

# Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 6th October, 2010.

**Present:** Cllr David Harrington (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman.

**Officers:** T.Frank, D.New, P.Seller, P.Surtees (CESC); P Diggins (DNS), Ms J.Douglas, N.Hart, J.Trainer (LD), Ms S.Watson (R).

**Also in attendance:** N/A

**Apologies:** Submitted on behalf of Councillors Broughton and Cherrett; Mr R.Cash (Parent Governor Representative).

## 1 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Harrington declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of the item entitled 'Youth Service Review' as a result of his membership of UNISON, who's comments on the review had been invited as part of the consultation process.

CONCLUDED that the Declaration of Interest be noted.

## 2 Youth Service Review

Consideration was given to a SWOT analysis of options identified during the Youth Service review as possible recommendations for inclusion within this Committee's final review report.

Members noted the staffing implications which would arise when commissioning services from the Voluntary & Community sector (VCS), as well as the current uncertainty regarding future grant funding.

A clear and transparent approach was also requested to be developed to assist the proposed reconfiguration of the service. Officers were requested to develop a matrix to assess suitability of settings to be retained based on key factors such as footfall and geographical spread of provision.

CONCLUDED that the draft recommendations be referred to the all member meeting on the 21st October 2010 as part of the consultation process.

## 3 Work Programme

The Chair advised that due to expected absences, it was necessary to cancel the all member meeting arranged for the 13th October 2010; and re-arrange for the 21st October 2010.

Subject to the above, it was hoped that this Committee would confirm its final report at its meeting on 10th November 2010, and report its findings to Executive Scrutiny Committee on the 16th November 2010 and Cabinet on 16th December 2010.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme be noted.

#### **4 Chair's Update**

The Chair advised that a reply had been received from the DfE following this Council's request for clarification regarding the future of Myplace and the uncertainty surrounding the North Shore development.

However, this failed to address the request to use resources more flexibly across the Borough. Further representations were being made to the Government on the matter.

The Chair thanked Members of the Committee on behalf of the Corporate Director of Children, Education & Social Care for their involvement within the recent OFSTED inspection.

CONCLUDED that the Chair's Update be noted.