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Minutes of the **MEETING of the CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose on Thursday, 20th September, 2018 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Ms R Burkitt (Chair)
Mr I Arnold
Mr E Baines
Mr K Bool
Mr A Lowe

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Ms G Curtis	Head of Learning and Skills
Ms S Hickman	Early Years Foundation Stage Advisor
Dr T O'Neill	Strategic Director for People
Mr R Shore	Team Manager – Learning and Skills
Mr K Silcock	Governance Officer

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R Foster	Portfolio Holder for Safeguarding – children & Young People, Armed Forces Champion
Mr A Walters	Portfolio Holder for Safeguarding – Adults, Public Health, Health Commissioning, Community Safety & Road Safety
Mr J Harrison	Head of Harington School
Mr S Jones	Plant Manager – Hanson Cement
Ms J Meenaghan	Principal of New College Stamford
Mr S Redding	Managing Director – Octopus Computers

276 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr M Oxley and Mr A Menzies.

277 RECORD OF MEETING

The minutes of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel held on 21 June 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

278 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Arnold declared a personal interest as his wife was a Governor for Catmose College and was the Vice-Principal for Corby Technical School.

Mr Walters declared a personal interest as he had children at Harrington School, and had previously been hired as a photographer for Hanson Cement.

279 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

No petitions, deputations or questions had been received.

280 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No questions with notice had been received from Members.

281 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No notices of motion had been received from Members.

282 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE PANEL FOR A DECISION IN RELATION TO CALL IN OF A DECISION

No matter had been referred to the Panel for a decision in relation to a call-in of a decision in accordance with Procedure Rule 206.

283 CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT 2018

Report No. 155/2018 was received from the Strategic Director for People.

Ms Curtis introduced the report, the purpose of which was to report to the panel with assurance that there was currently sufficient childcare to meet the requirements of parents and carers and that the Learning and Skills Service is undertaking a range of planned activities to manage the market and maintain sufficient capacity within the system.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Two new childcare provisions would hopefully be setup by January 2018, with one at Kendrew Barracks, and the other at Oakham Enterprise Park. Both would be able to take 50 children.

- ii. Ms Curtis noted that her team were keen to engage with as many parties as possible regarding childcare assessment. There had been a good response from Oakham, Ryhall, and Uppingham, but the team hoped to meet more parents and would look to work with parish councils and schools. The main issue with collecting data was it was only being done at one particular time of year whereas it would be better if gathered over time.

RESOLVED

That the Panel **NOTED** the report.

284 LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD: ANNUAL REPORT

Report No. 162/2018 was received from the Independent Chair of the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB).

Mr James Fox, Business Manager for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Boards, introduced the report. The purpose of which was to seek the views of the Panel on the draft Annual Report 2017/18 for the LRLSCB.

During discussion, the following points were noted:

- i. The Panel noted that a lot of the data was negative, and that the information was six months old. Mr Fox would look to find further information and analysis of any changes that may have occurred since the data was collated, and would include this as an addendum to the final report.
- ii. The report showed that 61% of organisations surveyed carried out DBS checks for both relevant staff and volunteers. Mr Fox noted that the Board had a voluntary sector reference group that was carrying out communication following up concern that volunteers were not being DBS checked in a number of organisations. It was noted that the update figure would not be known until another survey had taken place.
- iii. It was noted that the materials for the LRSAB framework had been published on their website www.lrsb.org.uk. The materials, including PowerPoint presentations, could be used in team meetings to notify staff on safeguarding risks.

RESOLVED

That the Panel **NOTED** the report.

285 DRAFT JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Report No. 164/2018 was received from the Director for Public Health.

Mr Mike Sandys, Director for Public Health introduced the report, the purpose of which was to inform the Panel of the process and development of the new Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and to seek views in relation to areas where further analysis would be helpful in the future; and the draft recommendations made.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. It was noted that work was needed on updating the language used within the report so that it was easy to read for those not familiar with the subject.
- ii. It was noted that the data used in the report was not up to date. Mr Sandys noted it was the best data they had available. Dr O'Neill offered to provide some updated data as the Council had live data on children's needs.

RESOLVED

That the Panel **NOTED** the report.

286 POST 16 EDUCATION

Report No. 163/2018 was received from the Strategic Director for People.

Ms Curtis introduced the report, the purpose of which was to provide the panel with an interim review of the activity being undertaken by the Learning and Skills Service to assess the current provision available to Rutland children for their post 16 education, employment and training.

A presentation was received from Ms Curtis, a copy of which will be available alongside the minutes of the meeting.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Mr Stephen Redding, Managing Director for Octopus Computers noted that they had had two apprentices who had progressed to become full time employees of the company.
- ii. Mr John Harrison, Head of Harington School noted that a strong link had been forged between Harington School and Oakham School by the sharing of apprenticeship and university events.
- iii. Mr Bool complemented New College Stamford on the service provided to those with special needs.
- iv. The Panel noted that it was good to see a rise of apprenticeships and that schools were encouraging students to consider this option rather than just A-Levels.
- v. The Chair noted that it was important to show that there were also mature student options in education.
- vi. Ms Curtis noted that there was now more targeted careers advice available for those with special needs and disabilities.

RESOLVED

That the Panel **NOTED** the report.

287 Q1 FINANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

The report was taken without debate.

AGREED

That the Panel **NOTED** the report.

288 REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN AND ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2018-2019

Members would send any ideas or requests to the Chair regarding items they wished to see on the annual work plan.

289 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Report No. 179/2018 was received from the Project Manager of CAMHS at the Leicestershire Partnership Trust.

Mr Walters introduced the report the purpose of which was to provide feedback for the Leicestershire Partnership Trust's proposals for the permanent relocation and expansion of the local CAMHS inpatient unit.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. The Panel was not pleased that the report had come at short notice and was poorly written.
- ii. Mr Walters noted he had refused to sign a letter of support until there had been a report, however the report had been written and published more quickly that it should have been.
- iii. It was noted that the proposal would be a better option than what was on offer at the moment.
- iv. There was concern from the panel regarding the lack of a public consultation and they would have welcomed a presentation on the proposal by the Leicestershire Partnership Trust.

RESOLVED

That the panel **SUPPORTED** the proposals, but wished to see the business case that was referred to in the report.

290 DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 22 November 2018 at 7pm.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.27 pm.

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