CHILDREN'S AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 17TH JUNE, 2015

Present – Councillors Dean (Chairman), Wild (Vice-Chairman), Gillies, Graham, Hall, Haworth, Hornby, Iqbal, Jones, Kirk-Robinson, Martin, Murray, Shaikh, Sherrington, Spencer and Watters.

Also in attendance

Ms. M. Raja	-	Co-opted Member
Mr S. Dunne	-	Co-opted Member
Councillor Mrs. Thomas	-	Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader's Portfolio
Mr. J. Livesey	-	Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services
Mr. J. Daly	-	Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services
Mr. D. Smith	-	Acting Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services
Mr. T. Birch	-	Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services
Ms. J. Spencer	-	Head of Library and Museum Service
Mrs. S. Bailey	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors McKeon and Cunliffe.

Councillor Dean in the Chair.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Children's and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee held on 8th April, 2015 were submitted.

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

2. MONITORING OF DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which detailed the progress of decisions taken at previous meetings of this Committee

Resolved - That the position be noted.

3. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received presentations from the Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services 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;
- the Work Programmes for the previous Municipal Year;
- details of issues to be taken into account when putting forward work programme items; and
- matters carried forward from the last Municipal Year.

In terms of possible items for inclusion in the 2015/2016 work programme, members put forward the following suggestions:-

Children's Services

- The links between the cuts being made to children's centres compared with other council programmes;
- Early Years Provision;
- The impact of the new and existing free child care provision;

- The situation with EH and Care Plans;
- Review of 16 to 18 year olds staying in education, employment or training;
- An update from the Bolton University;
- The financial implications for the department and the impact on services;
- The impact of Academies; and
- The situation with regard to Child Sexual Exploitation.

Culture

- The promotion of the new Egyptology Exhibition;
- The impact of the budget cuts on Youth and Play Service;
- The budget pressures; and
- The involvement of community groups;

Sports

- Update on Bolton Leisure Trust

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 Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services 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 Deputy Leader's Portfolio held on 13th April and 8th June, 2015

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

(The meeting started at 5.00pm and finished at 6.30pm)