

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 24th June, 2009.

Present: Cllr David Harrington (Chairman), Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Dick Cains (vice Cllr Miss Barbara Inman), Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr Alan Lewis.

Officers: Shaun McLurg, Jayne Palmer (CESC); Graham Birtle, Fiona Shayler (LD).

Also in attendance: G Davies (Non Voting Co-opted Representative)

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Mr Frank, Mr Cash, Mr Campbell, Mr Lupton. Jim Bell (R).

CYP 11/09 **Declarations of Interest**

None

CYP 12/09 **Draft Minutes - 27th May and 3rd June 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th May and 3rd June 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

CYP 13/09 **Efficiency Improvement and Transformation Programme (EIT) - Review of Child Placements and Residential Care**

Members were provided with a scoping paper that highlighted baseline information for the Children's Placements Review together with performance and budget information and the structure for Children's Social Care Staff.

The review covered a huge and extremely complex area, therefore in order to provide structure to the review it was suggested that the review be broken into five areas, as follows:-

1. Fostering - Meeting to be held on 15th July with Jackie Ward, Team Manager Child Placements.
2. Adoption - To be discussed at meeting on 15th July.
3. Residential - Meeting to be held on 19th August with Joanne Moore, Resource Manager - Children and Families.
4. Children with complex needs - Meeting to be held on 26th August with Jane Harvey, Early Support Manager and Ian Edmunds, Manager of Specialist Learning Support and P Ed Psych.
5. Placements with Family and Friends - Meeting to be held on 9th September with Jackie Ward, Team Manager Child Placements.

Members discussed a recent article that had been in the press regarding comparisons between private boarding education and residential childcare. Members were informed that the Government were considering a pilot scheme. Members requested further information on this.

Discussion was held on exit interviews that were undertaken following fostering placements, a report had recently gone to the Multi Agency Looked After Partnership (MALAP) and this would be made available for Members

information.

A report had also recently been considered by MALAP regarding the Virtual School which overlooked all looked after children. It was reported that a new Head Teacher would be starting in September 2009.

Members were informed that each looked after child had a Personal Education Plan (PEP) to which Jayne Palmer robustly checked, however, there were some issues regarding the quality of content of the PEPs.

CONCLUDED that the information received be noted and the further information requested by Members be forwarded.

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Work Programme

Members requested that they receive a copy of the EIT questions prior to the next meeting. The Chair requested that any questions be circulated in advance where possible and that Members that were unable to attend should ensure that any questions be submitted in writing.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme be noted.

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Chairman's Update

Members discussed recent publicity in the press regarding the obesity agenda and requested that an email be sent by the Chairman to Elizabeth Shassere and the PCT Chairman regarding the positive progress in highlighting obesity issues.

CONCLUDED that the Chair's update be noted.