



Leicester
City Council

EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Held: THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2007 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Mugglestone – Chair
Councillor J. Blackmore – Vice Chair

Councillor Bajaj	Councillor Dawood
Councillor Follett	Councillor Naylor
Councillor Newcombe	Councillor Suleman

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr Mohammed Alauddin Al-Azad - Parent Governor (Primary / Special Needs)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Blower – Task Group Leader, Children Schools and Young People
Councillor Hall – Task Group Leader, Community Cohesion and Safety

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests that they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

Councillor Blower declared a personal interest in Appendix C, 'Education Inclusion' as her son had Special Educational Needs and that she had previously dealt with the department on this issue. She noted that despite the fact that she was not a Board Member and that the interest wasn't prejudicial, she undertook to take no part in the discussion.

Councillor Dawood declared a personal interest in Appendix C, 'Education Inclusion' as he worked at Connexions.

54. INTER-AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS TO CO-ORDINATE AND MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SAFEGUARDING

The Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services submitted a report on the work of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board.

The Children, Schools and Young People Task Group Leader commented that there were issues in the report with regard to the number of children on the Child Protection Register. She felt that there were a number of matters which needed further analysis and a report back to the Board on. This included clarity on the current figures and details of the children on the register according to age / ethnicity. The Corporate Director agreed to provide a report on the analysis of the child protection register to a future meeting of the Board which addressed these concerns. She also undertook to provide Board Members with a briefing note outlining the current position with the Register.

The Vice Chair enquired about the support provided to Safeguarding Children Board from the Leicester City Primary Care Trust (PCT). The Corporate Director commented that the scope of the Safeguarding Children Board was currently being reviewed and following on from this, contributions from all agencies would be assessed.

A further query was raised about the engagement that had taken place with Madrassahs. It was noted that approximately 10,000 young people in the city attended these every day and it was requested that details be provided of the engagement that had been undertaken. The Corporate Director agreed to provide a briefing note on the engagement with Madrassahs that had taken place.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that members of the Board receive a briefing note regarding the current position of the Child Protection Register and further reports when analysis has been undertaken; and
- (2) that members of the Board receive a briefing note on the engagement which had taken place with Madrassahs.