

Decisions of the Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee

12 July 2016

Members Present:-

Councillor Reuben Thompstone (Chairman)

Councillor Rebecca Challice	Councillor Kathy Levine
Councillor Alison Cornelius	Councillor Val Duschinsky
Councillor Helena Hart	Councillor Kath McGuirk
Councillor Anne Hutton	Councillor Lisa Rutter (as substitute)

Also in attendance (as Co-opted Members):-

Marilyn Nathan
Gladys Vendy
Kevin McSharry
Darren Warrington
Denis Carey

Apologies for Absence:-

Councillor Bridget Perry

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – The minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bridget Perry, who was substituted by Councillor Lisa Rutter.

Simon Clifford (co-opted member) was absent.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

7. SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS, 2018-19

The Programme Director, Education and Learning, introduced the item which related to School Admission Arrangements for 2018-19.

Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations outlined in the cover report, which were unanimously agreed by the committee.

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- 1. The committee agreed to consult on two proposed amendments to the school admission arrangements for community schools for 2018/19.**
- 2. The committee noted the petition from residents 'Include Our Streets' (Appendix B) and the recommendation to take no further action for the reasons set out in paragraphs 1.16 to 1.28.**

8. EARLY YEARS PERFORMANCE REPORT - PROGRESS UPDATE

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, introduced the item which related to a progress update on Early Years performance.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Karen Pearson – Head of Early Years and Early Help – provided an overview of the key information in the report, and answered questions from the committee.

Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendation outlined in the cover report, which was unanimously agreed by the committee.

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- 1. The committee unanimously noted the progress of the Early Years' service performance following the Early Years review as outlined in the report.**

9. EARLY YEARS REVIEW PHASE 2

The Strategic Lead, Children and Young People, introduced the item which related to Phase 2 of the Early Years Review.

The committee noted that on page 73 of the agenda pack, 'St. Mary's' should instead read 'St Margaret's'. The committee further noted that reducing inequality would be stated as an overarching approach in the consultation.

Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations outlined in the cover report, which were unanimously agreed by the committee.

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

1. **The Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee delegated authority to the Commissioning Director of Children and Young People to prepare a draft outline business case, with options for consultation, and to report back to a future meeting of this committee.**
2. **The Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee noted the content of the report and approved the strategic outline case.**

10. UPDATE ON SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY

The Commissioning Director, Children and Young People, gave a presentation to the committee which highlighted the main themes and points outlined in the cover report.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Jo Pymont – Assistant Director, Social Care – answered questions from the committee relating to information in the report.

Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendation outlined in the cover report, which was unanimously agreed by the committee.

The following was therefore **RESOLVED**:

1. **The Committee noted the improvement activity taking place in Family Services, as outlined in the body of the report.**

11. CHILDREN, EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Chairman People introduced the Committee Work Programme for July 2016 – May 2017.

The committee noted that the Annual Report of Safeguarding Services item would be rescheduled for the November meeting.

The committee further noted that the 9th January 2017 meeting has been rescheduled for 17th January 2017. The change was noted at a meeting of Full Council.

The committee also unanimously agreed – pending approval from the Group Leaders and the Chairman of the General Functions Committee – to reschedule the 1st March 2017 meeting to 21st February 2017.

12. ANY OTHER ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 20:33