

Challenging and Vulnerable Children Sub Committee

Tuesday, 15th April, 2008

PRESENT: Mr. R. Stott (In the Chair)
Mr. J. Fryett and Mrs. S. Knights

Mrs. V. Buckland – Education Leeds
Mrs. D. Leonard – Legal Services
Mrs. R. Phillips – Education Leeds
Miss. L. Pilgrim – Governance Services

8 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair apologised for the late start of the Sub-Committee.

9 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Gruen.

10 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the Challenging and Vulnerable Children Sub-Committee held on 25th February 2008 were approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of minute 13 in relation to Key Stage 2 & 3 provision.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

11 Matters Arising

In relation to the In Year Fair Access Protocol, Mr. Fryett raised his concern that some catholic primary schools had been advised by the Diocese not to partake in the In Year Fair Access Protocol until they had been consulted. Mr. Fryett was under the impression that catholic schools had to take part in the In Year Fair Access Protocol. Mrs. Buckland confirmed that it was the case and that catholic primary schools were consulted on regarding the Protocol, that the Protocol was compulsory and that catholic primary schools would be invited to an Area Management Board meeting should an application be made for the relevant wedge. The Protocol had been working well for catholic high schools and it was not anticipated that a problem would arise with the catholic primary schools. Should any confusion arise this would be dealt with by officers dealing with the application.

RESOLVED: That the current position be noted.

12 Leeds Inclusive Learning Strategy Update

The Chair tabled a report for the Sub-Committee's consideration on the progress of the Leeds Inclusive Learning Strategy (LILS). After outlining the contents of the

report the Chair went on to inform the Sub-Committee that phase one of the Strategy had a January 2008 deadline however there had been a two month delay in the completion of stage to which had put pressure on phase two of the Strategy.

There had been an advertisement for the post of Leadership of LILS as a secondment opportunity but at this stage there had been no applications for the post. The post advertised was a part-time post however the Chair felt that it was more appropriate that this was a full-time post. The post would be re-advertised in the coming months.

Page 19 of the report indicated the workstreams and relevant officers in relation to LILS. It was important that the workstreams and the Heads of Service were aligned and it would probably be the case that extra capacity would need to be found for some of the workstreams. A toolkit had been developed in relation to locality working and officers were also looking at what functions and at what levels services should be provided as a starting point of future debates. This would go out to heads of Service by the end of May for consultation.

It was anticipated in the future that Children's Services Partnerships would take over the role of Area Management Boards and would have a wider remit.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted and that future updates be presented to the Sub-Committee

13 Behaviour Continuum Development

The Chair provided members of the Sub-Committee an update on developments in relation to the Behaviour Continuum. Progress had been made in Key Stage 2 provision. The intention was to have 2 provision sites in each wedge, one located in the inner part of the wedge and the other in the outer part. Good progress had been made in the secondary provision area and a site had been developed in the South Wedge for which Human Resources were in discussions regarding the relocation of staff to the site. It was thought that the new site would open by next term which would lead to three sites in September 2009 and 5 in September 2010.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

14 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting would be Tuesday 10th June 2008.

RESOLVED: That the date and time of the next meeting be noted.