



Leicester  
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Held: WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2008 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Mugglestone – Chair  
Councillor Blower – Vice Chair

Councillor Corral	
Councillor Hall	Councillor Joshi
Councillor Naylor	Councillor Russell

Co-opted Members

Mr Mohammed Allaudin Al-Azad – Parent Governor

Also in Attendance

Councillor Dempster – Cabinet Lead Member for Children and Schools.  
Councillor Kitterick – Cabinet Lead Member for Regeneration and Transport

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**213. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Blackmore and Councillor Suleman.

**214. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

No declarations were made.

**220. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADOPTION TEAM AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services submitted a report that introduced the Board to the updated Leicester City Council Adoption Agency Statement of Purposes and Annual Report of activity during 2007-08.

The Service Director, Access, Inclusion and Participation introduced the paper and informed the Board that the Statement of Purposes was reviewed and formally approved annually by the executive side of the council.

A Member of the Board commented that whilst the length of time that children had to wait for adoption placements was good, there was still eight children with a significant waiting time and asked whether this was due to family circumstances or a failure to find suitable adoptive placements. The Service Director, Access, Inclusion and Participation explained that placements were often delayed due to legal matters. Furthermore, it was reported that as children had a range of needs, it often took longer to find an appropriate placement, especially for a child from a more complex background.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) that the report be noted.
- (2) that the Statement of Purposes be noted; and
- (3) that the activity of the adoption team (2007/2008) be noted.