



Minutes

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE AND LEARNING SELECT COMMITTEE

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 7 April 2015, in Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury, commencing at Time Not Specified and concluding at Time Not Specified.

This meeting was webcast. To review the detailed discussions that took place, please see the webcast which can be found at <http://www.buckscc.public-i.tv/>
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MEMBERS PRESENT

Margaret Aston, John Chilver, Dev Dhillon (Vice-Chairman), Phil Gomm, Paul Irwin, Valerie Letheren (Chairman), Wendy Mallen, Robin Stuchbury, David Watson and Katrina Wood

CO-OPTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Moore

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr David Babb.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Katrina Wood requested that she be referred to as 'Ms Wood', rather than 'Mrs Wood', in the minutes.

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman attended Safeguarding Children Board on 17th March to present findings of Internet Safety Inquiry report. Cabinet on 16th March 2015 was cancelled so will be presenting it to the next meeting.

Members of the Select Committee are invited to attend as observers at future BSCB meetings.

Agreement reached on which members are to attend the improvement work streams – Chairman attended Improving Leadership, Governance & Partnerships work stream meeting on 26 March with Committee Adviser.

Letter from Edward Timpson MP sent to Leader on 25th March confirming that BCC will be able to lead its own improvement programme – this was circulated to ESC Select Committee on 26th March.

6 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

None.

7 THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Members addressed the following lines of enquiry with the Service Director and the DCI for Protecting Vulnerable People:

- Early Help Panels and early help generally
- The role of IT in the improvement journey, with a particular focus on the upgrade to ICS version 10.3 – the looked after children process in particular needed to be improved
- Social care staff recruitment and retention – there was particular interest in the news that a neighbouring authority was undertaking a significant recruitment drive; a new Head of Service appointment had been made the previous Friday
- Data – the ideal would be to have real time reporting but this was some way off. A significant amount of work had taken place on developing the performance scorecard
- What the ideal children's service would look like – this was addressed in particular to the DCI in order to get the partner perspective

Ofsted will be visiting on 8th April to evaluate the handoff from First Response to Child in Need Teams.

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8 CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Members received an update on work underway to address the issue. The Committee Adviser described how the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel had agreed on 27th March to set up a sub-committee to monitor the issue.

ACTION: CAROL DOUCH TO SUPPLY THE COMMITTEE WITH THE REPORT ON CSE THAT HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED

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9 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE YOUTH - AN ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY MODEL FOR SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Committee considered the report of the Bucks Youth Project Manager and addressed the following lines of enquiry:

- The different options considered
- Costs associated with the project
- What similar services were provided by other local authorities

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10 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme was agreed.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 5th June 2015 at 10am in Mezzanine Room 2.

CHAIRMAN