

**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 WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2011**

**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
Matthew Waldie	Committee Officer

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

**1. Apologies**

The Committee Officer reported the receipt of the following apologies:

Cllr T Higgins

**2. Declarations of Interest**

No new declarations of interest were recorded.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the Safeguarding Sub-Committee meetings held on 22 December 2010 were approved as a correct record.

**4. Safeguarding Scrutiny Stage 2 Work**

The Committee agreed the following course of action:

1. the Committee should receive an update from Paul Abraham looking at the deep dive into data available before the next meeting
2. representatives of the Police and the Essex Police Authority should be invited to the next meeting. It was **Agreed** that Committee members should:

- See the Police's safeguarding policy beforehand (Committee Officer to circulate)
- Send in any specific questions/topics to officers, for them to collate and circulate to all Committee members and to attendees

3. meetings should be arranged with frontline social working staff (at team leader level). These should be carried out in private, by members, probably in pairs, with no officers present. Members would wish to determine whether principles they have heard about are working in practice, to look at questions of quality, and to learn about outcomes. Committee members should then bring relevant issues for consideration at a subsequent Committee meeting. These visits should also cover safeguarding in schools. A cribsheet should be prepared, setting out the range of issues to be covered

4. the Report should be monitored for progress made – sometime in April

5. meetings should be arranged with parents and/or children (not before April)

Committee members expressed an interest in attending meetings of the EARP and/or Safeguarding Boards in the meantime. Committee Officer to look into this.

## **5. Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm.

Chairman