

Note of last Children & Young People Board meeting

Title: Children & Young People Board
Date: Thursday 3 November 2016
Venue: Manchester Central Convention Complex, Windmill St, Manchester M2 3GX

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as [Appendix A](#) to this note

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair, Cllr Richard Watts, welcomed the members to the meeting and thanked the Rt Hon Edward Timpson MP, Minister of State for Vulnerable Children and Families for attending. No declarations of interest were made.</p>	
2	<p>A discussion with the Rt Hon Edward Timpson MP (Minister of State for Vulnerable Children and Families, Department of Education)</p> <p>The Chair facilitated questions for Minister Timpson from the floor. Questions from members focused on corporate parenting, unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASCs), home educated children and young carers, 'inadequate' Ofsted ratings and the introduction of new school structures, including academies and grammar schools.</p> <p>The Minister answered these questions by referring to the intentions of the Children and Social Work Bill, the need to find better ways to accommodate UASCs, the need to intervene earlier in failing children's services, developing corporate parenting abilities, the recent National Audit Office report.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The Board noted the update from the Minister and thanked him for his attendance.</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Officers to progress work in line with direction from members.</p>	
3	<p>The future of children's services improvement</p> <p>The Chair introduced the item by addressing the recent National Audit Office (NAO) report which had been unfavourable to devolving further</p>	

responsibilities around children's services. He explained that the newly proposed task and finish group would seek to address this argument in an attempt to make the case for more involvement of local government in children's services.

Cllr Dick Madden explained that the task and finish group was an opportunity to engage central government, especially concerning the Children and social work Bill.

Decision

The Board;

1. **Noted** the current context in which children's services are delivered.
2. **Directed** officers to continue establishing the task and finish group.

Action

Officers to continue with the **establishment** of the task and finish group, in line with future direction from members.

4 Note of the Previous Meeting

The Board **agreed** the minutes of the previous meeting.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Richard Watts	Islington Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Roy Perry	Hampshire County Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Gillian Ford	Havering London Borough Council
	Cllr Liz Green	Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council
Members	Cllr Gareth Barnard	Bracknell Forest Borough Council
	Cllr Dick Madden	Essex County Council
	Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
	Cllr Anne Burns	Cumbria County Council
	Cllr Anntoinette Bramble	Hackney London Borough Council
	Cllr David Mellen	Nottingham City Council
	Cllr Roz Gladden	Liverpool City Council
	Cllr Paul Cullen	Richmondshire District Council
Apologies	Cllr Ian Hudspeth	Oxfordshire County Council
	Cllr Janet Walton	Borough of Poole
	Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
	Dave Hill	ADCS