



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
21 SEPTEMBER 2011**

PRESENT:

Malcolm Barham (Voluntary Sector), Debbie Barnes (Lincolnshire County Council), Councillor Mrs Patricia Bradwell (Lincolnshire County Council), Chris Cook (Chairman of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board), Peter Duxbury (Lincolnshire County Council), Michael Follows (Lincolnshire Schools' Forum), Lynne McNiven (NHS Lincolnshire), James Nicholson (West Lindsey District Council), Karen Parsons (Voluntary Sector) and Chris Seymour (Learning Provider Group).

Also in attendance: Andy Birch (CfBT), Ginny Blackoe (NHS Lincolnshire), Stuart Carlton (Lincolnshire County Council), Alex Coman (Lincolnshire County Council), Cheryl Hall (Lincolnshire County Council), David McWilliams (Lincolnshire County Council), Ian Reed (Lincolnshire County Council), Jason O'Rourke (Lincolnshire County Council), Malcolm Ryan (Lincolnshire County Council), Zania Stevens (Lincolnshire County Council), Jennie Thornton (Lincolnshire County Council), Sue Westcott (Lincolnshire County Council) and Sophie Whitehead (Lincolnshire County Council).

Two members of the Peer Review Team were also in attendance.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

ACTIONS

RESOLVED

That Peter Duxbury be elected as Chairman of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership for 2011/12.

PETER DUXBURY IN THE CHAIR

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Malcolm Barham be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership for 2011/12.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from John Allen, Manjeet Gill, Fiona Griffiths, Terry Hawkins, Allan Kitt and Keith Smy.

It was noted that Lynne McNiven and James Nicholson attended in place of Allan Kitt and Manjeet Gill respectively.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTION POINTS OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 5 JULY 2011

During consideration of the minutes and action points from the meeting of the Strategic Partnership held on 5 July 2011, the following points were noted: -

- An update was provided in relation to the accuracy of data in hospitals within Lincolnshire. It was noted that a comprehensive piece of work was being carried out to ensure that the attendance data within Accident and Emergency departments was correct. It was also noted that Paediatric Liaison posts had been put into place;
- It was noted that Zania Stevens had not received any alternative wording for the five proposed principles, which were considered at the Strategic Partnership's meeting on 5 July 2011;
- The consultation deadline for the Children and Young People's Plan had been extended to 14 October 2011.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting and action points of the Strategic Partnership held on 5 July 2011 be agreed, subject to 'not' being inserted after 'did' on the twelve bullet point, under Minute 49.

5. TAKE OVER DAY

Zania Stevens (Lincolnshire County Council) provided the Strategic Partnership with a verbal update in relation to the Take Over Day on 11 November 2011. A 'Children's Commissioner's Take Over Day 2011' document was circulated, which promoted the Take Over Day to children's commissioner's.

It was queried whether young people could participate in one of the council's scrutiny committees during the Take Over Day. It was subsequently suggested that as there were no scrutiny meetings being held on 11 November 2011, a mock Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee should be organised, where young people could actively participate, rather than observe.

It was agreed that the 'Children's Commissioner's Take Over Day 2011' document would be emailed to members of the Strategic Partnership for information.

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RESOLVED

That the verbal update be noted.

6. OLYMPIC LEGACY STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report and presentation by Andy Birch (CfBT), which set out proposals for delivering an Olympic/Paralympic legacy for every child in Lincolnshire.

The 2012 Olympic games would provide the Council with a unique opportunity to inspire a generation of children and young people to greater things. The council aimed to leave a legacy that would last beyond the 2012 games, which would impact on children and young people throughout their lives. The legacy project was set around the Olympic and Paralympic values of Friendship, Respect, Excellence, Equality, Courage, Determination and Inspiration.

Following a rigorous selection and application process, Lincolnshire's legacy project had been awarded one of the prestigious 'Inspire Marks' by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The project was branded 'Live and Learn like a Champion'. Details of the 'Live and Learn like a Champion Legacy Log Award Scheme' were circulated at the meeting. It was noted that this project was launched by the Council's Chairman, Councillor N D Cooper, at the Lincolnshire Show in June 2011. Over 1000 children signed up to be part of the programme over the two days at the Lincolnshire Show. Each participating school would designate its own legacy co-ordinator. Each child signed up to the scheme would receive a 'Legacy Log' for completion. The Strategic Partnership received a demonstration of the legacy website and mobile phone application, which would be used by children and young people to upload photos and clips of themselves participating in the scheme. In response to a question, members were reassured that there would be members of staff monitoring the content of the website to ensure it was being used appropriately.

Members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions, where the following points were noted: -

- The target was to get every child and school signed up to the scheme;
- A Lincolnshire mascot had been designed by a school child for the scheme and an example of the mascot was circulated, for information. The mascot would be used as part of the 'Live and Learn Scheme';
- It was suggested that those officers responsible for corporate parenting should encourage looked after children to get involved with this scheme. It was queried whether Lincolnshire County Council could obtain tickets for its looked after children to go to the Paralympic games, subsequently

it was suggested that the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games should be contacted to ascertain whether this was something that could be achieved. If tickets could not be obtained, it was queried whether a tour of the Olympic Village could be arranged;

- A letter had gone out to all schools providing information and promoting participation with this scheme;
- It was agreed that David McWilliams (Lincolnshire County Council) would link Looked After Children Services (LACES) with Andy Birch to explore automatic 'sign up' for the council's school age looked after children population.

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RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

7. VALUES BASED EDUCATION DVD

A verbal update by Jason O'Rourke (Head teacher for Washingborough Primary School) was considered, which provided the Strategic Partnership with detailed information in relation to the values based education at Washingbrough Primary School.

The Strategic Partnership was also shown a DVD and a detailed presentation.

During a comprehensive discussion regarding values based education, the following points were noted: -

- There were twenty-two values which were chosen by parents, teachers and governors;
- Although there were twenty-two values, only one of those values was focused on at any one time and they alternated on a six weekly basis;
- Explicit teaching of values provided a common ethical language for talking about interpersonal behaviour. It also provided a mechanism for self-regulated behaviour. An important outcome was a more settled school which enhanced quality teaching and enabled teachers to raise expectations for student performance;
- This way of teaching could be applied in any community and school. It was noted that certain schools in London and Birmingham were also delivering this type of education;
- Comprehensive research into the effectiveness of this way of teaching had been explored and this was undertaken by the University of Newcastle, Australia (2010). It was requested that the evidence from this research was email to members of the Strategic Partnership for information;
- This way of teaching was embedded across Washingborough Primary School and formed part of its curriculum. It was also included within the teacher's contracts and included within adverts when recruiting;
- The importance of this positive language was discussed and it was

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subsequently suggested that this could be built into foster homes and children's centres. It was suggested that Sue Westcott, Assistant Director of Children's Services, should meet with Jason O'Rourke to discuss this further;

- It was suggested that the Strategic Partnership could encourage the use of the Olympic values (Minute 6 refers) through its own activities and commissioning. However, concerns were raised as each organisation had its own set of values and this may cause confusion.

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RESOLVED

That the verbal update, presentation and DVD be noted.

8. TEAM AROUND THE CHILD ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given to a report by Jennie Thornton (Lincolnshire County Council), which detailed the new working arrangements for Team Around the Child (TAC). Following the restructuring of Children's Services, there would be new arrangements for the management of TAC assessment and planning, from 1 October 2011. The new arrangements from 1 October 2011 were detailed at Appendix A.

There were no proposed changes to referrals in urgent and significant safeguarding situations, which would continue to go to the Customer Service Centre (CSC), be screened by the social work professional in the CSC and then be forwarded to the relevant social care team.

Briefing sessions were planned to take place with lead professionals to ensure they were fully aware of the proposed changes in the way of working. Circulated at the meeting was a list of dates and times for those sessions.

Members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions, where the following points were noted: -

- A concern was raised by one of the members as it was felt that there were not enough briefing sessions arranged, as some of the lead professionals had experienced difficulty when trying to get booked on;
- Concerns were also raised regarding the tight timescales;
- Evening sessions had also been arranged for those individuals who were unable to attend a daytime session;
- Following a comprehensive discussion regarding the new arrangements, It was suggested that Sue Westcott (Assistant Director of Children's Services), should evaluate the effectiveness of the new arrangements after six months and then again after twelve months;
- Information regarding the new arrangements had been circulated to all schools;
- When this was originally introduced, it was supported by the Strategic Partnership but underwritten by Lincolnshire County Council. Following

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the Comprehensive Spending Review, the council was tasked to achieve significant savings and as a result it was unable to continue to underwrite it. However, the Strategic Partnership was reassured that new arrangements would not affect the basic approach;

- It was suggested that this should be discussed further at the Safeguarding Board.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the proposed new arrangements be noted.
- (2) That members be requested to make their respective organisations aware of the arrangements.

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9. ANTI-BULLYING STRATEGY AND MODEL POLICY

A report by Sophie Whitehead (Lincolnshire County Council) was considered, which provided the Strategic Partnership with an opportunity to consider the proposed Anti Bullying Strategy and draft model Policy developed in partnership with the Anti Bullying Working Group. The Strategy had been developed to set out the key principles of challenging and reducing bullying behaviour and outlined how all partners should work together in the pursuit of this.

During consideration of this report, the following points were noted: -

- The Strategy and model Policy would be formally launched at the proposed Anti Bullying/E-Safety Conference in February 2012;
- It was queried whether the Strategic Partnership could receive feedback from a child who had experienced bullying. It was also suggested that feedback should also be sought from the child's parents. It was noted that parents had been consulted through parents' forums however, it was acknowledged that more work could be undertaken with parents;
- The validity of the figures contained within the report was discussed, where members were reminded that the figures for primary and secondary schools had previously been presented to the Strategic Partnership for consideration.

RESOLVED

That the Anti Bullying Strategy and draft Model Policy be approved.

10. MEETING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN - A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Consideration was given to a report and verbal update by Stuart Carlton (Assistant Director of Children's Services), which invited members to consider a document entitled 'Meeting the Needs of Children in Lincolnshire'.

The diagram on page four of the report was discussed, which represented the changing level of need experienced by children and families over time with recognition that at times, need changes in a non-linear fashion. Needs could possibly escalate or drop sharply without progressing through services in a steady procession. At needs change, the level of service provision should change accordingly. The points in time on the diagram, figured A, B and C represented a family or child at different times with different levels of need and what may be an appropriate service provision response to this.

In response to a question, members were advised that assessment planning and continually reviewing a child's needs would ensure that a the needs of that child had been met within Lincolnshire.

It was requested that an updated version of the document was circulated to the Strategic Partnership for information.

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RESOLVED

That the 'Meeting the Needs of Children in Lincolnshire' document be approved.

11. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP MEETING DATES 2012

Proposed meeting dates for 2012 for the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership were circulated for information.

RESOLVED

That the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Meeting Dates for 2012 be noted.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman agreed that the following items could be considered under Any Other Business: -

(i) 2012 National Citizen Service Providers Announced

A press release was circulated to members of the Strategic Partnership which announced that nineteen service providers had been selected to run National Citizen Service (NCS) pilots in 2012, one being the Lincolnshire and Rutland Education Business Partnership.

(ii) GP Representation

It was reported that Allan Kitt (NHS Lincolnshire) had received notification that two GPs were interested in becoming members of the Strategic Partnership. It

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was agreed that Lynne McNiven would email the relevant information to Zania Stevens (Lincolnshire County Council) for the appropriate action.

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13. REPORTS CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION

The following report was circulated for information to members of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership. It was suggested that any comments or queries should be emailed to the relevant report writer for a response: -

- Children and Young People's Plan 2011.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.