

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 5th July, 2006.

Present: Cllr B Jones (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Beaumont, Cllr M Cherrett, Cllr C Coombs, Cllr M Frankland, Cllr D Harrington, Cllr Miss B Inman, Cllr R Rix; Mrs S Moloney (Parent Governor Representative)

Officers: G Birtle, Miss F Shayler (LD)

Also in attendance: Mr Campbell, Mr Davies (Non Voting Co-opted Representatives), Ms A Darnell (Head Teacher Eggescliffe School), M Horner (Evaluate Programme)

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Councillors Lupton, Lynch, Mrs Norton, Mrs Rigg, Mrs Trainer, Mr A Maxwell (Diocesan Representative) and Mr Beach (Parent Governor Representative)

347 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2006 were agreed as a correct record subject to additional detail and recommendation as noted by the Democratic Services Officer.

348 Review of Teenage Pregnancy: Witnesses Angela Darnell, Head Teacher of Eggescliffe School; Michael Horner, Evaluate Programme

The Head Teacher of Eggescliffe School (Ms Darnell) had been invited by Members to give evidence as part of their scrutiny review on Teenage Pregnancy. She detailed that the biology side of Sex Education was provided as part of science classes, the relationship side was provided within Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE). PSHE was taught for 1 hour per week and as well as Sex Education had to cover a number of other topics, therefore time was limited. The Health Promotion Team provided Schools a 2 hour Session each year for 1 year group, usually this was aimed at Year 7. Ms Darnell was awaiting a lesson plan that was to be produced by the Team which would go out to all schools in the borough.

The 'Evaluate' programme had been used by Eggescliffe School and a very positive response from Children had been received. The programme was aimed at making choices and not being forced into situations by peer pressure. Other Schools within the borough had used the programme but not all schools were using it.

Ms Moloney (Parent Governor Representative) detailed the work that took place at St Patrick's School. She stated that it was a positive programme of activities called 'All that I am' and the use of a video 'Marriage, Sex and Relationships' by Pam Strensell. A local Doctor also provided a Session to the School on Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's). A programme namely 'Starts here' was run for primary school children that focused on families and relationships.

Councillors requested information on the Policy of the Diocese and whether this was a national policy.

It was requested that Sure Start be invited to a future meeting so that Councillors could gain a perspective of other communities/religions.

Councillors also felt that it would be appropriate to invite to a meeting a Head Teacher from a school that was experiencing students who were pregnant whilst still at school.

Mr Horner provided a presentation on the 'Evaluate' programme that he rolled out to Schools. He had provided the presentation to a number of schools within the Borough and was hoping to roll the programme out to the remainder of schools on an ongoing yearly basis. He had received positive feedback from students and Teachers on the programme.

Mr Campbell (Non Voting Co-opted Representative) informed Members of the 'Lucinda and Godfrey' programme which was a pack of information provided by the Healthy Schools Team to Primary Schools. More detailed information on this programme would be provided at a future meeting.

Concluded that:-

- 1.The Scrutiny Officer obtain a copy of the 'All that I am' programme and the 'Marriage, Sex and Relationships' video as detailed above.
- 2.The Scrutiny Officer obtain information on the policy of the Diocese for Sex Education and whether this is set nationally or locally.
- 3.Sure Start be invited to a future meeting.
- 4.Members be invited to view a future running of the Evaluate programme in a local School.
- 5.The Health Improvement team be contacted with regard to setting a programme for Sex Education within Stockton's Schools.
- 6.A Head Teacher from a local School experiencing teenage pregnancies be invited to a future meeting.
- 7.The Healthy Schools Team be invited to a future meeting to detail the 'Lucinda and Godfrey' programme.