After topic review.

17/06 Declarations of Interest

| Name | Type of interest | Reason |
|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| Councillor Higginbottom | Personal | Vice Chair of Governors – Ashgate Primary School |
| Councillor MacDonald | Personal | Governor – Lees Brook Community Sports College |
| | Personal | Member of National Union of Teachers |

18/06 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19/06 Call In

There were no items.

The meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes to enable the members to read the reports on Constitution and Operation of Schools Forum and Revised Childcare Charging Policy which were tabled at the meeting.

Items for Discussion

20/06 Constitution and Operation of Schools Forum

The Commission considered a report on the Constitution and Operation of Schools Forum which would be considered by Council Cabinet on 1 August 2006. The report detailed that the Council was required to establish a Schools Forum, which was a consultative body first established in 2003 to consider a range of matters relating to the Schools Budget. The decision to be taken by Council Cabinet was to agree the constitution of a Schools Forum of 32 members, as detailed in the report.

Resolved to note the report

21/06 Revised Childcare Charging Policy

The Commission considered a report on the Revised Childcare Charging Policy which would be considered by Council Cabinet on 1 August 2006. The report detailed that childcare was being developed in maintained schools in Derby as part of the Children's Centre and Extended Schools initiatives. The childcare places would initially be supported by revenue funding from the General Sure Start Grant, but would eventually have to become sustainable through charging. It was reported that there had been no recommended rise in childcare costs since March 2004 and the proposed revised charges would reflect current costs for childcare across the city in both the private and voluntary sectors. The decision to be taken by Council Cabinet was to agree the revised charging policy for recommendation for adoption by maintained schools, Children's Centres and Extended Services Schools, and to increase future childcare costs each year to reflect the standard rate of inflation with a report back to Council Cabinet only is an significant deviation was proposed.

A member commented that as the prices had not been increased for a couple of years, the increase was fair. Another member also commented that the increase was fairly nominal.

Resolved to note the report.

22/06 Performance Eye

The Commission considered a report on Performance Eye which detailed all the performance indicators relevant to the Children and Young People Commission and asked members to decide the range of performance indicators to appear on the Commission's scorecard on Performance Eye.

Resolved to continue to receive all performance indicators relevant to the Children and Young People Commission, with members selecting at the pre-meeting which indicators they wished to consider in more detail at the next meeting.

23/06 Overview and Scrutiny Training

The Commission received an update on alternative ways to receive the Overview and Scrutiny Training.

Resolved to continue with the distance learning Overview and Scrutiny Training

24/06 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items

25/06 Voting Rights of the Statutory Added Members

The Commission considered a report on the Voting Rights of the Statutory Added Members. The report detailed that the statutory added members could only vote on Education matters and asked the members to consider how they wished to arrange the agenda accordingly.

Resolved to continue to format the agenda as at present, with the Constitutional Services Officer advising the Chair of the Commission of items Statutory Co-optees are eligible to vote on.

26/06 Other Faiths Voting Representation

The Commission considered a minute extract from the Minority Ethnic Communities Advisory Committee and a related report of the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services.

Resolved to not agree to an increase in other faiths representation and the co-ordination officer to draft a response letter setting out the reasons.

27/06 Forward Plan

There were no items.

28/06 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

There were no items.

29/06 Matters Referred to the Commission by Council
Cabinet

There were no items.

Chair of the next ensuing meeting of this Committee
As which these minutes were signed