

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 1 JULY 2010

Membership

Councillors

- * Mrs T Sargent (Chairman)
- * Mrs A Brown
- Mrs M Hutchon
- * J Knapman
- * C Riley
- * J 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
Matthew Waldie	Committee Officer

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

7. Apologies

The Committee Officer reported the receipt of the following apologies:

Cllr M Hutchon
Mr R Carson

It was noted that Councillor Hutchon was at present recovering from an operation and it was not yet clear if she would be able to carry out the necessary visits.

8. Declarations of Interest

No new declarations of interest were recorded.

9a. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Safeguarding Children Sub-Committee held on 3 June 2010 were approved as a correct record.

9b. Terms of Reference

The sub-committee noted that the Children and Young People Policy and Scrutiny Committee had approved the Terms of Reference, as amended at the sub-committee meeting of 3 June. The Committee had also added a paragraph giving the sub-committee responsibility for monitoring the Corporate Scorecard assessment, insofar as it relates to Safeguarding, and requiring regular feedback

to the main committee. A copy of the amended Terms of Reference is appended to these minutes and has been included in the Committee minutes.

10. In-depth Review of Safeguarding Recommendations

The sub-committee considered the project plan for the review, SSC/04/10 and the Pillar Lines of Enquiry, SSC/05/10, as introduced by the Governance Officer. The overall project plan and timetable was agreed, with a preliminary meeting with an IDeA Social Care Advisor in late July if possible.

As per the Pillar Lines of Enquiry paper, the sub-committee divided into three pairs, with each pair taking two pillars, as follows:

First pair – Cllr A Brown and Cllr C Riley

Confident leadership

Organisation fit for purpose

Second pair – Mr R Carson and Cllr J Knapman

High quality frontline practice

Measuring what counts

Third pair – Cllr T Sargent and Cllr M Hutchon/Cllr J Aldridge

Effective partnerships making the difference

Becoming an employer of choice.

(It was noted that Councillor Aldridge would stand in for Councillor Hutchon if the latter felt unable to undertake the necessary activities later in the year. The situation would be clarified at the CYP meeting in early September.)

The Governance Officer cautioned members about losing focus and trying to cover too much ground. He suggested that each pair select two building block headings under each of their two pillars, and then restrict themselves to three success indicators at most for each pillar. This was seen by Members as a sensible approach.

The sub-committee **Agreed** that each pairing should produce their own pillars and send them to the Governance Officer/Committee Officer. These could then be considered at the next meeting.

Officers to contact IDeA and arrange a meeting as soon as possible.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

These would be confirmed in due course.

The meeting closed at 1.15 pm.

Chairman

Appendix to 1 July 2010 minutes**Terms of Reference**

1. To exercise the powers of the CYP P&SC in holding the following to local democratic account:

Executive Member for Children's Services (ie Cabinet member for Children's Services)
Executive Director of Schools Children and Families
Essex Safeguarding Children's Board
Essex Children's Partnership Trust (constituent members appended below)

2. To receive annual reports from the above and others and to make recommendations for consideration by the CYP P&SC
3. To undertake periodic in-depth investigations into the Essex Safeguarding Children arrangements, identify findings and make recommendations for consideration by the CYP P&SC
4. To report on its activities at appropriate intervals but at least on a quarterly basis to the CYP P&SC
5. The Sub-Committee will remain in being until decided otherwise by the CYP P&SC
6. The Sub-Committee is empowered to fill any vacancies in its membership, or co-opt appropriate people as members or advisers, subject to ratification by the next meeting of the CYP P&SC
7. The Sub-Committee will monitor the Corporate Scorecard, insofar as it relates to safeguarding, and will make regular reports on its findings to the Committee.

Appendix to Terms of Reference***Members of the Children's Trust arrangements*****Local Children and Young People's Strategic Partnerships**

Basildon, Billericay & Wickford Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Braintree Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Brentwood Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Castle Point and Rochford Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Chelmsford Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Colchester Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Epping Forest Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Harlow Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Maldon Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Tendring Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Uttlesford Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

Groups represented on the Stakeholder Forum

Association of Secondary Headteachers in Essex
Association of Special Education Senior

Managers in Essex
Basildon District Council
Braintree District Council
Brentwood Borough Council
Castle Point Borough Council
Chelmsford Borough Council
Children's Fund Essex
Children's Society, Chelmsford
Colchester Borough Council
Epping Forest District Council
Epping Forest Voluntary Action Group
Essex and Southend Healthy Schools Partnership
Essex Community Foundation
Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services
Essex County Council
Essex Fire & Rescue Service
Essex Forum SNAP
Essex Foster Carers Council
Essex Police
Essex Primary Headteachers' Association
Essex Probation Service
Essex Racial Equality Council
Essex School Governors' Association
Essex Schools Forum
Families InFocus (Essex)
Harlow District Council
Learning & Skills Council (Essex)
Maldon District Council
Mid Essex Primary Care Trust
NHS Acute Trusts
North East Essex Primary Care Trust
North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Parentline Plus
Rainbow Services
Rainer
Rochford District Council
SCOPE
South East Essex Primary Care Trust
South Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
South West Essex Primary Care Trust
Teenage Pregnancy Partnership Board
Tendring District Council
The Prince's Trust
Uttlesford District Council
West Essex Primary Care Trust
WHCM Counselling and Support

Organisations that attend Children and Young People's Strategic Partnerships

Brentwood Catholic Diocese
Chelmsford Church of England Diocese
Essex Association of Boys Clubs.