

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Children and Young People held at
2.00 pm on Wednesday, 9 March 2016

Present:

Members: Councillor E Ruane, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Councillor A Andrews, Shadow Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Employees (by Directorate):

People F Doyle

Resources S Bennett, J Newman

Public Business

34. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

35. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February, 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

36. Update on Children and Families First Team

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People considered a report of the Director of Children's Services which provided the Cabinet Member with an overview of the services delivered by the Children and Families First (CFF) Team linked to the Early Help and Prevention Strategy.

Coventry's Early Help Strategy provides an intervention model that maximises support to children in the early years of their lives, or early on in the emergence of a problem at any stage of their lives, across a 0-19 age range, and up to 25 for a young person with a special need or disability. The CFF Teams forms part of this delivery model, working at Common Assessment Framework Level 3, with the whole family to enable the development of positive extended family, personal and community networks so that families access positive informal support. The report provided details of the 60 strong team who work with families with complex needs, and who have a strong relationship with Social Care, to enable the family to get support, when their needs no longer meet the threshold for social care intervention. Early Help and Prevention management data was appended to the report.

The Cabinet Member questioned the officer on aspects of the report, particularly in relation to:-

- Work undertaken with schools
- Processes followed by the Team and the performance monitoring of those processes
- The development of the new Joint Allocation Panel
- Referrals rates to the Team
- How assessments of cases are carried out
- Joint work undertaken with the Health Visiting Team

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People notes the current position in relation to the Children and Families First Team.

37. Outstanding Issues Report

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People noted a report of the Executive Director of Resources that identified those issues on which further reports had been requested and were outstanding so that progress could be monitored.

38. Any Other Business

There were no items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 2.40 pm)