



Leicester
City Council

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2009 at 5.30pm

PRESENT

Councillor Corrall – Chair
Councillor Bajaj – Vice-Chair

Councillor Johnson
Councillor Newcombe
Councillor Senior
Councillor Desai (for Cllr Naylor)
Councillor Scuplak

Co-opted Members

Mr Mohammed - Parent Governor (Primary /Special Needs)
Alauddin Al-Azad -

Also In Attendance

Councillor Dempster Cabinet Lead Member for Children and Schools.

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22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Suleman and Mr M Asquith, Church of England Diocese.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

No declarations were made.

28. ANNUAL ADOPTION STATEMENT OF PURPOSE 2009

The Strategic Director, Children submitted a report that gave details of the updated Statement of Purpose and details of activity during 2008-09. It was stated that the team received over 1,000 referrals in 2008-09 of which 310 were from people interested in adopting a child. 35 adoptive families were

presented to the adoption panel, all of which were approved. 67 children in the City were referred for adoption and 24 were adopted. Details of the process for assessment and approval of adopters with target times were given with it stated that the aim was to move from initial interest to the assessment stage within 3 months. In relation to the target times it was stated that the timescales took into account the need to fully explore the issues with the prospective adopters and were normally met by the service.

Following questions from Members it was noted that the majority of enquiries related to requests to adopt a baby or very small child and there was a need to encourage the adoption of older children. It was also noted that Members could attend the Adoption Panel.

RESOLVED:

That the Statement of Purpose and the activity of the Adoption Team be noted.