

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 14th July, 2010.

Present: Cllr David Harrington (Chairman), Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Mick Eddy.

Officers: Jane Humphreys, Terry Frank, Peter Seller, Paul Surtees (CESC); Fiona McKie, Judith Trainer (LD); Paul Diggins (DNS).

Also in attendance: Jackie Duncan (Corner House); Paul McGee (KHNE).

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Frankland, Cllr Miss Inman, Cllr Sherris.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

2 **Draft Minutes - 9th June and 30th June, 2010**

The minutes of the meetings held on 9th and 30th June 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

3 **Youth Service Review**

Members were provided with an update from Peter Seller on MyPlace.

Members were advised that the plans to develop the site for the new North Shore Health Academy under BSF were to be reviewed.

Members felt that this recent development meant that the Myplace project on the proposed site would no longer be a viable option owing to the timing of the contract for letting Myplace, uncertainty around the academy scheme, shared infrastructure issues between the academy and Myplace and loss of linkages for young people between the academy and Myplace.

Members also felt that the capital funding for MyPlace could be used more flexibly to develop services and facilities across the borough to improve youth services for young people.

Members were informed that Cabinet would be considering this matter in more detail and it was suggested that the Cabinet be informed of the select committees views.

Members were provided with a DVD of the Sunderland XL Youth Village. Members discussed all of the youth activities that took place in Sunderland.

Jackie Duncan and Paul McGee were in attendance representing voluntary organisations and felt that organisations needed to work together to develop a programme of activities and that there was a need for permanent provision.

CONCLUDED that the evidence be noted and Members comments on MyPlace be forwarded to the Cabinet.

4 **Work Programme**

The next meeting would be held on 1st September 2010 to receive monitoring reports for Child Placements and quarterly progress reports for Bullying and Obesity.

The meeting on 22nd September was proposed to be moved to 29th September to enable Allison Agius to provide a presentation on feedback from the voluntary and community sector.

CONCLUDED that the work programme be noted.

5 **Chairman's Update**

The Chairman would be meeting with Allison Agius (Catalyst) next week to discuss what

information Members would be requiring from the voluntary and community sector for their meeting on 29th September 2010.

Members were informed that Councillor Beall had emailed the Chairman to state that Redhill youth club was poorly attended and was aware that staff may be leaving and was concerned about cover being provided in the meantime. Officers would look into this matter.

CONCLUDED that the update be noted.