

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SAFEGUARDING SUB-COMMITTEE (A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE), HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD, ON THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2010

Membership

Councillors

- * Mrs T Sargent (Chairman)
- * Mrs A Brown
- * Mrs T Higgins
- J Knapman
- * C Riley
- * Cllr John Aldridge (*ex officio*)

Non-Elected Voting Members

- * Mr R Carson

(* present)

The following officers were present in support throughout the meeting:

Graham Redgwell	Governance Officer
Vivien Door	Committee Officer

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

34. Apologies

The Committee Officer reported the receipt of the following apologies:

Cllr J Knapman

35. Declarations of Interest

No new declarations of interest were recorded.

36. Minutes

The minutes of the Safeguarding Sub-Committee meeting held on 19 October 2010 were approved as a correct record.

37. Safeguarding Scrutiny – Report on the First Stage of the work

The Sub-Committee received and considered the Report CYP25/10 which had been discussed in detail at the Children and Young People (CYP) Policy and Scrutiny Committee meeting earlier the same day.

The Sub-Committee **Agreed** that the Governance Officer would:

- i) Amend the Safeguarding report as discussed in the CYP Committee;

- ii) Circulate the amended report, (indicating where the changes had been made) to the Sub-Committee Members for comment before the final report was presented at the CYP meeting on 6 January 2011.

38. Safeguarding Scrutiny Stage 2 Work

The Sub-Committee **Agreed** that Stage 2 work, possibly Stage 3 and beyond should include meeting with the following organisations/people:

- i) Dave Hill, Executive Director, Schools Children and Families, to provide his vision for the Directorate, his view on the Stage 1 report and his comments on the proposed Stage 2 work;
- ii) Social Worker Team Leaders;
- iii) Parents/Guardians and Children and Young People;
- iv) Stewart McArthur – regarding the changes in joint commissioning;
- v) Police;
- vi) Voluntary Sector;
- vii) Education;
- viii) Schools/GP's safeguarding practices.

Members **Agreed** that:

- i) Some of the future work would need to be in closed sessions to enable staff to be open with the Sub-Committee and that any meetings with Parents/Guardians and Children and Young People would need sensitive handling in a closed session;
- ii) The Committee Officer would organise an extra meeting with Dave Hill in December 2010;
- iii) Any outstanding Minutes from previous meetings would be signed off at the extra meeting in December 2010.

39. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold a further meeting prior to Christmas, subsequently agreed for Wednesday 22 December 2010, at 12.00 noon, in Committee Room 2.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm.

Chairman