

Challenging and Vulnerable Children Sub Committee

Tuesday, 1st November, 2011

PRESENT: Mr. P. Forbes in the Chair

Councillor P Gruen

In Attendance:

Mrs R Phillips- Children's Services
Mrs A Oldroyd – Legal Services
Mrs S Wallace- Governance Services

57 OPENING REMARKS

The Sub-Committee noted that there were insufficient Members present for a quorum, however an informal meeting would proceed.

58 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S. Knights, Ms. S. Norfolk, Mr. J. Daulby and Ms. A. Moorhouse.

59 ELECTION OF THE CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING

Mr. P. Forbes was elected Chair for this meeting.

The Sub-Committee extended it's best wishes to Mrs. S. Knights and wished her a speedy recovery.

60 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Sub-Committee approved the minutes of the last meeting as a correct record, however they would be brought forward to the next meeting for final approval.

RECOMMENDED: That the minutes of the last meeting be approved.

61 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Sub-Committee was informed that Mr. Nigel Richardson, Director of Children's Services was attending the next meeting of the Leeds Admissions Forum.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the new Draft Admissions Code was expected to be published any day.

62 FAIR ACCESS PANELS ANNUAL REVIEW

The Sub-Committee received a report on the impact of the Fair Access Panels on the admission of children during the academic year 2010/11. There had been more than 8500 requests for In-Year transfers in 2010/11, up from 4500 requests for In-Year transfers the year before. This increase was believed to be due to the introduction of In-Year Co-ordination by the Local Authority. The Sub-Committee was informed of the allocations made under Fair Access by wedge and by school, and the process by which children are offered places under the Fair Access Protocols. The Sub-Committee was informed that the publication of the School Admissions Code was being awaited and that this could affect Fair Access arrangements.

63 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Due to the Sub-Committee being inquorate, this matter was not discussed.

64 UPDATE ON IN YEAR CO-ORDINATION

Due to the Sub-Committee being inquorate, this matter was not discussed.

65 UPDATE ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CODE

Due to the Sub-Committee being inquorate, this matter was not discussed.

66 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Due to the Sub-Committee being inquorate, this matter was not discussed.