

CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 16TH OCTOBER, 2014

Present – Councillors McKeon (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Fairclough, Mrs Swarbrick and Mrs Thomas.

Also in Attendance

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| Mrs M. Asquith | - | Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Mr J. Livesey | - | Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Mr. Y. Islam | - | Head of Service (ACIS) |
| Ms J. Hampson | - | Business and Development Manager |
| Mrs V. Ridge | - | Deputy Democratic Services Manager |

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ashcroft and Watters (Chairman).

Councillor McKeon in the Chair.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Policy Development Group held on 13th May, 2014 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

2. CHANGING CONTEXT FOR SCHOOLS

Mr J. Livesey and Mr Y. Islam attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the changing context for schools in terms of rising population and birth rates and the key issues and challenges faced by schools as a result.

The presentation highlighted:

- the increasing number of live births from 1999 to 2012;
- the increasing National birth rates from 1999 to 2012;
- birth characteristics;
- Bolton birth rates – primary intake;
- Bolton birth rates – secondary intake;

- Bolton birth rates by ward; and
- Births in Bolton to mothers born outside the UK.

The presentation also outlined the work ongoing in Bolton to support International New Arrivals and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller children and made particular reference to the role of ACIS (the Achievement, Cohesion and Integration Service) who played a key part in the successful admission of International New Arrivals and Gypsy, Roma and Travellers into school and provided support for families transferring into schools and to schools receiving children. Details of other multi agencies who assisted in this process were also provided.

It was agreed that Mr Livesey and Mr Islam be thanked for their informative presentation.

(The meeting started at 4.00 p.m. and finished at 4.10 p.m.)