

## **Lancashire County Council**

### **Children's Services Scrutiny Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th July, 2017 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston**

#### **Present:**

County Councillor Andrea Kay (Chair)

#### **County Councillors**

N Hennessy	D Howarth
I Brown	H Khan
A Cheetham	J Rear
S Clarke	D T Smith
L Cox	M Tomlinson
A Gardiner	

#### **Co-opted members**

Alison Taylor, Children's Partnership Board - Fylde, Wyre and Lancashire North  
Councillor Stella Brunskill, Children's Partnership Board - Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Rossendale

Councillor Stella Brunskill permanently replaced Elaine Shinks on the Children Services Scrutiny Committee and County Councillor Stephen Clarke replaced County Councillor Joe Cooney for this meeting.

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Debra Wilson, Children's Partnership Board, Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancs.

#### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were disclosed.

### **3. Constitution: Membership; Chair and Deputy Chair; and Terms of Reference of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee**

The Committee was presented with a report setting out the constitution, membership, chair and deputy chair and terms of reference of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The appointment of County Councillors Andrea Kay and Nikki Hennessy as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year be noted.
- ii. The new Membership of the Committee following the County Council's Annual Meeting on 25 May 2017 be noted; and
- iii. The updated Terms of Reference of the Committee be noted.

### **4. Minutes from the meeting held on 1 March 2017**

**Resolved:** That the minutes from the meeting held on the 1 March 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the chair.

### **5. Lancashire Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Offer**

The Chair welcomed Debbie Duffell, Head of Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help, to the meeting.

Members were informed that the Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (WPEHS) brought together a number of former services that work with children, young people and families, including Children's Centres, Young People's Service, Prevention and Early Help and Lancashire's response to the national Troubled Families Unit Programme.

A range of areas were discussed by the Committee, including the service delivery model, integrated working principles and the referral pathways. Members noted that as the services only became operational from 1 April 2017, it would be beneficial to receive a further update on the service provision at a future meeting of the Committee.

Members were advised that in relation to working with GP's across Lancashire, the service had clustered the 12 Districts into 5 and each cluster had a locality manager making contact with the GPs.

With regards to the question around recruitment to the WPEHS, it was confirmed that there were capacities and vacancies across Lancashire which were currently being addressed.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The report and comments be noted.
- ii. An update report be presented to the Committee at a future meeting.

## **6. Work Plan 2017/18**

The work plan for the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee for the 2017/18 year was presented and included topics identified at the work planning workshop held on 21 June 2017.

Members discussed and confirmed the items and intended outcomes for the next meeting of the Committee.

Members were informed that the Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report would be circulated for members to identify any areas they would like to come back to the Committee for further discussion.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The report and comments be noted.
- ii. The topic(s) for the next scheduled meeting be confirmed; and
- iii. The information required for each topic to be considered at the next scheduled meeting be identified.

## **7. Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

## **8. Date of the Next Meeting and Future Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee will take place on Wednesday 6 September at 2:00pm in Cabinet Room C (The Duke of Lancaster Room) at the County Hall, Preston. Future meeting dates were noted.

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