

Time commenced – 6.01pm
Time finished – 7.49pm

**Children and Young People Board
13 November 2013**

Present Councillor Whitby (Chair)
Councillors Allen, Atwal, Bailey, Bolton, Campbell and S Khan

29/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Williams.

30/13 Late items introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100(B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit the following item on the grounds that the item needed to be considered before the next scheduled meeting of the Committee:

- Appointment of co-opted members

31/13 Appointment of co-opted members

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on Appointment of co-opted members. The report was presented by the Overview and Scrutiny Support Officer.

It was reported that there was provision for up to eight co-opted members to be appointed to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Board to partake in discussion on education matters and that three were directly nominated faith representatives (categorised as Church of England, Catholic and other faiths), while between two and five parent governors could also be appointed.

Members noted that none of the Council's previous co-opted appointees to the Board remained in place, with some having resigned, others having lapsed as a result of not attending a meeting for more than six months and others having exceeded their term of office. The report sought to update Members on progress in filling vacant positions ahead of a report progressing to Council for ratification on 18 December 2013.

Resolved:

- 1. to note that the Bishop of Derby has nominated Reverend Eleanor Berry to be the representative in the Church of England category;**
- 2. to note that the University of Derby has nominated Dr Phil Henry to be the representative in the 'other faiths' category;**
- 3. to note that a nomination is awaited from the Nottingham Roman**

Catholic Diocesan Education Service for a representative in the Catholic category; and

- 4. to note that three parent governor nominations have been received, all from representatives of local authority-run primary schools within the city.**

32/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

33/13 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

34/13 Call-in

There were no items.

35/13 School Places and Admissions

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on School Place Planning. The report was presented by the Director of Commissioning and the Head of School Place Planning and Organisation.

It was reported that there had been an unprecedented national increase in pupil numbers being experienced by most Local Authorities, including Derby. In line with national trends, pupil numbers in Derby were also increasing and therefore strategies had been developed to ensure there were sufficient school places to deal with the high pupil numbers.

Members noted that current primary pupil projections showed that Derby City was projected an increase of approximately 2,778 primary aged pupils over the next five years, taking the city wide total to around 23,561 primary aged pupils by September 2017. Secondary pupil projections showed a projected increase of approximately 1,452 secondary aged pupils over the next seven years, taking the city wide total to 16,429 secondary aged pupils by September 2019.

Members expressed concerns around school place pressures already being experienced by schools. It was agreed that a joint meeting should be held with the Planning Housing and Leisure Board to look at the issues around the Core Housing Strategy and school place planning.

Members noted that from September 2013, the School Organisation Team's Admission Section introduced an e-form application facility for parents wishing to submit in-year applications. Members asked how much the facility was being used. It was reported that the introduction had been very successful. Members requested that the success rate be monitored.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the plans in place to ensure sufficient primary school places in Derby; and**
- 2. to recommend that a joint meeting be held with the Planning Housing and Leisure Board to look at the issues around the Core Housing Strategy and school place planning.**

36/13 Complaints Annual Report

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Children and Young People's Services Complaints Annual Report 2012-13. The report was presented by the Service Director, Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding.

It was reported that the Complaints Manager received 57 complaints at Stage 1 of the Complaints Procedure during 2012-13 and that this was the same number of complaints as received in 2011-2012.

Members noted that the highest number of complaints received in 2012-13 related to:

- Conduct/attitude of staff - 22.2%
- Assessment - 22.2%
- Decision – 20.4%
- Quality of service – 20.4%
- Lack of communication 9.3%

Members discussed how long complaints records could be kept and what the requirements were under the Data Protection Act.

Resolved to note and comment on the complaints annual report.

37/13 Protection of Children Update

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Protection of Children Update. The report was presented by the Service Director, Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding.

It was reported that the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) were required to produce an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. To:

- assess the effectiveness of the help being provided to children and families, including early help;
- assess whether LSCB partners were fulfilling their statutory obligations;
- quality assure practice, including through joint audits of case files involving practitioners and identifying lessons to be learned; and
- monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of training, including multi-agency

training, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Members noted that the safeguarding priorities 2012/13 were:

- Effective arrangements to prevent and respond to domestic violence
- Consistent and robust Early Intervention arrangements
- Information for the public and professionals
- Consultation with children, young people and their families
- Awareness and arrangements for responding to Child Sexual Exploitation
- Private Fostering
- Timeliness of action in response to allegations about staff and volunteers

Members requested that the Service Director, Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding, puts together a protocol for when Councillors are dealing with child protection issues.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the report;**
- 2. to receive the presentation at the meeting; and**
- 3. to agree that the Service Director, Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding, puts together a protocol for when Councillors are dealing with child protection issues.**

38/13 Multi Systemic Teams

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Report of the delivery of Multi Systemic Therapy (MST) from February 2013. The report was presented by the Director of Commissioning.

It was reported that MST was an intensive family and community based intervention which targeted the multiple causes of serious anti-social behaviour in young people. MST intervenes with the individual, family and all the systems involved in young people's lives, such as peers, school, community and other agencies.

Members discussed the value for money of the intervention and the performance figures. It was reported that the costs would be much higher if the young people were in care. It was also reported that the intervention was doing well in respect of it being at an early stage of development.

Members agreed that an update report be brought back to the Board in six months time.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the progress with MST and agree the areas for further development under 1.8;**
- 2. to support the development of a multi agency panel across the age**

- range to avoid care and custody and support rehabilitation where assessed appropriate;
3. to support feasibility development for Social Finance in the area of other evidence based approaches to build on MST, manage demand and avoid high cost placements through care and/or custody. This is part of the next phase of reducing entry to care and custody; and
 4. to request that an update report be brought to a meeting of the Children and Young People Board in six months time.

39/13 Priority Families

The Board received a report of the Priority Families Coordinator on Priority Families (PF) programme update.

It was reported that priority families were defined as those that have problems and cause problems to the community around them, putting high costs on the public sector. Members noted that the aim was to help 120,000 priority families in England turn their lives around by 2015.

Members were provided with:

- an understanding of the service delivery model that had been developed and the need for this to be embedded into the Children's Services delivery model;
- an update on the PF intelligence and an understanding of the impact the work was having on family outcomes;
- Intensive Family Support Worker case studies; and
- a service user testimonial.

Resolved:

1. to note the programme developments to date and the interface with the broader Children and Young People service delivery model; and
2. to note the emphasis on measuring impact to family outcomes to inform future service developments.

40/13 Forward Plan

An extract of the Council Cabinet Forward Plan including items relating to the Board's terms of reference was considered. Members wanted an opportunity to consider and comment upon the following item:

- Item 100/12 – Approval of Supplier for New Children and Young People ICT Systems

Resolved to recommend that Forward Plan Item 100/12 be brought to the January 2014 meeting of the Children and Young People Board for consideration and comment.

MINUTES END