

CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 25TH MAY, 2011

Present – Councillors Ashcroft, L. Byrne, Gillies, McKeon, Peel, Radlett (as deputy for Councillor Mrs. Swarbrick), Rushton, Mrs. Thomas and Wild.

Also in Attendance

Ms. M. Asquith	-	Director of Children's Services
Mr. D. Grogan	-	Assistant Director Children's Services
Mr. J. Livesey	-	Assistant Director Children's Services
Mr. J. Daly	-	Assistant Director Children's Services
Mr. D. Smith	-	Policy Accountant
Mrs. V. Ridge	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Murray and Mrs. Swarbrick.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that Councillor McKeon be appointed Chairman of the Policy Development Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor McKeon here took the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that Councillor Gillies be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Policy Development Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Policy Development Group held on 14th March, 2011 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

4. SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES

Mr. J. Livesey, Assistant Director of Children's Services, gave a presentation to members which provided an update on the progress of the Children's Services Savings and Efficiencies Programme and also provided details on those papers which would be coming through the process in June, 2011.

Members were reminded that the total savings target for the Children's Services department amounted to £16.8 million of which £11.2 million needed to be found in 2011/2012 and £5.6 million in 2012/2013.

Information was provided regarding the proposed savings which related to the following services, viz:

- Restructure of the Early Years Quality and Improvement Team;
- Cessation of the Graduate Leader Fund;
- Information Management;
- Training and Development;
- Lifelong Learning;
- ECM Cluster Coordinators;
- Parenting; and
- Outdoor Education and Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

It was agreed that the presentation be noted.

(The meeting started at 2.00 p.m. and finished at 2.40 p.m.)