

Children and Young People Board

Agenda

Thursday, 29 September 2016
11.00 am

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To: Members of the Children and Young People Board
cc: Named officers for briefing purposes

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Cllr Ian Hudspeth	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Dick Madden	Essex County Council
Cllr Ian Parry	Staffordshire County Council
Cllr Janet Walton	Borough of Poole
Substitutes	
Cllr Matt Bennett	Birmingham City Council
Cllr Ryan Brent	Portsmouth City Council
Labour (7)	
Cllr Richard Watts (Chairman)	Islington Council
Cllr John Kent	Thurrock 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
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Membership, Terms of Reference and Appointments to Outside Bodies

Purpose

For decision.

Summary

This report outlines the terms of reference and membership for the LGA's Children and Young People Board for the 2016/17 meeting cycle. The report also outside bodies to which the Board is asked appoint for the 2016/17 meeting cycle.

Recommendations

That the Board:

1. Formally note the terms of reference and membership for the LGA's Children & Young People Board and the list of Board dates for 2016/17 (attached as **Appendices A, B and C** respectively).
2. Formally re-appoint those members already in post, and appoint members to the outside bodies described in **Appendix D**, ensuring that the bodies to which they wish to appoint accurately reflect LGA priorities.
3. Receive appropriate feedback from members representing the Board on outside bodies over the previous meeting cycle.

Action

Officers to inform outside bodies of any changes in, or confirm continuation of LGA representatives.

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Membership, terms of reference and Appointments to Outside Bodies

Children and Young People (CYP) Board terms of reference, membership and meeting dates 2016/17

1. Members are invited to agree the Board's terms of reference for this year (attached as **Appendix A**). Members are asked to formally note the membership and the Board's Lead Members for 2016/17 (as detailed in **Appendix B**). In addition Members are asked to note the meeting dates for the 2016/17 cycle (attached as **Appendix C**).

CYP outside body appointments

2. The LGA benefits from a wide network of member representatives on outside bodies across all Boards. These appointments are reviewed on an annual basis across the Association to ensure that the aims and objectives of the outside bodies remain pertinent to the LGA. A database for centrally recording all the information relating to appointments is held by the Member Services team.
3. A list of the organisations to which the Board will appoint member representatives for the 2016/17 meeting cycle is attached at **Appendix D**. Members are asked to nominate the appointments for this meeting cycle, which are to be made in proportion with political representation across the LGA.
4. Members are asked to **re-appoint** those councillors who are remaining in post. These are;
 - 4.1. Cllr Chris Coleman (Liberal Democrat) – Adoption Leadership Board
 - 4.2. Cllr Richard Watts (Labour) – The Wood Review
5. Members are asked to **appoint** councillors to current vacancies. These include;
 - 5.1. National Youth Agency
 - 5.2. Improving Mental Health for Looked After Children: Expert Group
6. The Board is asked to note that a previous Chairman of the Board, Cllr David Simmonds, is now Chairman of the LGA's Asylum, Migration and Refugee Task Group. Details of the group are as follows;
 - 6.1. The member led LGA Asylum, Refugee and Migration Task Group is made up of regional members and Regional Strategic Migration Partnership representation covering all of the English regions, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. Its primary focus are issues around the asylum, refugee and migration agenda from a local government perspective. The LGA, via the Task Group, has been involved in discussions with Government and with regions for a long period of time. These discussions have been concerned with how to work together to find sustainable solutions to these issues which also minimise the pressures on local authorities, local



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communities and vulnerable individuals. The Group reports to the Children and Young People and Community Wellbeing Board. A member from each LGA Political Group also oversees and advises on the LGA position on asylum and refugee resettlement.

7. The Board is also asked to note the removal of the National Group on Sexual Violence against Children and Vulnerable Adults, as they are no longer a functioning organisation

Financial Implications

8. There are no substantial financial implications arising directly from this report. Reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be paid by the LGA for expenses incurred by a member appointee, whilst carrying out a representative role on an outside body on behalf of the LGA.

Appendix A

Terms of Reference: Children Young Peoples Board

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.

Quorum

5. One third of the members, provided that representatives of at least 2 political groups represented on the body are present. Page 4



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Political Composition

6. Conservative group: 7 members
 7. Labour group: 7 members
 8. Independent group: 2 members
 9. Liberal Democrat group: 2 members
10. Substitute members from each political group may also be appointed.

Frequency per year

11. Meetings to be held five times a year.

Reporting Accountabilities

12. The LGA Executive provides oversight of the Board. The Board may report periodically to the LGA Executive as required, and will submit an annual report to the Executive's July meeting.

Appendix B

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Appendix C

Meeting Dates 2016/17

DAY (2016)	DATE	TIME	Room at Local Government House (LGH) or Layden House
Thursday	29 September 2016	11.00 – 13.00	The Westminster Suite, LGH
Thursday	3 November 2016	16.30 – 17.30	Manchester Central Convention Complex, Manchester
DAY (2017)			
Friday	13 January 2017	11.00 – 13.00	Rooms D&E, Layden House
Thursday	23 March 2017	11.00 – 13.00	Rooms A&B, Layden House
Thursday	29 June 2017	11.00 – 13.00	Rooms A&B, Layden House

Children and Young People: Outside Bodies

Appendix E

Organisation / contact details	Background	Representatives 2015/16	LGA Contact Officer
<p>National Youth Agency</p> <p>Contact: Jaede Todner Tel: Email: jaedet@nya.org.uk</p>	<p>The Agency aims to advance youth work to promote young people's personal and social development, as well as their voice, influence and place in society.</p>	<p>1 vacancy</p>	<p>Ian Keating, Principal Policy Adviser +44 (0)20 7664 3032 ian.keating@local.gov.uk</p>
<p>Adoption Leadership Board</p> <p>Contact: Maria Atkins (Business Support Officer) Tel: Email: maria.atkins@cva.org.uk</p>	<p>The ALB was jointly developed by Government, local authorities and the voluntary sector to provide national leadership to the adoption system, improve its performance and tackle the key challenges it currently faces.</p>	<p>1 position</p> <p>Cllr Chris Coleman (Lib Dem) Cheltenham Borough Council</p>	<p>Ian Keating, Principal Policy Adviser +44 (0)20 7664 3032 ian.keating@local.gov.uk</p>
<p>Wood Review External Advisory Board</p> <p>Contact: Alan Wood (something) Tel: Email: atrwood1954@yahoo.co.uk</p>	<p>The Wood Review is a Department for Education commissioned review into the role of local councils in education and children's services. An External Advisory Board has been formed to shape the project and sign off key decisions, and includes both Chair of the CYP Board and Sally Burlington, LGA Head of Policy.</p>	<p>1 position</p> <p>Cllr Richard Watts (Lab) Islington Council</p>	<p>Ian Keating, Principal Policy Adviser +44 (0)20 7664 3032 ian.keating@local.gov.uk</p>
<p>Improving Mental Health for Looked After Children: Expert Group</p> <p>Contact: Andrew Parkinson Tel: Email: andrew.parkinson@tlap.org.uk</p>	<p>This expert group is a project within the Social Care Institute for Excellence. It has been commissioned by the Department of Health to improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing support for children and young people in the care system by developing care pathways, models of care, quality principles and innovative products and plans.</p>	<p>1 vacancy</p>	<p>Ian Keating, Principal Policy Adviser +44 (0)20 7664 3032 ian.keating@local.gov.uk</p>

Appointments to LGA bodies

Proportionality Figures 2016 / 2017

Members are asked to ensure that appointments for 2016/17 are in broad proportionality with the 18 Member political group makeup of the Board, which is as follows:

7 Labour, 7 Conservative, 2 Independent, 2 Liberal Democrat.

NB: Based on the LGA Political Proportionality Figures, the 4 seats available for appointments this cycle should be distributed as follows;

1 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Independent



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Board Work Programme and Priorities Report for the 2016/17 meeting cycle

Purpose

For discussion and direction.

Summary

This paper sets out proposals for the Children and Young People Board's priorities and work programme for 2016-17. Subject to the Board's views, officers will develop a work programme to deliver these priorities.

Recommendation

Members are asked to discuss and agree the Board's priorities and work programme for 2016-17 and agree that CYP Office Holders should further consider the possible impact of the vote to leave the European Union on the areas that fall within the Board's remit.

Action

Officers to take action as directed by members.

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Board Work Programme and Priorities Report for the 2016/17 meeting cycle

Background

1. LGA Boards are asked to consider their priorities for the coming year at their first meeting of the new cycle. Set out below are a list of priorities for discussion, based on the priorities identified last year, and adapted to reflect work that has been completed, recent developments in Government policy and issues raised by member councils.
2. The LGA Leadership Board has asked Boards to consider the impact of the vote to leave the European Union on their policy areas and make appropriate provision within their work programme.
3. An initial analysis would suggest that the kind of issues within the remit of the CYP Board that might be impacted are few, but would include; minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions in the area of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children; the protection of young people at work; as well as immigration and asylum rules. The Board is asked to agree that CYP Office Holders consider the detailed list of possible areas of impact at their next meeting, in order to consider whether these will be a priority area within the Board's work programme.

Education

3. In the coming year the Board should;
 - 3.1. Use its position in relation to the Wood Review of the council role in education and the Education for All Bill to lobby for a clear and sustainable council role in supporting local schools to improve and in holding them to account for education standards for all pupils, accompanied by the appropriate resources, powers and flexibilities to support this role;
 - 3.2. Lobby for a stronger 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;
 - 3.3. Respond to the forthcoming consultation on a national funding formula for schools to ensure it is fair, retains an element of local flexibility to reflect local needs and priorities and includes appropriate transitional protections for schools that will see a reduction in funding.

Early years

4. In regards to early years the Board should;
 - 4.1. Support councils to implement the new national funding formula for early years and the government-funded offer of an additional 15 hours of free childcare for working parents;

- 4.2. Secure and define the role of councils and local partners in improving life chances for disadvantaged children, making the case for early intervention and improved integration of services for families.

Children's services

5. When considering children's services, the Board should;
 - 5.1. Support councils to influence and implement the provisions in the Children and Social Work Bill, including the proposals for reform of Local Safeguarding Children Boards;
 - 5.2. Support councils to improve fostering and adoption outcomes and contributing to the Department for Education Fostering Stocktake;
 - 5.3. Continue to work to support councils to protect children and young people from child sexual exploitation and radicalisation and extremism;
 - 5.4. Commission research and influence the debate about new models of Children's Services delivery;
 - 5.5. In conjunction with the Health and Wellbeing Board, support councils to take a place-based approach to children and young people's health issues, including childhood obesity and child and adolescent mental health services.

Financial implications

14. The priorities will be delivered within existing resources.



Schools that work for everyone Green Paper

Purpose

For discussion and direction.

Summary

On 12 September the Secretary of State for Education launched an education Green Paper [Schools that work for everyone](#). This report summarises its key proposals and invites comments from the Board to inform an LGA response to the Green Paper, which has a deadline of 12 December.

Recommendation

The Board is invited to give its views on the education Green Paper in order to inform an LGA response.

Action

Officers to take action as directed by members.

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Schools that work for everyone Green Paper

1. Background

2. On 12 September the Education Secretary Justine Greening MP launched a Green Paper [Schools that work for everyone](#). The proposals include;
 - 2.1. Expecting independent schools to support existing state schools, open new ones or offer funded places to children whose families can't afford to pay fees
 - 2.2. Asking universities to commit to sponsoring or setting up new schools in exchange for the ability to charge higher fees
 - 2.3. Allowing selective schools to expand, or new ones to open, while making sure they support non-selective schools
 - 2.4. Allowing new faith free schools to select up to 100% of pupils based on their faith, and introducing new requirements to make sure that faith schools include pupils from different backgrounds
3. The aims of the proposals are to:
 - 3.1. Radically expand the number of good school places available to all families, not just those who can afford to move into the catchment area, go private institutions, pay for tuition to pass selective tests or belong to certain faiths.
 - 3.2. Give all schools with a strong track record, experience and valuable expertise the right incentives to expand their offer to even more pupils, driving up standards and giving parents greater control
 - 3.3. Deliver a diverse school system that gives all children, whatever their background, the opportunity to help them achieve their potential. The proposals likely to be of most direct interest to councils are those relating to selective schools and more detail on these proposals is included below. However, the Board may also wish to comment on the other proposals.

Proposals allowing selective schools to expand, or new ones to open

4. Support for existing grammar schools to expand;
 - 4.1. This proposal is designed to allow good and outstanding selective schools to expand, with dedicated funding of up to £50m a year. The Government will fund the expansion of places upfront on the basis of estimates, not retrospectively, thus removing a financial disincentive to expansion. Supporting this expansion will provide additional good quality selective places in the system, although it would not increase the number of selective schools overall.
5. Permitting the establishment of new selective schools;
 - 5.1. This proposal is designed to enable new wholly-selective or partially-selective schools to be established by removing the existing restrictions on selection, subject to meeting certain conditions. These would be established as free schools set up in response to local demand and they would have the flexibility to select up to 100% of their intake on the basis of ability.

6. Permitting existing non-selective schools to become selective;
 - 6.1. This proposal allows existing non-selective schools to become selective by removing existing restrictions on selection, subject to meeting certain conditions. These schools would become selective in response to local demand and would have flexibility to select 100% of their intake on the basis of ability. The Government will consider measures to preserve school diversity in areas where schools choose to convert in this way.
7. Conditions;
 - 7.1. In order to ensure an increase in the number of good and outstanding places in non-selective schools, the Government will apply conditions on new or expanding selective schools. These conditions may vary from school to school but the following menu of options will be available to ensure that new or expanding selective schools contribute in a meaningful way to improving outcomes for all pupils;
 - 7.1.1. Take a proportion of pupils from lower income households. This would ensure that selective education is not reserved for those with the means to move into the catchment area or pay for tuition to pass the test;
 - 7.1.2. Establish a new non-selective secondary school, with the capital and revenue costs paid by government;
 - 7.1.3. Establish a primary feeder in an area with higher density of lower income households to widen access, with the capital and revenue costs paid by government;
 - 7.1.4. Partner with an existing non-selective school within a multi-academy trust or sponsor a currently underperforming and non-selective academy.
 - 7.1.5. Ensure that there are opportunities to join the selective school at different ages, such as 14 and 16, as well as 11.
8. Concerning existing schools the Government also proposes to:
 - 8.1. Encourage multi-academy trusts to select within their trust. It will make clear that multi-academy trusts and/or other good or outstanding academies can already establish a single centre in which to educate their "most able" pupils. This centre could be 'virtual' or have a physical location.
 - 8.2. Require existing selective schools to engage in outreach activity. In order to ensure that disadvantaged pupils are encouraged to apply, the Government will expect existing selective schools to work closely in partnership with local primary schools to identify individual pupils who may benefit most from targeted activity.
 - 8.3. Require all selective schools to have in place strategies to ensure fair access. Legislation would require selective schools to prioritise the admission of, or set aside a number of specific places for, pupils of lower household income in their oversubscription criteria.
9. The consultation on the Green Paper's proposals is open until 12 December and the Board is invited to give its views to inform an LGA response.

Other Business Report

Purpose

For information.

Summary

This report covers other business relevant to the Board.

Recommendations

That the Board note the update provided by officers on;

1. The dispersal of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children;
2. The submission of a response to the Early Years National Funding Formula Consultation by the Department for Education;
3. The National Children and Adults Services Conference;
4. Childhood Obesity: A Plan for Action;
5. Future Mandatory Health Visitor Checks Undertaken by Councils; and on
6. Local Transformation Plans (LTPs) for Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

Action

LGA officers to action as necessary.

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Appendix A

Update on the dispersal of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

1. Cllr David Simmonds, Chairman of the LGA's Asylum and Migration Taskforce, wrote recently to all Lead Members for Children's Services with an update on unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC). With the number of UASC in the UK having more than doubled since 2014, the vast majority of councils are now involved in providing care and support for these vulnerable children and young people. Over 80 cases have now been successfully transferred through the new National Transfer Scheme since its inception on 1 July, and indications are that numbers are and will remain low for individual authorities as the scheme continues to develop.
2. The Immigration Minister wrote earlier in the month to all Council Leaders, asking that they contact their Strategic Migration Partnership by 21 September to confirm how many unaccompanied children they will be able to accommodate this financial year. This mechanism will also be used to coordinate any offers in 2-tier areas, with LGA and ADCS members closely involved in these discussions.
3. The Minister has confirmed that all unaccompanied refugee children who are brought to the UK under a formal resettlement scheme, but are not reuniting with family members, will be placed into local authority care through the National Transfer Scheme. The Minister has also confirmed a small amount of funding to each regional Strategic Migration Partnership for the development of the regional infrastructure required to support the scheme, with the first grants expected to be paid in October 2016.
4. Enhanced funding rates are now available for local authorities accepting transfers through this scheme, representing an increase of between 20 – 33 per cent on previous daily rates to support unaccompanied children. The Home Office has confirmed that these enhanced rates will be available for all unaccompanied refugee children placed through the transfer scheme, regardless of their route into the UK.

Appendix B

Update on the submission of a response to the Early Years National Funding Formula Consultation by the Department for Education

1. The LGA submitted a response to the EYNFF consultation on 22nd September.
2. The LGA noted that a review of the historical formula and methodology was welcome, and should see funding allocations more closely match the costs of provision in different places. However, the LGA response also raised considerable concerns about the deliverability of the additional 15 hours of free childcare for working parents at the current levels of national funding, and argued strongly against constraints on local flexibility.
3. There will be a short verbal update on our submission and the Department for Education's timetable for response and implementation.

Appendix C

National Children and Adults Services Conference

1. This year's National Children and Adult Services conference is taking place in Manchester from the 2nd-4th November and provides an opportunity to discuss and debate the key issues facing councils and councillors on the children's services and education agendas.
2. LGA children's sessions are focussing on models of intervention in social care, what works in preventing child abuse and neglect, early years and the life chances strategy, tackling radicalisation in schools, an education question time discussion and; improving children and young people's mental health outcomes.
3. At the political level the children's Minister is confirmed to attend and it is hoped that he will be joined by the new Secretary of State and shadow minister. The Children's Commissioner is confirmed to speak and there will also be an opportunity to discuss the future of children's social care inspection with senior Ofsted colleagues.
4. The full programme, along with booking instructions, can be found here:
adass.org.uk/ncasc2016

Appendix D

Childhood Obesity: A Plan for Action

1. The government published [Childhood obesity: A Plan for Action](#) in August 2016. The plan aims to reduce levels of childhood obesity, improve the health and wellbeing of children, and contribute towards reducing future pressures on the NHS and society.
2. The plan sets out 14 key areas of actions. Seven of these relate directly to food (including reducing sugar and a soft drinks levy), four relate to schools (including helping children to have an hour of physical activity a day), the other three are supporting early years settings; harnessing the best new technology and enabling health professionals to support families.
3. Many health experts, campaigners, Ministers and those in the food and drinks industry have expressed their disappointment that the plan does not go far enough in addressing the root causes of obesity; it is acknowledged that this requires effort across government and a range of stakeholders including local councils.
4. The LGA will be responding to the government's [Soft Drinks Industry Levy Consultation](#) which is currently underway and closes 13 October. The LGA has called for fundamental reforms, such as a mandatory reduction of sugar in soft drinks, better sugar labelling on food and drink products, calorie counts on menus in chain restaurants, and for councils to be given powers to ban junk food advertising near schools.
5. We believe that these measures, which would help to promote greater individual responsibility, could help to significantly reduce childhood obesity. It is disappointing that a number of these key asks have not been included in the plan and we will continue to press government for them to be introduced. Local authorities anticipate having spent £505 million tackling obesity in adults and children, following the transfer of public health responsibility in April 2013.
6. Links to a selection of media releases are included below for information;
 - 6.1. Media work relating to obesity:
 - 6.1.1. [Obesity crisis: 500 children suffering Type 2 diabetes is 'wake-up call' for the nation.](#)
 - 6.2. Better food labeling:
 - 6.2.1. [Make traffic light labelling mandatory, says LGA.](#)
 - 6.2.2. [Fizzy drinks need child-friendly 'teaspoon labels' to spell out sugar content, say councils.](#)
 - 6.2.3. [Obesity crisis: Make pub, restaurant and cinema chains show calorie counts says councils.](#)

6.3. Media work relating to reducing sugar:

- 6.3.1. [Soft drinks firms must commit to sugar reduction in popular drinks to combat obesity crisis, say councils.](#)

6.4. Online advertising targeting children:

- 6.4.1. [Councils raise public health concerns over food firms' online games for children.](#)

6.5. Publications relating to obesity:

- 6.5.1. [Healthy weight, healthy futures: Local government action to tackle childhood obesity.](#)
- 6.5.2. [Tipping the scales: Case studies on the use of planning powers to limit hot food takeaway.](#)
- 6.5.3. [Building foundations: Tackling obesity through planning and development.](#)
- 6.5.4. [Healthier Food Procurement.](#)

Appendix E

Future Mandatory Health Visitor Checks Undertaken by Councils

1. Following the transfer of 0-5 public health commissioning responsibilities in October 2015, local councils are responsible for delivering health visitor checks. At the point of transfer, statutory regulations were enacted to mandate councils to carry out five checks for all babies; an antenatal health visit; a new baby review; a 6-8 week assessment; a one year assessment; and a 2 to 2.5 year review. These checks are referred to as “universal health visitor reviews”.
2. The regulations mandating these checks expire in March 2017. The intention behind them was to safeguard services for families and to provide a degree of national consistency in local council’s provision to families.
3. At the request of the Department of Health (DofH), Public Health England (PHE) has undertaken a review of the mandation and will report its findings and advice to Ministers in October 2016. Ministers will determine whether the regulations should expire, be revised or cease altogether.
4. The Infrastructure and Projects Authority (IPA) (part of Cabinet Office and HM Treasury) has indicated that they will be carrying out an independent review of the health visitor mandated checks. This will include consideration of the PHE methodology for review and outcomes.
5. The Chair of the Community Wellbeing Board and the Chair of the Children and Young People’s Board have written to Nicola Blackwood MP, (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health and Innovation) requesting that the Government does not make a decision about the mandation of health visiting services in isolation. They propose instead, a collective review of all mandated public health services delivered by local councils¹ next year. This is to ensure that councils are not forced to direct other public health budgets to mandated services and that within the context of reduced funding, there is local flexibility to determine how to target available resources. The Chairs have invited the Minister to meet with them to discuss this proposal further.

¹ National Child Measurement Programme, NHS Health Checks, Sexual Health Services, Public Health advices and Health protection.

Appendix F

Local Transformation Plans (LTPs) for Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

1. Local Transformation Plans seek to transform the design and delivery of a local offer of services for children and young people with mental health needs. The transformation of services has been supported by the release of extra funding to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). NHS England has distributed £30 million of funding to improve eating disorder services. This funding will be recurrent over 5 years. An additional £1.25billion was also pledged in the March 2015 budget for CAMHS, over the next five years.
2. CCGs need to work closely with a range of local partners to develop and deliver plans and they should be signed off by Health and Wellbeing Boards.
3. The LGA has undertaken a survey to seek views from Directors of Children's Services on how efforts to transform CAMHS are progressing. Results will be fed into the planned LGA's "State of the Nation Report" for CAMHS, which will identify key recommendations for national partners to support local transformation, and highlight good practice underway in some areas. The aim is to launch the report in December. CAMHS is a priority area for the LGA Campaigns Team this year and a campaign will be launched to coincide with the publication of the "State of the Nation Report".
4. The extensive oversight infrastructure for CAMHS at national level (through Department of Health) has been downsized and there is now a single Mental Health Strategic Partnership Group which will oversee all activities and track progress with transformation.



The Wood Review of the council role in education and children's services

Purpose

For information

Summary

This paper provides background information to support the presentation and discussion on the Wood Review of the council role in education and children's services.

Recommendation

That the Board note the information provided.

Action

Officers to take action as directed by members.

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The Wood Review of the council role in education and children's services

Background

1. Alan Wood was appointed by the then Education Secretary Nicky Morgan MP to chair an External Advisory Board to feed into a Department for Education (DfE) review of the role of councils in relation to children, including the role of the Director of Children's Services (DCS) and the Lead Member for children, in line with the commitment in the *Educational Excellence Everywhere* white paper (March 2016).
2. The end product of the review will be a consultation paper which sets out an overarching narrative and vision describing the future role of councils in relation to children. It will aim to set out a coherent set of expectations and responsibilities on councils and their relationship to children and the powers councils will need to carry out those responsibilities.
3. The External Advisory Board will feed into a DfE Directors' Steering Group which will shape the project and sign off key decisions. The group's purpose is to advise the DfE and provide insights based on best practice and evidence. The Secretary of State for Education and the DfE review team will remain responsible for the content and process of the review.
4. The membership of the External Advisory Board includes LGA, ADCS, Solace, teaching unions, a Chief Executive of a Multi-Academy Trust, a representative of a children's charity and the Chief Executive of the Educational Endowment Foundation. The LGA is represented by the CYP Board Chair Cllr Richard Watts and Sally Burlington, LGA Head of Policy.
5. Alan Wood is the former DCS at Hackney and a former President of the ADCS. He will make a brief presentation about the work of the External Advisory Group and progress to date. The discussion that follows will provide the Board with an opportunity to make an input into the review.

Note of last Children & Young People Board meeting

Title:	Children & Young People Board
Date:	Wednesday 29 June 2016
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
1	Declarations of Interest	
	The chair welcomed members to the meeting and noted apologies.	
2	Confidential item - Action Research into Improvement in Local Children's Services	
	<p>The chair introduced Simon Rea and Ben Bryant from the ISOS Partnership, who had worked with LGA officers on the Action Research into Improvement in Local Children's Services Project. They advised members that the interim report had been published in February and that the final report would be published today (29th June). They gave an overview of the findings, advising members that it had looked at two key questions: 'what are the key enablers of (and barriers to) improvement in local children's services?' and 'how can the system as a whole facilitate and support improvement in local children's services?' They had worked with 9 local areas and had supplemented this by speaking to a further 6. The research would now be shared with Ofsted and DfE.</p> <p>Key questions noted for further research included approaches to improvement such as: developing the capacity for self-assessment, driving consistent practice across a service and being open to working with others in the local area to spread effective practice. A coherent approach on gathering intelligence to create a clear, specific evidence base on interventions would also assist improvement.</p> <p>Time scale for improvement depended on the depth of failings in a service and recognition of this. It took around 6 to 12 months to strengthen core systems and around 2 years to improve a service on the whole.</p> <p>In the discussion which followed, the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members welcomed the report and the outcome. They highlighted that improvement was a difficult area and that it would take time. 	

Denial of failings in a service needed to be avoided.

- Members asked how the LGA would ensure the findings of the report were taken forward. It would be important to continue working with chief executives and political leaders in this area.
- Members felt that many councils needed to prioritise Children's Services work and asked if this could be emphasised in public relations work. The LGA's peer learning and peer support work was highlighted as important for service improvement in this respect.
- Members discussed the increasing pressure on children's services, and emphasised they would like to see this acknowledged.

Response:

- On political leadership, members were advised that the report included a section describing the recommended focus of leaders in an improvement journey.
- Members were advised that the report also discussed peer review in detail, including opportunities to bring organisations together to work to improve a failing service.
- It was suggested that the board could approach DfE and Ofsted to discuss working together.
- Regional seminars could be used as a tool to ensure the findings of the report were acted upon.
- LGA officers advised members that a workshop on political leadership had been organised for the following week. This would be a good opportunity for lead members to disseminate the research.

Decision:

1. Members **noted** the paper and endorsed its key recommendations.

Actions:

1. Members requested that the report was sent out to all local authorities.
2. Officers to send members a link to the published report.

3 The Queen's Speech

Ian Keating, Principal Policy Adviser, introduced the report, advising members that three bills of relevance to the board had been announced in the Queen's Speech in May: the Children and Social Work Bill, the Education for All Bill and the National Citizen Service Bill. The report set out the main purpose of each bill and the LGA's work on them to date.

In the discussion which followed, members made the following points:

- It was important for all authorities to continue engaging with the LGA in this area, since the organisation worked as a mediating body between councils and the Secretary of State for Education.
- There were concerns raised on the regulatory system for social workers. This needed improvement but should avoid becoming politicised.
- Members highlighted that it would be useful if local authorities worked with Youth Engagement Projects.
- Members highlighted concerns with the Education for All Bill, in particular with the proposal to end the statutory role of councils in school improvement and cut the Education Services Grant by £600 million.

Decision:

The board **noted** the report.

Action:

Officers to take forward work as directed by members.

4 Term-time Absences from School

The chair introduced the report. He informed members that he had written to the government, advising them that this issue was unclear from a head teacher's point of view and there was a lack of clarity in the guidance on this. Head teachers would need further support in this area.

In the discussion which followed, members made the following points:

- Schools were in a difficult position after the Isle of Wright ruling and were having to enforce a set of rules that did not have legal justification. Members welcomed the chair's request for clarity on this. They would also welcome a strengthening of the law.
- Members also highlighted there was an inconsistency with the Ofsted framework on this. 90% attendance was marked as inadequate in this, but legislation differed on this point.

Decision:

1. Members **noted** the report.

Action:

1. The chair to advise members when a reply is received from the Schools Minister.

5 Home Education and Illegal Schools

The chair introduced the item and asked for members' views on the increase in cases of home schooling children.

In the discussion which followed, members made the following points:

- There were concerns that local authorities were sometimes unaware of children living in an area when they were being home schooled. It was difficult to enforce a legal duty to protect a child if local authorities were unaware of their presence.
- Planning legislation on establishing schools was lax. Schools could be established in buildings without reference to local authorities.
- The loophole in home-schooling meant that local authorities were unable to go and see what a child was being taught. The rules did not require parents/tutors to follow the national curriculum. This was a community safety issue and members felt it was positive that Ofsted had picked this up.
- Members asked what the scale of home schooling currently was. There was concern that numbers in illegal schools was currently unknown.
- Members advised that the 2009 report on home education had identified the lack of powers local authorities had in this area, but the actions from it had not been implemented. Members felt it would be useful to have a cross party discussion on this issue to ensure there was a political will to see it through.
- Dave Hill, ADCS President said that ADCS would welcome input on this and would work alongside the board on the issue.

Decision:

1. The board **noted** the report.

Action:

1. Officers to take forward work as directed by members.

6 JNC Youth and Community Workers - Staff Side Claim on Campaign to Defend Youth Services

The chair introduced the item and spoke about the board's work on youth campaigns. Encouraging councils to support youth work was important, as

financial savings could be made by working with young people early on.

In the discussion which followed, the following points were made:

- The National Youth Agency was discussed and members suggested they could be invited to present at a board meeting.
- The Birmingham University Passport Programme was highlighted as a successful training programme for young people and a way of involving them in a project which increased their confidence. It was felt that the project had been underrated and should be introduced elsewhere.

Decision:

1. The board **noted** the report

Action:

2. Officers to take forward work as directed by members

7 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

The chair introduced the item, highlighting the increasing challenges faced by councils as asylum seekers arrived across the country.

In the discussion which followed, members made the following points:

- Members felt that there had to be an obligation on some councils to take asylum seekers. The scheme would not work on a voluntary basis. Many authorities were struggling to accommodate people, as they did not have the budget to support them.
- There were instances of problems finding suitable foster placements for children. Even if a local area had facilities, sometimes children had to be placed elsewhere, though local residents were still paying for their care. The funding mechanisms for this needed to be considered.
- The board needed to feed these issues to the member led LGA Asylum and Migration Group. There had been much progress over the past year and the dialogue needed to continue. The board agreed to send thoughts to Cllr David Simmonds (chair of the group).

Decision:

1. The board **noted** the report.

Actions:

1. Officers to take forward work as directed by members.

8 Annual Review of the Year 2016

Members discussed the end of year report. This summarised the board's work over the past year and looked forward to key issues which the board would consider during next year's cycle. The report would be submitted to the LGA Executive in July.

- The board thanked LGA officers for their work over the past year.

Decision

1. The board **agreed** the report.

9 Note of the Previous Meeting

Decision:

1. The board **agreed** the notes as an accurate summary of the discussion.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Roy Perry	Hampshire County Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Richard Watts	Islington Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Helen Powell	Lincolnshire County Council
Members	Cllr Laura Mayes	Wiltshire Council
	Cllr Dick Madden	Essex County Council
	Cllr Liz Hackett Pain	Monmouthshire County Council
	Cllr Anne Burns	Cumbria County Council
	Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
	Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
	Cllr David Mellen	Nottingham City Council
	Cllr John Merry CBE	Salford City Council
	Cllr Paul Cullen	Richmondshire District Council
	Alison Michalska	
Apologies	Cllr Paul McLain	Gloucestershire County Council
	Cllr Ivan Ould	Leicestershire County Council
	Cllr Ian Parry	Staffordshire County Council
	Cllr Anntoinette Bramble	Hackney London Borough Council
	Cllr Liz Green	Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council

Cllr Christopher Coleman
Dave Hill
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