

**NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 18 January 2017 from
16.07 - 18.03**

✓	Cllr Mellen	Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years NCC
✓	Cllr Webster (Chair)	Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment and Skills NCC
	Katy Ball	Director of Commissioning and Procurement- NCC
✓	Alison Michalska	Corporate Director of Children and Adults, NCC
	Helen Blackman	Director of Children's Social Care NCC
✓	Patrick Fielding Sarah Fielding	Joint Directors of Education NCC
	Chris Wallbanks	Strategic Commissioning Manager for Children NCC
✓	Jon Rea	Engagement & Participation Lead NCC
	Claudia Kander Chelsea Owen	Representatives for Young People (Youth Cabinet)
✓	Supt Ted Antill	Nottinghamshire Police Authority
	Christine Oliver	Head, Crime and Drugs Partnership
	Sally Seeley	Director of Quality Personalisation NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group
	Phyllis Brackenbury	Nottingham CityCare Partnership, Director of Operations and Transformation
	Chris Cook	Independent Chair, Local Safeguarding Children Board
	Julie Burton	Deputy Head, National Probation Service Nottinghamshire
✓	Jackie Newton	Primary Schools' representative
✓	Sally Pearce (Seely Primary School)	
	Scott Mason (Snape Wood School)	Primary Schools' representative
	David Stewart (Oakfield School)	Special Schools' representative
	Sean Kelly (Head of Top Valley)	Secondary Schools' representative
✓	John Yarham	Chief Executive of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Futures
	Gaynor Rossiter	Jobcentre Leader and Troubled Families Employment Advisor (TFEA) Lead, DWP Job Centre Plus
✓	Stephen McLaren Maria Ward	Voluntary Sector Representatives

✓ Indicates present at meeting

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Rachel Armitage	- Youth Cabinet
Daniel Gray	- ThinkForward
John Matravers	- Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Board
Daunay Robinson	- Youth Cabinet
Dot Veitch	- Partnership Support Officer
Phil Wye	- Constitutional Services Officer
Zartasha Zahied	- Youth Cabinet

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Phyllis Brackenbury
Julie Burton
Chris Cook
Sean Kelly
Scott Mason
Steve McLaren
Gaynor Rossiter
Sally Seeley
David Stewart

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

26 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

27 SUPPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AND ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT.

Patrick Fielding, Director of Education, introduced his report which provided the Board with a summary of outcomes for 2016 in raising attainment levels in education for Children and Young People. Patrick highlighted the following:

- (a) in the Early Years Foundation Stage there is a good level of development. Nottingham is below the national average but is slowly improving, with the gap reducing and a move up the national rankings;
- (b) a phonics package has been developed to promote improvement in this area. This has raised the profile of phonics and encouraged improvement in Nottingham's rankings;
- (c) there have been improvements at Key Stage 1 assessments, with the gap reducing in reading, writing and maths;
- (d) at Key Stage 2 Nottingham has increased its ranking in both the Reading, Writing and Maths, and the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling scores. Nottingham is now at the national average for maths, which should be celebrated;

- (e) there are three measures of achievement for Key Stage 4: Progress 8, Attainment 8 and The Basics. Progress 8 and Attainment 8 cover 8 subjects and The Basics is just English and maths. Nottingham is below average for all three measures, but improving. It can be difficult for the Council to promote improvement at this stage as most schools are academies, but it can do so through Recovery Plans which recommend solutions;
- (f) a Council priority is for all children to be educated in a good or outstanding school- this figure currently stands at 82%, with Nottingham being the most improved Council in the region for this measure;
- (g) school attendance has improved , with targets being exceeded and the city moving up national league tables. The Council puts pressure on schools and academies to ensure that children attend school regularly and celebrates high attendance through the Lord Mayor's awards programme;
- (h) the Education Improvement Board is chaired by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nottingham and has key stakeholders from the Council, universities and colleges. It is pushing to kick-start citywide initiatives on attendance, literacy, maths, transition and teacher recruitment.

RESOLVED to note the content of the report

28 NOTTINGHAM CITY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

John Matravers, Service Manager, Safeguarding Partnerships, introduced the report and highlighted the following:

- (a) this report relates to 2015/16, but it is the most up-to-date information available. In future the Safeguarding Children Board will aim to distribute this report at an earlier date. This report has also been shortened from previous years' to make it more legible;
- (b) the report provides a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of the Safeguarding Children Board and local work to keep children and young people safe;
- (c) key topics and emerging themes include engagement, neglect, physical abuse, the Prevent agenda, asylum seekers, financial pressures and safeguarding education;
- (d) improvements this year include the engagement of a dedicated Chair, development of a challenge log, improved representation on sub-groups, development of the Dedicated Safeguarding Leads network, and embedding the Signs of Safety approach;

The Board were then shown a short animated video which has been developed by the Safeguarding Children Board and the Clinical Commissioning Group, encouraging a change of culture in recording children who do not come to reviews and appointments from 'Did not Attend' to 'Was not Brought'. The video can be found online: <https://vimeo.com/196256529>

29 THINK FORWARD

Daniel Gray, Think Forward, gave a presentation to the Board, highlighting the following:

- (a) ThinkForward is a charity that started in London, and aims to prevent children and young people becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training). The lifetime cost of a NEET cohort has been estimated at £35 billion, which is five times the annual government spend on targeted services for young people. NEET young people are also three times more likely to have depression and five times more likely to have a criminal record;
- (b) ThinkForward's long term aim is to provide young people with the skills for sustained employment. It promotes good attendance, behaviour and academic progression in school. The programme uses coaching and provides a dedicated coach for the most disadvantaged young people from ages 13 to 18. It also works with businesses to provide opportunities for young people in order to improve their employability;
- (c) at the moment the coaches are working in four schools in Nottingham, providing one to one coaching, enrichment activities and business engagement. The coaches work with those most at risk of unemployment based on figures for attendance, behaviour, academic progress, SEN status and care status in year 8, and through consultation with the schools;
- (d) a young person's readiness for work is measured using eight categories, with everything being tailored to achieve these. The programme in London has resulted in positive outcomes for the young people, with 90% in work, university or college;

The following answers were given during the discussion which followed:

- (e) the funding for ThinkForward comes from schools, but also charity donations, grants and partnerships with businesses;
- (f) in Nottingham the programme has only been running for its first term on a five year programme. There has been interest from further schools;
- (g) the coaching sessions do not usually take place during school lesson time. They are mostly after school or during school holidays.

RESOLVED to thank Daniel for his presentation.

30 PARTNER UPDATE: FUTURES ADVICE, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

John Yarham, CEO, Futures Advice, Skills and Employment, gave a presentation to the Board highlighting the following:

- (a) Futures is a social enterprise, part owned by Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. Due to budget cuts, it has had to adapt and develop in recent years;
- (b) Futures works in every city secondary school and with every 14-19 year old, but mostly with those at risk of becoming NEET. In Nottingham City, 2.82% of Year 11 school

leavers go on to be NEET and 0.55% are unknown;

- (c) the Aspire Education Business Partnership links businesses with schools and has worked successfully with 21 primary schools, 16 secondary schools and 3 special schools to raise aspiration, attainment and employability;
- (d) there are currently 1927 young people being worked with in all 22 city secondary schools who are at most risk of becoming NEET. There are likely to be other young people where it is not known if they are in employment or training which is a concern, but Nottingham's number of unknowns is the lowest of any major city;
- (e) one issue which requires further input is a focus on those young people who are less at risk of becoming NEET but who have low aspirations.

The Board were then shown a short video highlighting the work of Futures, which can be found online: <https://youtu.be/m7cKXg2-r2c>

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (f) work begins at Key Stage 2 in primary schools, with Aspire working with around 20 primary schools and pupils being linked with employers. It is important that this continues throughout schooling;
- (g) there is a problem of low ambition in parts of Nottingham with low awareness of non-traditional and alternative careers;
- (h) the voluntary sector and the Youth Cabinet may be able to help to engage with unknown young people.

RESOLVED to thank John for his presentation.

31 YOUTH CABINET QUARTER 3 REPORT

Jon Rea, Engagement and Participation Lead, introduced the report which gave an update of Quarter 3 activity of the Youth Cabinet and associated work under the CYP Participation in Governance Plan. Jon highlighted the following:

- (a) the Participation in Governance theme this term has been Learning and Earning – Education Work and Training, with conversations around life skills and opportunities, and helping young people to connect to activities available in the city;
- (b) In November the Youth Cabinet hosted a special conference for secondary school students around transition, both from primary to secondary school and from secondary school to further education. 9 different secondary schools participated and it is hoped this can be repeated as it is a good way to maintain relationships between the council and secondary academies;
- (c) there were two successful Primary Parliament events in November at the Council House around the theme of Learning and Earning. Partners included the Library Service and Opportunity Notts;

- (d) in November eight young people from the Children in Care Council took part in the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Day, by working with Councillors, MPs, Council managers the Communications and Marketing Team and Loxley restaurant. It is hoped that this can be repeated and that Partners can be involved;
- (e) a plan of engagement for young people in city special schools and learning support units has now been put in place for Quarter 4. This will be co-produced with students from Oak Field School;
- (f) the Youth Cabinet is planning for the next financial year, with mental health, healthy weight, exclusion, financial education and play and youth work identified as issues;

Jon mentioned that the Council continues to support the National Citizenship Service (NCS), including for Children in Care and Care Leavers. Members mentioned that most participants in the local area come from the Nottinghamshire county area rather than the city, as barriers exist such as the £50 cost and social barriers like peer pressure. However, there are bursaries available for low income families, and overall participant numbers have increased.

Jon also thanked the current Sherriff of Nottingham, Councillor Jackie Morris, for her general support of the participation agenda.

RESOLVED to

- (1) recognise the work done by the Youth Cabinet and associated participation forums in enabling and empowering children and young people to have a voice in decision making processes;**
- (2) use the CYP Participation in Governance programme to engage with children and young people in order to involve them in decision making.**

32 KEY MESSAGES AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Councillor Sam Webster congratulated Chris Cook on behalf of the Board for receiving an OBE for services to children.

Alison Michalska informed the Board that there will be an Ofsted inspection at the Council for 2 weeks, beginning Monday 23rd January. This will mainly focus on social work.

The coroner's inquest into the death of Shanay Walker will begin in February and this is likely to attract press interest.

33 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan was noted