



Leicester
City Council

EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: MONDAY, 8 JANUARY 2007 at 5.30pm

Councillor Waddington – Chair
Councillor Fitch – Focus Team Spokesperson
Councillor Johnson – Conservative Spokesperson
Councillor Karim - Liberal Democrat Spokesperson

Councillor Mrs Chambers
Councillor Dempster
Councillor Sood
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Keeling

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70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cannon Peter Taylor (Church of England Diocese).

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members declared the following personal interests in the items on the agenda as School governors:

Cllr Mrs Chambers	Leicester Royal Infirmary Hospital School	LEA
Cllr Dempster	Imperial Avenue Infant Beaumont Lodge Primary	LEA LEA

Councillor Sood declared a personal interest in the items on the agenda as a member of the Leicester Council of Faiths and as a governor of Spinney Hills Primary.

78. REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF PRIVATE FOSTERING BY THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL CARE INSPECTION

A report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People was considered which advised Members of the outcome of the inspection of the private fostering service which took place in September 2006. It was noted that there was no specific City private fostering service so the inspection had looked at the Council's overall arrangements. The outcome of the inspection had been positive with six of the seven standards met and one nearly met. It was

noted that the Council had now introduced new arrangements for private fostering and so the inspection related to the previous arrangements.

Members acknowledged the difficulty of this area of work and suggested that it would be something the Committee would need to further consider. However concern was expressed that the standard not fully met related to safeguarding. It was noted that the issue related to an inadequate assessment of risk in two of the cases the inspectors had looked at. Since the inspection all cases had been audited and appropriate measures were in the process of being fully implemented.

Members noted that the report referred to potential additional resource requirements. It was noted by officers that the recommendations of the inspection would be implemented by using existing revenue budgets.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Scrutiny Committee note the content of the Commission for Social Care Inspection report of the private fostering arrangements and the overall positive outcome of this inspection;
2. That staff are commended for their hard work and contribution to the report; and
3. That the Corporate Director be requested to provide a report for Members of the Scrutiny Committee concerning private fostering.

82. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.34pm.

