

Children and Young People Board

Agenda

Thursday, 15 October 2015
3.15 pm

This meeting is open to all Lead Members for Children's Services

Bayview Suite, Bournemouth International
Centre, Exeter Road, Bournemouth BH2
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To: Members of the Children and Young People Board
cc: Named officers for briefing purposes

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Substitutes	
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Cllr Anne Hawkesworth	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
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Cllr Liz Green (Deputy Chair)	Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council
Cllr Christopher Coleman	Cheltenham Borough Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Jon Hubbard	Wiltshire Council

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1. Welcome and Declarations of Interest		
2. iMPower Research on the Ofsted Single Inspection Framework		
The Executive Director of iMPower, Amanda Kelly, will present research due to be published at NCAS which looks at the effectiveness of the current Ofsted Single Inspection Framework.		
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Date of Next Meeting: Friday, 15 January 2016, 11.00 am, Smith Square
3&4, Ground Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P
3HZ



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Board**

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Membership and Terms of Reference for 2015/16

Purpose

For information

Summary

For members to note the membership (set out on the page before the agenda in this pack) and agree the Terms of Reference of the Board for 2015/16

Recommendation

Members note the membership of the board and agree the Terms of Reference.

Action

Officers respond accordingly to members' direction.

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Terms of Reference

1. The purpose of the Children and Young People Board is to engage with and develop a thorough understanding of the issues within its brief and how legislation does or could affect councils and their communities. The Board's brief is to provide strategic oversight of all the LGA's policy and improvement activity in relation to the wellbeing of children and young people, including education, social care and careers.
2. The Board should seek to involve councillors in supporting the delivery of these priorities (through task groups, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), regional networks and other means of wider engagement); essentially operating as the centre of a network connecting to all councils and drawing on the expertise of key advisors from the sector.
3. The Children and Young People Board's responsibilities include.
 - 3.1. Ensuring the priorities of councils are fed into the business planning process.
 - 3.2. Developing a work programme to deliver the business plan priorities relevant to their brief, covering lobbying campaigns, research, and improvement support in the context of the strategic framework set by Improvement & Innovation Board and events and linking with other boards where appropriate.
 - 3.3. Sharing good practice and ideas to stimulate innovation and improvement.
 - 3.4. Representing and lobbying on behalf of the LGA including making public statements on its area of responsibility.
 - 3.5. Building and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders.
 - 3.6. Involving representatives from councils in its work, through task groups, Commissions, SIGs, regional networks and mechanisms.
 - 3.7. Responding to specific issues referred to the Board by one or more member councils or groupings of councils.
4. The Children and Young People Board may:
 - 4.1. Appoint members to relevant outside bodies in accordance with the Political Conventions.
 - 4.2. Appoint member champions from the Board to lead on key issues, with responsibility for liaising with portfolio holders on key issues that require rapid response/contact with councils.



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Children and Young People Board Priorities for 2015/16

Purpose

For discussion

Summary

This report sets out the priorities for the year ahead discussed by the Board at the meeting on 17 June and refined and agreed by the Board's Office holders on 14 September. It also gives details of four cross-cutting projects commissioned by the LGA Leadership Board. Members of the Board and Lead Members for Children's Services attending the Board meeting are invited to comment.

Recommendation

Members are invited to consider and comment on the priorities and identify the key areas of interest for the Children and Young People Board in the LGA's cross-cutting projects.

Action

Officers will develop a forward work programme to deliver the agreed priorities and input into the cross-cutting projects commissioned by the LGA Leadership Board.

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Children and Young People Board Priorities for 2015/16

1. At the meeting on 17 June the Board identified a number of priority areas for the year ahead, which were subsequently discussed, refined and agreed by the Board's Office Holders on 14 September. These are set out below for discussion by the wider group, which includes the Lead Members for Children's Services attending the Board meeting.

Education

2. A focus on the importance of excellent school leadership and classroom teaching in raising school standards, rather than changing school structures.
3. Stronger council powers to turn around failing and coasting schools without asking permission from the Department for Education (DfE) and Ofsted.
4. Continued work on the evidence base comparing the performance of schools.
5. A clear LGA stance on the employment of unqualified teachers.
6. A role for councils in making sure that new schools are fit for purpose, high quality and value for money, including a stronger role for councils in decisions about new free schools in their areas.
7. In the context of city deals and devolution, the important contribution that councils can make to improving local schools and skills provision to support local economies, including promoting best practice in improving careers advice.

Early years

8. A greater role for councils in joining up early years and childcare provision.
9. A focus on early intervention and support for parents to improve outcomes for children.

Children's services

10. Continued work to support councils to protect children and young people from child sexual exploitation and radicalisation and extremism.
11. Continued work to help councils maximise the benefits of the transfer of responsibility for children's public health services to councils.
12. Continued work around safeguarding and the role of Local Safeguarding Boards.
13. A continued focus on improving fostering and adoption outcomes.
14. An offer to coordinate multiple funding streams for early years, health, troubled families and safeguarding, as part of devolution deals.

Cross-cutting priorities

15. As part of the recent member-led review of governance, the LGA Executive and Leadership Board were asked to commission work from policy boards where there is a clear corporate priority or an important issue straddles more than one board. The Leadership Board met in July and agreed the following cross-cutting areas of work:
- 15.1. **Devolution and the future shape of local government.** This will be led jointly by the City Regions and People and Places Boards. At their last meetings in the 2014-15 cycle, these Boards suggested that more work needs to be undertaken on the models and mechanisms of future governance. The Leadership Board has requested that this work should be new, commissioned externally and have a practical application in “devo deals”.
 - 15.2. **Promoting health and wellbeing.** This work will be led by the Community Wellbeing Portfolio. It will draw on ongoing projects such as tackling child sexual exploitation, ageing and skills that already operate across Boards. It is suggested that this work should: draw on the wider role of other local services such as schools, children’s services, the fire service, public health, housing, transport and leisure; and play into promoting wellbeing across the life course and keeping people physically and mentally healthy, in work, and in their own homes. It should also consider the role of citizens and communities in supporting themselves and each other and promoting resilience and independence.
 - 15.3. **Housing.** This work will be led by the Economy, Environment, Housing and Transport Board, with support from an independent advisory board of experts. The focus will be on a place shaping agenda, including issues such as skills, welfare reform, community safety and an ageing population that are vital parts of delivering councils’ housing ambition. A clear steer from the LGA Leadership Board was that the focus on housing needed to be clear, rather than a wider debate on infrastructure.
 - 15.4. **Finance.** This work will be led by the Resources Board. Work will need to continue on the future funding outlook through the spending review and into an even more difficult financial era. This work is well-established in the organisation and it should be an important continuing priority.
16. Although not one of the lead Boards, the CYP Board has a clear interest in all these areas, as reflected, for example, in the early thinking about the health and well-being project and in the priorities relating to devolution that the Board has identified through its own discussions. Members are invited to comment on other areas where the CYP Board can make a contribution to the LGA’s cross-cutting priorities.

Note of last Children & Young People Board meeting

Title:	Children & Young People Board
Date:	Wednesday 17 June 2015
Venue:	Smith Square 3&4, Ground Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
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1 Welcome and Declarations of Interest

Cllr David Simmonds CBE welcomed the board to his final meeting as Chairman. The Board thanked Cllr Simmonds for his chairmanship, and congratulated him for his recognition in the Queen's birthday honours list.

The Board also congratulated Edwina Grant for her award of an OBE for services to safeguarding children and young people.

The board marked the passing of David Bellotti who had served as a Member of the board up until the May election. It was **agreed** that the Chairman would write to David's widow on behalf of the board.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ivan Ould noted that he was Chair of f40 lobbying group for fairer funding in education.

2 Annual Review of the Year

The Chairman introduced the Annual Review of activities of the Children and Young People Board for 2014-15.

The board welcomed Ian Keating as Principal Advisor for Children and Young People following Helen Johnston's departure.

Members discussed:

- The breadth of work undertaken and its importance beyond the remit of the board.
- The importance of the board's work on the prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation
- The need to push for better sharing of data between the NHS and Local Government
- The need for clarity around CAMHS funding, particularly in relation to services in schools
- The need for the LGA to continue to highlight the challenges facing

councils in school place planning

3 Priorities for the New Parliament

The Chairman introduced the paper that asked members to identify the key LGA priorities for working with and influencing the new government.

Members discussed:

- The importance of showcasing the good work that councils do in children's services and promoting a positive image of the work.
- Combined Authorities' role in children's services
- A stronger role for councils in decisions about new free schools in their areas, to support their place planning duties and to make sure public money is spent efficiently
- The continued importance of work around CSE and safeguarding
- The new burdens that could be placed on children's services under the new government
- The need for the system to be proactive on the availability and supply of teachers and school leaders.
- Local government's future role in joining up early years and childcare provision.

Action

Members to send examples to Ian Keating of free schools that are not in appropriate buildings or places.

Keep members posted on any developments around a council's right to use in-house placements for fostering children.

4 Education and Adoption Bill and Childcare Bill

Members were presented with a summary of the provisions of the Education and Adoption Bill and the Childcare Bill. Members were asked to identify the key LGA priorities for lobbying on the two Bills.

Members discussed:

- The need to look into the availability and supply of good sponsors for Academies
- The need for maintained schools and local authorities to be able to sponsor academies
- Concerns around the capacity of the Regional Schools Commissioners to take on additional failing maintained schools, as proposed in the bill
- The evident capability of Local Authorities in sustained school improvement
- The potential for contradictory measures of a school's performance to coexist depending on the definition of coasting schools, with Ofsted declaring it good or outstanding but the Government classing it as 'coasting'
- The development of markets to provide extra childcare hours, particularly in areas where the state is the only viable provider.

Action

Find information on how many sponsors come forward when the need for a free school or academy has been identified.

The recommendations for the proposed areas of focus for the LGA were **agreed**.

5 Full Employment and Welfare Bill

Members were presented with a summary of the main policy agendas relating to services supporting the engagement of young people in education and training and their transition from school to work. It analysed the potential impact on councils, including the impact of proposals included in the Full Employment and Welfare Bill.

Members discussed:

- The issue of free school transport provision ending at 16 with a school leaving age of 18, which is a particular problem in rural areas.
- The inconsistent record of Job Centre Plus and the greater benefit of a locally commissioned provider for supplementary careers advice in schools.
- The impact of the removal of housing benefit for 18 – 21 year olds on young people.

Action

Members **noted** the report.

6 Other Business Report

The Chairman introduced the Other Business Report, which provided members with an update on the work of officers on the 0-5 Public Health Transfer, Child and Adolescent Mental Health, and the National Children and Adult Services Conference (NCAS).

Members discussed the LGA proposals CSE disruption orders if councils can apply directly to the courts.

7 Note of the Previous Meeting

Members **agreed** the Minutes of the previous meeting on 25 March 2015

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr David Simmonds CBE	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Nick Forbes	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Liz Green	Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council
	Cllr Helen Powell	Lincolnshire County Council
Members	Cllr John Merry CBE	Salford City Council
	Cllr Richard Watts	Islington Council
	Cllr Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE	Southwark Council
	Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
	Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
	Cllr Anne Burns	Cumbria County Council
	Cllr Jane Scott OBE	Wiltshire Council
	Cllr Paul McLain	Gloucestershire County Council
	Cllr Liz Hackett Pain	Monmouthshire County Council
	Cllr Ivan Ould	Leicestershire County Council
	Cllr Tony Hall	North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr Peter Downes	Cambridgeshire County Council	
Cllr Paul Cullen	Richmondshire District Council	
Apologies	Cllr Patricia Bradwell	Lincolnshire County Council

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