



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
SOCIAL SERVICES AND PERSONAL HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Gill - Chair
Councillor Mrs Chambers - Conservative Spokesperson
Councillor Getliffe -Labour Spokesperson

Councillor Green (for Councillor Beck)
Councillor J. Blackmore

Councillor Fitch (for Councillor James)
Councillor Nurse

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Ms S. Bray – Voluntary Sector

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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Coles – Cabinet Link Member for Social Services and Personal Health

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41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Act applied to them.

Councillor Mrs Chambers declared a non-prejudicial interest in Appendix E, 'Adoption Team Annual Report' as she was a member of the Adoption Panel. The Town Clerk advised that she could speak and vote on the item.

**52. FINAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CARE STANDARDS COMMISSION
INSPECTION OF LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL FOSTERING SERVICE**

The Assistant Director (Children and Family Services) gave a presentation on the outcomes of the recent Fostering Service Inspection. The Committee was informed that the inspection had been very positive and that the majority of areas of the service had scored highly. A number of suggestions for the 'fine tuning' of the service were already being incorporated. The service had been commended for a number of key areas of its work, including training and the

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foster carer handbook. Staff morale had been boosted by the evaluation, as had the national reputation of the service.

Members congratulated the Fostering Service on its successful Inspection and commended its valuable work.

RESOLVED:

That Fostering Service be congratulated on its successful inspection.