

# ITEM 4

Time commenced – 6.00pm

Time finished – 8.09pm

## **Children and Young People Board**

9 April 2018

Present: Councillor Eldret (Chair)  
Councillors Care, Hezelgrave, Roulstone, Williams and Willoughby  
and Gillian Butler, Chris Hulse, Nicky Fenton and Steve Grundy

In Attendance: Frederico Almeida – Youth Mayor-in-waiting  
Suanne Lim – Service Director – Children's Integrated Services  
Hazel Lymbery - Service Director – Early Help and Children's Safeguarding  
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer  
Gurmail Nizzer – Acting Director of Commissioning  
Tiny Simbani – Youth Mayor  
Andy Smith – Strategic Director of People Services

### **47/17 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Anderson and Chris Reynolds.

### **48/17 Late items introduced by the Chair**

There were none.

### **49/17 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Roulstone and Willoughby wished it to be noted that they separately had children with special educational needs.

Steve Grundy wished it to be noted that he was a Derby City Council Foster Carer.

Gillian Butler wished it to be noted that she had adopted children who attended Derby schools.

### **50/17 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

### **51/17 Transition arrangements for young people and young adults with special educational needs and disabilities**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Transition arrangements for young people and young adults with special

educational needs and disabilities. The report and a presentation were presented by the Service Director – Children's Integrated Services.

The presentation outlined:

- the Preparing for Adulthood pathway for young people, young adults with special educational needs and disabilities into adult services;
- the roles and responsibilities of People Services and their partnership arrangements in facilitating this; and
- an overview of the current service offer and future developments.

Members were informed about the following stages of the transition pathway:

Stage 1 – assessment at year 9-14 years

Stage 2 – the transition to assessment for adults: 'My Assessment'

Stage 3 – full transition to adult services

Members considered 'the seven steps to being in control of my support', who was involved, governance arrangements and future development and next steps.

Members discussed the SEND review and agreed on the importance of forward planning, now Educational Health Care Plan numbers were known. Members recognised how the data could be used to inform changes, service improvements, and preparations for the future. Members requested that the numbers of out of authority SEND placements be circulated to the Board. Members felt it was important that they be informed about the process of the SEND review and agreed that a report should be brought to a future meeting of the Board. Members requested that the vision for SEND be circulated to the Board.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the presentation; and**
- 2. to agree that a report on the process of the SEND review be brought to a meeting of the Children and Young People Board in the 2018/19 municipal year.**

## **52/17 Monitoring Safeguarding Practice**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Monitoring Safeguarding Practice. The report and a presentation were presented by the Service Director – Early Help and Children's Safeguarding.

It was reported that having a stable and competent workforce was a pre-requisite for safeguarding children and young people and driving forward improvements.

The presentation updated the Board on recent workforce developments, such as the deployment of social workers, the numbers of open cases, the timeliness of assessments and average social worker caseloads.

Members were updated on the work the Council was doing to make Derby a more

attractive place to work for social workers.

Members discussed the Grow Your Own scheme, which could help Derby City Council employees qualify as social workers and agreed that the Personnel Committee be asked to consider if the apprenticeship levy could be used to assist in this.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the actions being taken to make improvements; and**
- 2. to agree that the Personnel Committee be asked to consider if the apprenticeship levy could be used to assist in Derby City Council employees qualifying as social workers.**

## **53/17 Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) – Extended Entitlement Parental Questionnaire**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) – Extended Entitlement Parental Questionnaire. The report was presented by the Acting Director of Commissioning.

It was reported that all children, the term after they turn 3 years old, were entitled to a universal FEEE offer of 15 hours. It was also reported that from September 2017 the Government introduced an additional 15 hours of FEEE for working families to support childcare costs. Members noted that this would be on top of the universal FEEE offer of 15 hours and was referred to throughout the report as extended entitlement.

It was reported that following an effective promotional campaign by the Childcare Families and Information Team (CFIT) aimed at parents, professionals and childcare providers there has been a significant growth in the number of children accessing extended entitlement.

It was noted that recent Department for Education (DfE) 'take up' data for the extended entitlement, determined that the City of Derby was the best performing Local Authority in the East Midlands when child take up data was compared to the number of eligibility codes issued.

Members noted that the report summarised the outcomes of the online FEEE Extended Entitlement Parental Questionnaire (detailed in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 of the report) as requested by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board. It was also noted that there had been 119 responses to the questionnaire.

It was reported that the aim of the questionnaire was to seek feedback from parents/carers on how the FEEE extended entitlement had impacted on their childcare costs and to gauge the levels of flexibility in relation to work life balance needs. It was also reported that the FEEE extended entitlement had had a very positive impact on parents and families. It was noted that some key findings and

future actions to be taken based on the feedback from the questionnaire were summarised at paragraph 4.8 of the report.

Members noted that the sample size, 119 out of the 1541 children accessing a FEEE extended entitlement in Spring 2018, was low. Members discussed the frustrations that a number of respondents reported they had experienced in the application process and agreed that this should be fed back to the HMRC.

Members questioned why only 33 (70%) of schools across the city offered elements of the extended entitlement and 30% did not. Members noted some of the reasons for this, such as unviable business cases, available space and capacity. Members asked whether support was available to help schools make viable business cases. It was reported that support was in place. It was agreed that the numbers of schools offering extended entitlement and the reasons for it, be looked at again as part of a forthcoming review and that an update report be brought to a future meeting.

Members discussed one of the key findings, in relation to the impact on childcare costs, that 85 respondents (72%) were not taking up the tax free entitlement to further reduce their childcare costs.

Members of the Board agreed that going forward; any presentations should be circulated to the Board prior to the meeting at which they would be considered.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note this is a follow up report to the report submitted to the CYP Scrutiny Board on 4th September 2017;**
- 2. to note the excellent take up levels of the new FEEE extended entitlement in Derby which is above East Midlands and National achievements;**
- 3. to note the positive outcomes the FEEE extended entitlement has had on families and the future actions planned by CFIT to ensure this continues to be delivered flexibly and compliantly by childcare providers to meet the needs of working parents;**
- 4. to agree that feedback should be provided to the HMRC in relation to frustrations felt by applicants during the application process;**
- 5. to agree that the numbers of schools offering extended entitlement and the reasons for it, be considered again as part of the forthcoming review and that an update report be brought to a future meeting of the Children and Young People Board; and**
- 6. to agree that going forward, any presentations should be circulated to the Children and Young People Board prior to the meeting at which they will be considered.**

## **54/17 School Capital Programme 2018/19**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on School Capital Programme 2018/19. The report was presented by the Acting Director of Commissioning.

It was reported that the Council had received notification from the Department for Education (DfE) of confirmed funding allocations for :

- School Condition Maintenance for 2018/19,
- Basic Need (for school place planning) for 2018/19 to 2019/20,
- Healthy Pupils Capital Funding (HPCF) for 2018/19,
- Special Provision for 2018/19 to 2020/21, and
- LCVAP Condition Funding for VA schools for 2018/19.

Members noted that at its meeting on the 11 April 2018, Council Cabinet was due to consider the School Capital Programme 2018/19 and would be asked to approve priority capital schemes from these allocations.

It was reported that the School Capital Programme 2018/19 Cabinet report had been circulated to Members and contained a proposed programme of priority works.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the proposed School Capital Programme priority schemes as outlined in the Cabinet report due to be considered by Council Cabinet on Wednesday 11 April 2018; and**
- 2. to note the proposed scheme commencements and amendments to the Council's capital programme.**

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