



Leicester
City Council

Minute Extract

Minutes of the Meeting of the
EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2005 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Johnson - Chair
Councillor Karim - Liberal Democrat Spokesperson
Councillor Waddington – Labour Spokesperson

Councillor Almey	Councillor Panchbaya
Councillor Clair	Councillor Sood
Councillor Kitterick	Councillor Thompson
Councillor O'Brien	Councillor Willmott

Co-opted Members (Voting)

Mr Edward Hayes	-	Roman Catholic Diocese
Ms Madeline Dodd	-	Parent Governor (Secondary School)

Co-opted Members (Non-Voting)

Mr Chino Cabon	-	Leicester Racial Equality Council
Mr Resham Singh Sandhu	-	Leicester Council of Faiths
Mr Nic Gavin	-	Primary Sector
Ms Jane Rolfe	-	Primary Sector
Mr Peter Flack	-	Secondary Sector
Mr Adam Suddaby	-	Incorporated Colleges
Mr Geoff Rawnsley	-	City of Leicester Governors Association

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24. IMPROVING CORPORATE PARENTING IN LEICESTER CITY

A report of the Deputy Chief Executive was considered which gave details of a proposed Corporate Parenting Initiative and development plan. The report aimed to highlight the needs of Looked After Children, care leavers, and the role of the corporate parent, emphasise the need for political leadership and corporate ownership, establish the strategic direction and operational implementation of corporate parenting and provide better opportunities for looked after children. A Members champion was sought from this committee, and would also be sought from the Social Services Scrutiny Committee and

from Cabinet.

The significant professional input from the Raising the Achievements of Looked After Children (RALAC) Team were recognised as evidenced by the number of Looked After Children achieving 5 A-C and A-G passes at GCSE and a reduction in exclusions of Looked After Children to zero.

Looked After Children were fully engaged with the process via a number of initiatives to ensure full consultation and participation.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor O'Brien be nominated as the Members' Champion for looked after children from this Committee.