

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

MEETING, 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018

Present – Councillors Shaikh (Chairman), Murray (Vice-Chairman), Ayub, Bagnall, Dean, Flitcroft, Gibbon, Ibrahim, Kirk-Robinson, Morris, Parkinson, Swarbrick, Warren and C. Wild.

### Also in attendance

Councillor Cunliffe	- Executive Cabinet Member – Children
Mr G. Rowney	- Interim Director of People
Mr. T. Birch	- Assistant Director of People (Education and Learning)
Ms B. Brown	- Assistant Director of People (Staying Safe)
Mr P. Rankin	- Assistant Director of People (Performance, Planning and Resources)
Mrs. S. Bailey	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Gillies and Irving.

Councillor Shaikh in the Chair.

### **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of the Health Overview, Adult Services and Children's Scrutiny Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be received and signed as a correct record.

## **2. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee received presentations from the Interim Director of People on the big issues and priorities relevant to the remit of this Scrutiny Committee to aid members in their deliberations on possible work programme items.

In addition to the presentations members were provided with information on the following:-

- the Committee remit; and
- details of issues to be taken into account when putting forward work programme items.

In terms of possible items for inclusion in the 2018/19 work programme, members put forward the following suggestions:-

- Looked after Children – leaving care, overview of process, in-Borough placements, achievements and measuring progress;
- Early Intervention Strategy;
- Positive Parenting Programme;
- School readiness;
- Safeguarding;
- Child Sexual Exploitation, trafficking, missing children;
- Female Genital Mutilation;
- Young carers;
- Obesity, sugar, school meals, physical activity, healthy eating;
- Ofsted Inspection - recommendations and improvements;
- Pupil places and pressures;
- Exclusions – patterns, numbers;
- Provision of recreational facilities;
- Crime and anti-social behaviour and early intervention;
- Lack of resources;
- Emotional wellbeing, mental health services for children and the CAMHS Service;
- LGBT provision – training, equality, diversity;
- Effectiveness of virtual schools;
- Start Well services – effectiveness, engagement;

- UCAN Centre useage;
- Regional Adoption Agency – post order therapeutic services, effectiveness; and
- Free schools, academies, budgets, audits, advice, role of Local Authority and ensuring good standards of education.

Resolved – (i) That the various documents and presentations be noted.

(ii) That the suggested work programme items be noted and that discussions be now held with the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of this Committee and the Interim Director of People and a draft programme be prepared for submission to the next meeting.

#### **4. MEMBERS BUSINESS**

The Committee received the extracts of minutes of other meetings of the Council relevant to the remit of this Committee:-

- the Executive Cabinet Member - Deputy Leader's Portfolio held on 9<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

Resolved – That the minutes of the various meetings be noted.

(The meeting started at 6.00pm and finished at 7.00pm)