

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES

of meeting held on **4 OCTOBER 2011** at

Loxley House from 4.04 pm to 5.55 pm

✓ indicates present at meeting

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| ✓ Councillor David Mellen | - Chair of the Board
and Portfolio Holder for
Children's Services |)
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| 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 |) | |
| Chris Wallbanks | - Programme Manager Early
Intervention and
Partnerships |) | |
| Ron Buchanan | - Chair |) | NHS Nottingham City |
| ✓ Shirley Smith | - Assistant Director of
Commissioning –
Community Services |) | |
| ✓ Paul Scarrott | - Assistant Chief Constable | - | Nottinghamshire Police |
| ✓ Wendy Smith | - Chair | - | CONGA (City of Nottingham
Governors' Association) |
| ✓ Alan Goude (on behalf
of Jane Geraghty) | - Chief Officer | - | Nottinghamshire Probation
Service |
| Heather Sahman | - Regional Change Agent | - | Strategic Health Authority |
| Graham Sheppard | - District Manager | - | Job Centre Plus |
| Margaret McGlade | - Chair | - | Local Safeguarding Children's
Board |
| ✓ Steve McLaren | - Urban Angel Project
Manager | - | On behalf of the Community
and Voluntary Sector |
| Mike Butler | - Chief Executive | - | Djanogly City Academy |
| ✓ Malcolm Cowgill | - | - | Castle College |

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 Davey)	
Jamie Mansell) Youth Council	
Aaron Riley)	
Darrell Redmond		Nottingham Equal

Also in attendance

Dr Peter Cansfield	- Deputy Director of Public Health	- NHS Nottingham City
Rachel Mottram	- Constitutional Services Officer	- Nottingham City Council
John Rea	- Strategic Lead for Engagement and Participation	- Nottingham City Council
John Yarham	- Director of Economic Innovation and Employment	- Nottingham City Council
Diana Corbett	Early Intervention Support Officer	Nottingham City Council

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

12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jon Collins and Jane Todd (Nottingham City Council), Mike Butler (Djagnoly City Academy), Jane Geraghty (Nottingham Probation Service), Ron Buchanan (NHS Nottingham City), Jamie Mansell and Aaron Riley (Youth Council).

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

14 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 29 June 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

15 SENIOR OFFICERS GROUP MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children's Partnership Senior Officers Group dated 11 July 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be noted.

16 CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT – QUARTER ONE

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Commissioning and Insight, Quality and Commissioning, copies of which had been circulated.

Ian Curryer, Corporate Director for Children and Families presented the report and the following key information was highlighted:

- safeguarding had shown good and in some cases excellent performance;
- OFSTED inspections of children's centres were good or outstanding;
- 86% of schools achieved the healthy school status;
- youth offending figures were 43% lower than the 2005 baseline target;
- in Key Stage 2, 70% of pupils achieved level 4 in English and Maths, a 3% increase on the previous year's figure;
- permanent exclusions had reduced and all statements continued to be completed within the required timescales;
- young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) figures were dropping year on year and at June 2011 were at 484;
- demand for social care was high;
- 82% of care leavers were in suitable accommodation, the authority would continue to work to achieve 100%;
- although all primary age school children could be offered a school place, this was not necessarily where the parent wanted and there was pressure on places, particularly in Aspley and Wollaton;
- primary school absence rates were high at 6.4% for 2010/11 with the national rate at 5.2%;
- the number of children perceived to be living in poverty had increased and this was partly attributed to the rise in unemployment figures.

The latest headlines for Quarter 2 were reported as follows:

- attainment results had improved;
- 10 academies had been established that could represent challenging times for the authority;
- a common attendance procedure was proposed to be used across the city to improve attendance rates.

The Chair then asked for the Board members and others present at the meeting to form three separate groups in order to discuss the concerns of child poverty, attendance at primary schools and the high demand for social care and suggest ideas as to how best to tackle the issues raised.

The key points highlighted from the discussions held by the three groups were:

Child Poverty

- raising aspirations was a central strand and changing children's and parents' attitudes;
- creation of apprenticeships was highlighted as a key area for the authority to work on.

Attendance

- many schools already had creative ways of rewarding attendance;
- many parents did not understand about applying for school places when they moved address;
- a common attendance protocol could provide data from statistical neighbours to see what processes they had in place;
- the youth council were undertaking peer research and feedback on this would be welcomed.

Social Care

- a whole raft of initiatives were in place that worked and it was now being considered how these could be scaled up for minimum cost;
- retaining and maintaining a family focus, professional networks using strategies and working together;
- driving better outcomes through commissioning.

RESOLVED that the Q1 performance report be noted with particular attention to the summary slides for the operational objectives relevant to the five year 1/2 priorities of the Children and Young Peoples Plan as follows:

- **Stronger Safeguarding: Operational Objectives 1 & 2**
- **Healthy Living: Operational Objective 7**
- **Reducing substance misuse: Operational Objective 9**
- **Raising Attainment: Operational Objectives 11 & 12**
- **Improving Attendance Operational Objective 12.**

17 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Quality and Commissioning, copies of which had been circulated.

The Programme Manager for Early Intervention and Partnerships explained that in March, the Senior Officer's Group approved a project plan for the review and update of the CYPP and the draft proposals discussed in May. The amended CYPP with incorporated changes from submissions received from the public consultation and a workshop held in August was circulated with the report as Appendix 3.

Key points following the review were highlighted as follows:

- continuing to work to the priorities established in 2010, which were:
 - stronger safeguarding
 - healthy living
 - reducing substance abuse
 - raising attainment
 - improving attendance
- promotion of Science City as a means of widening the horizons for children;

- adoption of cross cutting principles including raising aspirations and working with others to build a city for children and for families;
- review of the Partnerships membership and terms of reference and ensuring that the SOG and the Board were aligned with the emerging governance structures in health and well-being.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the submissions received on the review and the proposed responses as set out in appendix 1 to the report be noted;**
- (2) that the Equality Screening and proposed changes to the Plan as set out in appendix 2 to the report be noted;**
- (3) that the revised CYPP 2010-14 (year 2) in appendix 3 to the report be adopted and a work programme be requested for SOG that reflected the year 2 priorities and other recommended changes;**
- (4) that the revised Children and Young Peoples Plan be accepted.**

18 HEALTHY WEIGHT STRATEGY FOR NOTTINGHAM CITY 2011-2020

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director for Children and Families, copies of which had been circulated.

Dr Peter Cansfield gave a presentation to the Board on the final version of the Healthy Weight Strategy.

The following key points were made:

- the strategy built on existing work, bringing together adults and children;
- healthy weight was an key issue for everyone with obesity rates climbing in all age groups and doubling in adults in the last 25 years;
- if rates continued the majority of Britain would be obese by 2050;
- the strategy had 5 strategic objectives as follows:
 - tackle the 'obesity promoting' environment in which our citizens live, play, learn and work;
 - give all children the best start and tackle the inter-generational issue of healthy weight in families;
 - address causes that put particular groups at greater risk of obesity;
 - offer incentive support for children and adults who want to lose weight;
 - develop a workforce that is competent, confident and effective in promoting healthy weight;
- targets had been written into the Nottingham Plan to halt the rise and then reduce the prevalence of child obesity in Nottingham to 18% in children by 2020 and reduce the proportion of overweight and obese adults in Nottingham to 60% by 2020;
- a behaviour change was required to make people think about the environment they lived in and the services they received;

- a link could be made with planning applications to feed health comments into the application process;
- work in schools was ongoing to promote a healthy lifestyle;
- targeted work involved referring families to the Active Families Programme and Cook and Eat workshops;
- access to Slimming World was available by referral for 14/15 year olds.

Following comments and questions by the board, the following additional information was provided:

- the focus of the strategy was on tackling overweight and obesity in Nottingham in order to help people maintain a healthy weight, whilst some of the measures also addressed the issue of underweight, malnutrition and eating disorders were addressed by other services;
- the areas of intervention covered all different levels to meet both physical and mental needs related to being overweight;
- different ethnic groups were treated within all of the different activities offered;
- a pilot to offer free school meals to all children with parents having to opt out could be trialled to encourage take up of free school meals;
- commissioning through the voluntary sector did take place and they were used wherever possible;
- a tender process was carried out to ensure value for money when appointing Slimming World to use as the referral company and feedback had proven that it was effective.

RESOLVED that the final Healthy Weight Strategy be endorsed.

19 UPDATE ON SCIENCE CITY ENGAGEMENT WORK

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director for Children and Families, copies of which had been circulated.

The Director of Economic Development gave a presentation and the following key information was provided:

- the science sector was extremely important for the City as a huge area for development and further growth;
- plans were in place for a further science park and medipark;
- there had been a resurgence of interest in science within education;
- work to establish the scope of a Science City-branded award scheme was in progress;
- the purpose of the award scheme was to recognise work undertaken by participating schools in developing a pro-active relationship with one or more local Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) companies.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the progress made in developing plans to promote a science culture in Nottingham, including promoting the Science City brand be noted;**

- (2) that the benefits of the award programme be agreed in principle and the idea of a pilot scheme as a way of testing the efficacy and outcomes of the approach be supported;
- (3) that the benefits of the PLACES programme and the impact this would have on future partnership work be noted;
- (4) that the resources needed to ensure effective Science City engagement and promotion work be noted.

20 CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED that the following items be considered at 7 December meeting:

December 2011

- Feedback from Youth Council;
- Early Intervention;
- Total Place;
- Safeguarding report;
- CAF Performance presentation;
- Proposed partnership;
- CYP Review – Safeguarding priority;
- Key Messages.

21 CHANGE OF NEXT MEETING DATE

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 7 December 2011 at 4.00pm.