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Minutes of the **MEETING of the CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose on Thursday, 27th June, 2019 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mr A Lowe (Chair)
Mr P Ainsley
Mr N Begy
Mrs S Harvey
Miss G Waller (as substitute)
Mrs S Webb

OFFICERS

PRESENT: Mr M Andrews Strategic Director for People
Ms D Godfrey Deputy Director - Children's Services
Mr K Silcock Governance Officer

74 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Burrows and Mr Bool. Miss Waller attended as a substitute for Mrs Burrows.

Apologies were also received from the Co-opted members Mr French and Mr Menzies.

75 RECORD OF MEETING

The minutes of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel held on 14 March 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- i. Miss G Waller declared a personal interest in the agenda as she was the Vice-Chair of Governors at a Rutland primary school.
- ii. Mr Lowe declared a personal interest in the agenda as he was a school Governor at Catmose Primary.

77 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

No petitions, deputations or questions were received.

78 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

The Chair noted that Mrs Burrows had sent in questions for the Committee, but they had been sent in too late according to the Council's Constitution procedure rules. However, the questions and responses would be appended to the minutes.

79 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No notices of motion had been received from Members.

80 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE 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 2016.

81 SCRUTINY PROGRAMME AND SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS FOR THE WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Committee discussed possible items for inclusion in the Children and Young People Scrutiny work programme for the municipal year 2019-2020.

During discussion the following items were suggested:

- Antisocial behaviour of young people
- Scarcity of pre-school places
- Sport provision for young people within the county
- SEND funding in schools
- Early Intervention Service
- School admissions
- Enhancing the voluntary sector that provides services to young people

82 OFSTED FOCUSED VISIT

Report No.89/2019 was received from the Strategic Director for People.

Mr Andrews, Strategic Director for People, introduced the report the purpose of which was to provide full feedback on the outcome of the Ofsted focused visit to children's services in March 2019, and to provide details of the response to the areas for improvement identified.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. The development plan was a small part of the wider plan for Children's Services. The wider plan included enhancing the practice and being either consistently good or better. Good practice would be shared internally and externally as there were many areas that the Council was proud of.
- ii. Members requested that an exception report be written/presented to the Committee if actions from the Ofsted Focused Visit Development Plan were not met.
- iii. The annual engagement meeting for Rutland held on 20 June 2019 was positive, with honest discussion taking place regarding areas needed for improvement, and how to develop the role of managers.

- iv. A number of managers in the Children's Service had such a broad range of work commitments that they found it difficult to dedicate enough time to the key elements of their role such as supervision. The Committee was reassured that work was being done to free up managers' time and that staff supervisions were taking place. The Council was ensuring that managers' were being given the right tools to performance manage staff and sufficiently challenge them. Managers were provided with an overview of performance of teams each Monday so that they could monitor staff effectively and take action when needed.

RESOLVED:

The Committee:

1. **NOTED** the feedback and areas for improvement from Ofsted following the focused visit on 19 and 20 March 2019
2. **ENDORSED** the actions planned and/or completed in relation to the areas for improvement identified.

83 UPDATE ON THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2022

Report No.98/2019 was received from the Strategic Director for People.

Mr Andrews, Strategic Director for People, introduced the report the purpose of which was to provide the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee with an update on the development of the Rutland Children and Young People's Strategic Plan (2019-2022) and to present an overview of the key priorities for 2019 and the intended outcomes.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. It was noted that the health of children was not mentioned in the vision or aims for children and young people in Rutland. Mr Wilby suggested the vision be changed to "All children and young people in Rutland are **happy, healthy, safe and successful.**"
- ii. There was concern that out of area services focused on statistics rather than the outcomes for children. It was noted that listening to the experiences of children provided a human element to information gained and could supplement, statistics to produce goals and outcomes.
- iii. As young people socialised a lot more online social isolation from peer groups could be linked to a lack of technology or internet bandwidth. More activity opportunities needed to be available to those that lived in villages, especially those that were the only young person, or one of very few that lived in a village and had limited Internet access.
- iv. It was questioned whether the Committee should discuss and identify how to bring young people into the discussion of the Oakham town project. Miss Waller stated that the Growth, Infrastructure and Resources Scrutiny Committee did not presently have plans to look into the project. However, as Chair of the Committee, Miss Waller stated she was to have discussions with Chris Trail (Strategic Director for Places) to discuss the project, and would ask how the

- Children and Young People, and the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committees could join in discussions.
- v. It was noted that young people's experience, spirit, and skills should be embraced as they were the future.

RESOLVED:

The Committee:

1. **NOTED** the development of the Children and Young People
2. **CONSIDERED** how it wished to direct future actions on key priorities in the Children and Young People's Strategic Plan and the associated work of the Children and Young People's Partnership

84 QUARTER 4 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT- REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2018/19

The report was taken without debate.

AGREED:

That the Committee **NOTED** the report.

85 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

No items of urgent business had been previously notified to the person presiding.

86 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26 September 2019 at 7pm

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Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38 pm.
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