



Leicester
City Council

EXTRACT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2005 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor J. Blackmore - Chair
Councillor Almey.(Liberal Democrat Spokesperson)
Councillor Mrs. Chambers (Conservative Spokesperson)

Councillor Dempster

Councillor Nurse

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Sonia Bray – Voluntary Sector
Mr Bob Clark – Voluntary Sector

**20. FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL CARE INSPECTION OF
LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL FOSTERING SERVICE 2005**

The Corporate Director, Social Care and Health, submitted a report which gave details of the outcome of the Commission for Social Care Inspection for the City Council Fostering Service which took place in June 2005. The inspection had been conducted against national minimum standards and had been positive with all standards met or exceeded with particular commendation for work in matching children to placements and in meeting the needs of black and Asian children in foster care and in promoting educational achievement. The inspectors did not impose any 'Notices of Statutory Requirements' but four 'Good Practice Requirements' were suggested.

It was noted that fosters carers were regularly assessed and that they performed a vital service, however additional people prepared to foster were always required.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the sincere thanks of the Committee be passed to members of the Fostering Team for their hard work;
- (2) That the Scrutiny Committee note the Final Report of the Commission for Social Care Inspection Report of the Leicester City Council Fostering Service; and
- (3) Scrutiny Committee note that the suggested 'Good Practice Recommendations' will be considered by the fostering service and implemented as appropriate.