

Time commenced – 6.02pm
Time finished – 8.14pm

Children and Young People Board

18 December 2017

Present Councillor Eldret (Chair)
 Councillors Anderson, Hezelgrave, Roulstone and Williams and Steve Grundy, Didier Matamber and Chris Reynolds

In Attendance: Councillor Sara Bolton – Cabinet Member for Safeguarding and Children and Young People
 Fiona Colton – Head of Service, Integrated Services 0-19
 Andrew Kaiser – Head of Service, Early Help – Locality 1 and 5
 Hazel Lymbery - Director – Early Help and Children's safeguarding
 Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
 Iain Peel – Director – Learning and Skills
 Tiny Simbani – Youth Mayor
 Andy Smith - Strategic Director of People Services
 Debbie Watson – Head of Service, Adult Learning Service

28/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Care, Willoughby and Winter.

29/17 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were none.

30/17 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

31/17 Minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

32/17 Opportunity Areas

The Board received a report of the Director of People Services on Opportunity Areas. The report and a presentation were presented by the Director – Learning and Skills.

It was reported that the Department for Education (DfE) announced the Opportunity Areas (OA) programme on 4 October 2016 and that initially six areas were identified, namely: Derby, Scarborough, Blackpool, Norwich, West Somerset and Oldham.

It was also reported that the areas had been highlighted due to their relatively low levels of social mobility as described in the Social Mobility Index published in January 2016. It was noted that within this index, Derby was placed 22nd from the bottom out of 324 areas nationally.

It was also noted that £2 million of funding would be made available in each area per year for three years and that in total, Derby would receive £6 million of funding over three years.

It was reported that the funding was over and above other funding streams such as the 'Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund' and other government programmes which were being tilted towards Opportunity Areas.

Members discussed Wyndham Primary Academy's involvement in the Opportunity Areas programme. It was agreed that Members of the Board should visit the academy.

There was discussion around the membership of the Derby Opportunity Area Partnership Board and the Broader Horizons sub group.

Members discussed phonics and other methods of teaching reading and writing of the English language.

Resolved:

- 1. to support the work of the local Opportunity Area Board in improving outcomes for children and young people in the city and improving social mobility; and**
- 2. to agree that Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board should visit Wyndham Primary Academy.**

33/17 Early Help Annual Report

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Early Help Annual Report. The report was presented by the Head of Service, Integrated Services 0-19.

It was reported that the People's Directorate remained committed to ensuring Early Help was available to vulnerable children, young people and their families to prevent escalation to (more costly and socially damaging) higher tariff services in the future.

Members noted that the report provided a detailed overview of the past years activity in Early Help, with an action plan that outlined the planned activity for 2017-18.

It was also noted that Derby had a range of Early Help services available across the city including Mutli-Agency Teams who were co-located with Social Work teams and complemented by Children's Centres.

Members discussed diversity training for relevant employees, contact recording and the migration of data from the CCM database to the Liquid Logic database.

Members discussed the rise in the numbers of Child Protection Plans and agreed that a performance surgery be held before the end of the municipal year.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the report and action plan; and**
- 2. to agree that a performance surgery be held, before the end of the municipal year, to look at the rise in the numbers of Child Protection Plans.**

34/17 Care Leaver Progress Report

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Care Leaver Progress Report. The report was presented by Councillor Sara Bolton - Cabinet Member for Safeguarding and Children and Young People.

Members were provided with an update of the current numbers, ethnicity, gender and needs presented by Care Leavers.

It was reported that Care Leavers in suitable accommodation was over 90% and that this was relatively stable. It was also reported that this compared favourably with national data of circa 85-88%.

Members noted that 16 Care Leavers currently lived in what was defined as unsuitable accommodation and that this represented 9.5% of the Care Leaver population. It was also noted that seven of these 16 Care Leavers were in unsuitable accommodation due to their detention in custody. It was reported that two of the remaining nine Care Leavers had not maintained contact despite assertive attempts by the service and that of the other seven, their accommodation status was either withheld from the Leaving Care Service or they were staying with friends or family in accommodation that was not considered suitable. It was also reported that the Leaving Care Service did keep in touch with these young people and undertook periodic assessments of their situation to try to affect change.

A number of successes were reported, including:

- The Leaving Care Service and outcomes for Care Leavers were judged to be “Good” by Ofsted in March 2017. They found there was a stable and committed staff team, who put Care Leavers first.
- The service had developed an independence training course which was scheduled to start in January 2018.
- Derby City Council supported 14 Care Leavers attending University.
- Seven Care leavers were accessing Derby City Council apprenticeships.
- A Care Leavers Celebration Event was held in November 2018 and was hosted and supported by the Cabinet Member for Safeguarding and

Children and Young People.

- Derby had been successful in securing funding for 2 years from the Department of Education Innovation Programme Fund to extend the successful adult social care initiative Local Area Coordination for up to 20 Care Leavers.

A number of challenges were reported, including:

- Increasing numbers of Children in Care, circa 15-20% in 2017 would result in an increase in the Care Leaver Population that would place further resourcing pressures on the service.
- The enactment of the Children and Social Work Act 2017, placed a duty on Local Authorities to extend Care Leaver Provision for all Care Leavers until the age of 25 and whilst the government had said there would be additional funding to meet these new demands the details were currently unclear
- Supporting care leavers in accessing mental health services post 18. This was complicated by the fact that many also had drug issues that could prevent young people from accessing mental health services. Trying to manage the impact of drug usage by Care Leavers and how this impacted upon access to services and accommodation.

Members were pleased to hear that there was currently a proposal being considered by the Chief Officer Group outlining implications of exempting Care Leavers from Council Tax.

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

35/17 Derby Adult Learning Service Annual Self-Assessment Report 2016-17

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Derby Adult Learning Service Annual Self-Assessment Report 2016-17. The report was presented by the Head of Service, Adult Learning Service.

It was reported that Derby City Council's Adult Learning Service conducted an annual review to assess strengths, achievements and areas for improvement.

It was also reported that the self-assessment was based on the Ofsted 'Common Inspection Framework: Education, Skills and Early Years.' It was noted that the Self-Assessment Report (SAR) summarised the effectiveness of all areas of the service against the CIF. It was also noted that this was used to inform the annual Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). It was reported that the SAR and QIP were key sources of evidence that would be used during an Ofsted inspection.

Members considered a summary of the key achievements and areas for improvement identified within the SAR for 2016 to 2017.

It was noted that the self-assessment 2016-17 confirmed that the service remained good in all areas. It was also noted that the aim was to achieve an

outstanding Ofsted judgement in the future.

Resolved to note the report and the work of the Derby Adult Learning Service.

36/17 Appointment of Co-opted Members

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive on Appointment of Co-opted Members.

It was reported that following Member endorsements at the previous meeting for the appointment of co-opted representatives to the board, approval had been granted by Council on 22 November 2017. It was also reported that Gill Butler and Chris Hulse (parent governors), Ruth Richardson (other faiths) and Chris Reynolds (Catholic) would therefore commence their four-year terms on 1 January 2018.

It was noted that since the meeting of Council in November, the Bishop of Derby, as Chair of the Derby Diocesan Board of Education (Church of England), had nominated the Revd Nicky Fenton as the Church of England representative.

It was also noted that as there was no Council meeting prior to the start date of 1 January 2018, it was recommended that the Board agree to the Chief Executive's powers being utilised to approve the appointment. This was agreed by Members.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the confirmation of the appointments endorsed by the board at its previous meeting;**
- 2. to note and endorse the additional nomination of the Revd Nicky Fenton to the board as Church of England representative; and**
- 3. to agree that the Chief Executive's powers be utilised, in the absence of a scheduled meeting of Council, in order to approve the appointment with effect from 1 January 2018.**

37/17 Derby Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2016-17

Resolved to defer the item until a future meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board.

38/17 Derby Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy: Annual Report 2016-17

Resolved to defer the item until a future meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board.

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