

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES

of meeting held on 26 JANUARY 2011 at

Loxley House from 4.07 pm to 5.43 pm

indicates present at meeting

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| Councillor David Mellen | - Chair of the Board and Portfolio Holder for Children's Services |))) | |
| Jane Todd | - Chief Executive |) | |
| Councillor Jon Collins | - Leader |) | Nottingham City Council |
| Ian Curryer | - Corporate Director of Children's Services |)) | |
| Katy Ball | - Head of Early Intervention and Market Development |) | |
| Ron Buchanan | - Chair |) | |
| Andrew Kenworthy | - Chief Executive |) | NHS Nottingham City |
| Lucy Davidson | - |) | |
| Paul Scarrott | - Assistant Chief Constable | - | Nottinghamshire Police Authority |
| Peter Linford | - Chair | - | CONGA (City of Nottingham Governors' Association) |
| Jane Geraghty | - Chief Officer | - | Nottinghamshire Probation Service |
| Heather Sahman | - Regional Change Agent | - | Strategic Health Authority |
| Graham Sheppard | - District Manager |) | Job Centre Plus |
| Anne Danvers | - |) | |
| Margaret McGlade | - Chair | - | Local Safeguarding Children's Board |
| Steve McLaren | - SOVA Project Manager | - | On behalf of the Community and Voluntary Sector |
| Mike Butler | - Chief Executive | - | Djanogly City Academy |
| Malcolm Cowgill | - | - | Castle College |

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| Jill Robey | - Head Teacher | - Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre |
| Jane-Belinda Francis | - Head Teacher | - Springfield Primary School |
| Andy Sloan | - Head Teacher | - Rosehill School (Special School representation) |
| Gareth Owen | - Head Teacher | - Hadden Park High School |
| Lauren Dewey |) Youth Council | |
| Dwayne Francis |) | |
| Aaron Riley |) | |

Also in attendance

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| Geoff Jenkins | - Head of Service – Insight and Improvement |) |
| Rachel Mottram | - Constitutional Services Officer |) Nottingham City Council |
| Mandy Smith | - Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and Lead Professional Manager |) |
| Dr Liz Didcock | - Consultant Paediatrician and CDOP Chair | |
| Nigel Cooke | - Chief Executive, One Nottingham | |
| Sheila Wright | - Probation Trust, Nottinghamshire | |

Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Collins (on other City Council business), Andrew Kenworthy (NHS Nottingham City), Candida Brudenell (Nottingham City Council), Graham Sheppard (Job Centre Plus), Mike Butler (Djagnoly Academy) and Jane Geraghty (Nottinghamshire Probation Service).

74 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

75 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to the inclusion of Ms J B Francis (Springfield Primary School) apologies being recorded, the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 October 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

76 MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP SENIOR OFFICERS GROUP (SOG)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children's Partnership Senior Officers Group dated 6 December, 8 November and 11 October 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be noted.

77 ONE NOTTINGHAM (ON) GOVERNANCE

Nigel Cooke, Chief Executive of ON provided a presentation on the review of ON governance. The review updated the structure and worked within the context of Localism and the end of Comprehensive Area and Local Area Agreements.

The following key points were made:

- the partnership context had changed radically since the partnership governance arrangements were introduced;
- the relevance of all current partnership structures were in question;
- the Government had made clear its intention to remove a range of structures but had not yet made announcements about or issued any guidance on its intentions for Local Strategic Partnerships;
- the proposed structure made suggestions as follows:
 - maintain a Board at City wide level;
 - introduce three partnership forums plus a city centre/business forum;
 - the new Theme Partnerships to communicate directly into the City Council governance structure and to the ON Board;
 - facilitate a simplified partnership and City Council communication structure;
 - question the number of and the relationship with the Theme Partnerships;
 - it implied that the role of the Neighbourhood Nottingham was shared across all of the partnerships and that the VCS engagement was not constrained by engagement only in the Neighbourhood partnership;
 - it anticipated that the role of the area committees and potentially local area forums would be reviewed;
- the timeline for consultation had been extended due to the health legislation.

The following comments and information were provided:

- the Nottingham Plan was a long term plan and no changes to consultation and engagement were proposed, merely changes to make it more effective;

- the Youth Council would be able to contribute to the review planned of the Children and Young People's Plan for this year;
- with nearly all partners facing reduced budgets, it was even more important to work in partnership to make use of resources more effectively;
- a review of some of partnerships membership and participation would be welcomed.

RESOLVED that the proposed consultation be agreed and comments made regarding partnership working be noted.

78 CHILD DEATH OVERVIEW PANEL (CDOP)

Dr Liz Didcock, Consultant Paediatrician and Chair of the Child Death Overview Panel, presented the report to the Board.

The following key information was provided:

- two main elements of work carried out by the Panel was rapid response to unexpected child deaths and overview and review of all child deaths;
- since 2008 a disciplinary panel carried out the reviews, looking for patterns of death in terms of age and gender;
- there remained an issue with sleeping environments, particularly with young parents;
- recommendations were made after each review, i.e. improved staff training;
- there had been an increased risk of death from herpes simplex and raising awareness of this condition was important;
- an action log was monitored and evidence taken back to the Panel to make sure action had been taken;
- regular meetings took place with CDOP chairs and managers in the region that proved to be very helpful when looking at patterns and trends.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the CDOP report to the Children's Partnership Board annually;**
- (2) that the review of bed and breakfast accommodation to promote safe sleeping for infants be promoted, noted and referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to ask them to consider carrying out a review on this matter;**
- (3) that the public health campaign in respect of neonatal herpes simplex be noted and a request for assistance from the Board be referred to the Executive Director, NHS Nottingham City;**
- (4) that Senior Officers ensure that headlines from child death review are fed into relevant commissioning intentions in the future, to ensure that services commissioned are fit for purpose and improve safeguarding and quality across the partnership.**

79 COMMON ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK (CAF)– REFINED TARGETS

(Director of Nursing and Quality, NHS Nottingham City and Assistant Director of Commissioning – Children, NHS Nottingham City)

Mandy Smith, CAF and Lead Professional Manager, presented the report to the Board.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the recommended target groups for CAF assessments be adopted;**
- (2) that a phased implementation as detailed in options 2 and 3 be agreed;**
- (3) that the Children's Partnership and their agencies support monitoring of the target groups by providing statistical data in relation to their CAF activity, including naming a Senior Officer responsible for doing so.**

80 THE COALITION GOVERNMENT UPDATE

(Head of Insight and Improvement)

Geoff Jenkins, Policy and Planning Manager presented the report to the Board.

The following key information was provided:

- the government settlement would have an impact for children and young people which highlighted the importance of partnership working;
- appendix 3 to the report set out the proposed commissioning powers that local authorities would be the primary commissioners for;
- studies had shown that where the Education Maintenance Allowance had been withdrawn, those affected did not go into alternative employment;
- Total Place to Community Based Budgeting could help spend more effectively;
- the pupil premium approach would result in an overall loss of £2m;
- all partners were having to prioritise resources.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

81 CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD FORWARD PLAN

(Independent Chair of the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Board NCSCB)

RESOLVED that the following items be considered at the next meeting in May 2011:

- (1) 2011 Proposed Partnership Operation;**
- (2) Review of the Children and Young Peoples Plan;**
- (3) Local Safeguarding Children's Board Update;**
- (4) Child Poverty;**
- (5) Year of Reading Progress;**
- (6) Implications of Spending Review and Government Announcements;**
- (7) Key Messages.**

82 KEY MESSAGES

The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services highlighted the following key messages:

- the OFSTED inspection of safeguarding and looked after children came out as good which was very encouraging;
- the inspection report for Health had not been published but it was anticipated this would also be good;
- the annual Children's Services Assessment had moved back to performing adequately, an appeal had been lodged but the authority had been advised that the assessment was the national methodology and would not be re-evaluated;
- the Year of Reading campaign had been launched, this aimed to build on the work already carried out by schools and would enhance reading chances for all communities. As part of the campaign, the Big Book Drop was being held on 8 February, 6pm at Loxley House for Council employees and partners to donate some of their favourite children's books.

The Head of Children's Trust and Early Intervention Manager gave some brief details about the independent review into early intervention taking place at central government.

83 FUTURE MEETING DATES

RESOLVED that the Board meet at 4.00 pm on the following Wednesdays in the 2011/12 municipal year:

2011

25 May

29 June

28 September

21 December

2012

28 March