



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.

51. ADOPTION TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2002/03

The Assistant Director (Children and Family Services) gave a presentation detailing the annual report and work of the Adoption Team.

It was reported that despite its considerable workload, the adoption team was making significant achievements. This had resulted in a very positive national image. The numerous challenges facing the team were identified for members.

The Committee congratulated the Adoption Team on their successes and

expressed their appreciation for the valuable work of the team. Members asked what measures were being taken to encourage people to get involved in adoption, especially families from ethnic minority backgrounds.

The Assistant Director (Children and Family Services) explained that the reputation of the Adoption Team encouraged word of mouth recruitment. In addition a campaign was being organised with the Leicester Mercury to raise the profile of the service. The difficulties of adoption in ethnic minority communities were discussed.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Adoption team be commended for their success and the important work they do.