

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 24th July, 2013.

Present: Cllr Carol Clark(Chairman), Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Elliot Kennedy, Cllr Terry Laing(Vice Cllr Ken Lupton) Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Tracey Stott, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley.

Officers: Lynda Brown, Jane Humphreys, Shaun McLurg, Simon Willson(CESC), Colin Morris (Stockton Local Safeguarding Childrens Board), Peter Kelly (PH), Judith Trainer and Kirsty Wannop(LDS)

Also in attendance: Heather Johnson, Angela Nottingham and Young People(Let's Take Action Group)

Apologies: Cllr Ken Lupton, Cllr Ann McCoy and Richard Amir.

1 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Norma Stephenson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the item titled - Work Programme as she was a Member of the Youth Offending Panel.

3 Minutes for Signing 20th February, 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2013 were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

4 Draft Minutes - 5th June 2013

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2013.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

5 Children and Young People - Service Overview

Members received an overview of the Children and Young People's Service. This included the following:-

- The Chair of the Stocktons Local Safeguarding Children Board presented the annual report of the board to Members. This included improvements for the future, key areas of work, child protection activity, child deaths, investigations of allegations and private fostering.
- A presentation from the young people from the Let's Take Action Group who explained their involvement and experience within the group and how they work within the group and with other young people there. They also detailed the different activities available to the group and the impact the group has on young peoples lives.
- Information from officers giving a service overview highlighting the key achievements of the last year, challenges and emerging issues.

The Committee thanked everyone for the information provided.

AGREED that the information be noted.

6 Work Programme

Members were provided with a schedule of meetings along with the topics anticipated to be considered by the Committee at each meeting.

7 Chair's Update

The Chair had nothing to update.