



**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
1 DECEMBER 2017**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR R L FOULKES (CHAIRMAN)**

Councillors R J Kendrick (Vice-Chairman), Mrs W Bowkett, S R Dodds, M T Fido, Mrs K Cook, C Matthews and A P Maughan.

**Added Members**

Church Representatives: Reverend P A Johnson.

Parent Governor Representatives: Mrs P J Barnett and Dr E van der Zee.

Councillors: D Brailsford and Mrs J E Killey were also in attendance.

Officers in attendance:-

Jonas Gibson (Commissioning and Development Manager), Mark Popplewell (Head of Finance (Children's Services)), Debbie Barnes (Executive Director, Children's Services), Katrina Cope (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Simon Evans (Health Scrutiny Officer), Eileen McMorrow (Senior Project Officer Specialist Schools Project), Mary Meredith (Head of Children's Service Manager, Inclusion), Heather Sandy (Chief Commissioning Officer for Learning), Sally Savage (Chief Commissioning Officer) and Jennifer Mckie (Senior Music Adviser, Lincolnshire Music Service).

**35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / REPLACEMENT MEMBERS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Wootten, R Wootten and Mr S C Rudman (Church representative).

An apology for absence was also received from Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell (Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services).

**36 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of members' interest made at this stage of the meeting.

**37 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2017**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2017, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**38 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR  
FOR ADULT CARE, HEALTH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Reverend Philip Johnson, who had been appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education as the replacement member for Reverend Sue Evans.

The Committee was advised that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had on the 14 November 2017 had a very interesting visit to Bridge House in Boston, which supported Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 pupils who found themselves outside of mainstream education.

Also, on 16 November 2017, the Chairman advised that he and Councillor S R Dodds had been on very successful visits to the premises of the Lincolnshire Leaving Care Service in Louth, Ingoldmells and Skegness.

The Chairman advised further that he and Councillors A P Maughan and Mrs K Cook had attended the V4C meeting at Sleaford. It was noted the V4C or Voices for Choices was Lincolnshire's Council for Looked after Children aged between 8 and 17 years. The V4C aimed to bring looked after children and young people in Lincolnshire together for social activities and to have a greater say in their activities.

The Executive Director for Children's Services updated the Committee with regard to the Children and Young People Now Awards 2017. Children's Services had been shortlisted in the Early Intervention, Children in Care and Partnership Working categories, but had not been selected as a finalist in the 2017 awards.

**39 BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF SPECIALIST PROVISION FOR CHILDREN  
AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND  
DISABILITIES IN LINCOLNSHIRE**

Consideration was given to a report from Eileen McMorrow, Senior Project Officer Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Review, which asked the Committee to consider the strategic vision of SEND provisions as detailed in the Building Communities of Specialist Provision Strategy information detailed in the Executive report attached at Appendix 1.

The Committee was advised that Lincolnshire had 20 special schools for pupils with SEND, and that all special schools were delivering Good or Outstanding education according to the current Ofsted ratings. In 2015/16 the Council had commissioned

some research by the ISOS Partnership which had identified the need to reshape SEND provision to meet the needs of the increasing population of pupils requiring placement in special school settings. The research had also highlighted a need for more collaborative working between special and mainstream schools. The combination of the research and changes to national policy development from the Department for Education (DfE), the Council had identified the need to review its current provision and create a new strategy to reshape the special school system in Lincolnshire.

It was highlighted to the Committee that the high demand for special school places had put significant capacity pressures on many of Lincolnshire special schools. It was highlighted further that the current education system had special schools operating within clearly defined designations, and as a result many pupils had to travel for significant periods of time and distance in order to access a special school place which could meet their individual needs.

In response to the identified local challenges and national directives, Lincolnshire had recognised the need to work more collaboratively to address the main issues impacting on special school provision. The Building Communities of Specialist Provision Strategy proposed to develop an integrated system of special education for pupils with SEND, to meet their education and health care needs as close to their home as possible. This would be achieved as a result of significant capital investment being made to special schools to enhance their provision to meet most of the needs and designations of disability, and to create increased capacity to meet growing demand.

The Committee was advised that the proposed model had been agreed with all special school Head Teachers and the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum and fully met the strategic vision for SEND provision. If agreed the proposals would then be subject to wider consultation. The results of the consultation would then be presented to a future meeting of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and finally to the Executive (or the Executive Councillor) for a decision on whether to proceed with the strategy and the proposed special school changes.

It was highlighted that comments raised from the meeting would be reported to the Executive for their consideration at the meeting due to be held on 5 December 2017.

During discussion, the Committee raised the following issues:-

- How the proposal would be funded – The Committee was advised that the purpose of the report was for the Committee to consider the strategic vision for SEND provision and to support the engagement in public consultation. It was then proposed to bring a further report back to the Committee following the consultation. This report would provide the Committee with details of the financial costs. It was reported that the proposals would cost in the region of £40m. The Committee was advised that there was a grant of £2m from the Department for Education (DfE) for Local Authorities to refresh their SEND provision. The remainder of the £38m would be met as a result of the increasing number of places, and grant use from the basic needs funds;

historic money for conditions for special schools from 2012; and money from the DfE for Free Schools. The Committee was advised that the best estimate was that at the moment, there would be a shortfall of approximately £5m. It was highlighted that officers would consider with schools how to bridge any gaps. The Committee noted that the strategy was for a 3/5 year project; and that there was an element of risk, but it was felt that the end result would be worth it for the improvements gained for pupils of Lincolnshire with SEND. Some concern was expressed as to whether free schools would adhere to the proposed strategy. It was highlighted that ideally a free school application would be through an existing Lincolnshire academy who had signed up to the strategy. It was reported that a new special school to meet demand was likely to be based in Lincoln;

- Satellite Units – The Committee was advised that the new satellite units would be accessible from each locality, on mainstream school sites both primary and secondary. These would be managed by local special schools and would offer transition support for SEND pupils accessing curriculum areas in mainstream or requiring additional support from special schools whilst accessing their school place in mainstream. Clarification was given that if a school was in special measures, the satellite unit would not be affected as it was the responsibility of the local special school;
- Future Proofing – The Committee welcomed the level of positive involvement from special schools and their head teachers in the development of the proposals. It was felt that proposed provision in the future needed to be secured should circumstances in special schools change. Reassurance was given that if a special school in the future indicated that it could not meet the needs of a pupil in its area, this would be a matter for the local authority and other special schools. It was felt that this would in effect mean that the school would be influenced by the 'peer pressure' of other special schools, but officers noted the positive commitment demonstrated by Head teachers and Governors/Trustees to date;
- British Sign Language – The Committee was advised that the strategy would continue with commissioned provision in response to need;
- Education Health and Care Plans – A question was asked as to whether there was any issues relating to the completion of EHCPs. The Committee was advised that a national report had concluded that some mainstream schools were struggling in relation to supporting pupils with SEND, with particular reference being made to autism. The Committee noted that there had been a 50% increase in the number of assessments conducted and an increase of 33% in the number of EHCPs. The Committee was assured that Lincolnshire was meeting its statutory timescale despite the increase in demand and that the strategy looked to increase the number of places by 10%. It was highlighted that it was hoped that ultimately, in mainstream schools parents would have the confidence that the schools were meeting the needs of the young person without the need for a EHCP;
- Lincolnshire County Council Commissioned special school places (bottom of page 40 of the report). A question was asked as to why places for St Christopher's, Lincoln were decreasing for 18/19. The Committee was

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advised that St Christopher's was over capacity by 80/90 pupils and therefore work was being done to reduce the numbers;

- Plans in place to assist in transition. The Committee noted that transition to the new provision was being considered very carefully with Head Teachers and special school Head Teachers who were best placed in helping with the upskilling of the work force's development. Reassurance was given that packages would be in place before transition. Further reassurance was given that there would be good communication with parents and that the implementation would be done gradually;
- Some concern was expressed regarding the risk of some schools taking systematic advantage of the opportunities on offer as a result of the proposals. Officers advised that they were aware of the risks and reassured the Committee of the role of the local authority in meeting its statutory obligations, specifically in meeting the needs of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities;
- The positive effect the strategy would have on reducing the time spent by the young people traveling to a special school that would be able to meet their individual needs; and
- Gosberton House – Some concern was raised as to whether the excellent provision for autism received at Gosberton House would be affected by the strategy. Officers advised that the outstanding work done at Gosberton House was recognised and steps were being taken to use the knowledge and skills of the Head Teacher to lead on autism, to ensure that the level of provision received at Gosberton House was extended across the county.

Overall, the Committee extended its support to the recommendations set out on pages 19 – 20 of the Executive report presented at Appendix 1; and requested that the Executive take into consideration the comments raised by the Committee as detailed below.

The Chairman extended thanks on behalf of the Committee to officers for a very informative report.

#### RESOLVED

1. That the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee strongly supports the three recommendations as detailed on pages 19/20 of the Executive report presented at Appendix 1.
2. That the Executive be requested to consider the following comments made by the Committee before making their decision:-
  - Future Proofing – The Committee welcomed the level of positive involvement of special schools and their head teachers in the development of the proposals. The Committee reflected on how to secure the proposed provision in the future when the particular circumstances of special schools and head teachers might change. The Committee was assured that if a special school were in the future to indicate that it could not meet the needs of an individual pupil in its

area, this would be a matter for the local authority, but would also be a matter for the special schools. This would in effect mean the school would be influenced by the 'peer pressure' of other special schools.

- Meeting Statutory Obligations – The Committee is aware of the role of the local authority in meeting its statutory obligations, specifically in meeting the needs of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. The Committee has highlighted there is a risk that some schools might be seeking to take systematic advantage of the opportunities on offer as a result of the proposals. The Committee acknowledges that any gains for each school would be ultimately for the benefit of the pupils.
- Communication with Parents – The Committee has stressed the importance of communicating with parents during the implementation of the proposals. The Committee was assured that the implementation of the proposals would be gradual.

#### 40 DOMICILIARY CARE AND SHORT BREAKS SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

The Committee gave consideration to a report from Jonas Gibson, Commissioning Manager, which invited the Committee to consider the services commissioned for children with disabilities, (CWD), details of which were contained in the Executive Councillor report attached at Appendix 1.

In a joint presentation, the Commissioning Manager, Children's Services and Team Manager, Children with Disabilities advised the Committee that the inability to meet demand in the domiciliary care service had enabled the exploration of a different approach to recommissioning all three services, by means of an open competitive tender. It was noted as there was likely to be minimal interest in the market for a Domiciliary Care Service for children with disabilities on its own; it was proposed that two other contracts for CWDs (short breaks services) were to be re-commissioned at the same time as the Domiciliary Care service to generate interest in the market. It was noted that the annual value of the contracts in 2016/17 was £820,148. It was highlighted that the approach to recommissioning the three services would provide the greatest opportunity for the Council to secure a suitable supplier(s) to develop a sufficient level of provision and increase the quality of the services that children with disabilities receive across Lincolnshire.

Reference was made to the three individual services detailed at paragraphs 2.1; 2.2; and 2.3 of the report presented. Particular reference was made to fact that it had been difficult to recruit staff for the domiciliary care due to the nature of the service (early morning and evenings). It was highlighted that many local authorities faced very similar local pressures in respect of recruitment in their localities as a result from competition from other employers, external perceptions of the care sector relating to role; low-pay and limited career paths.

Appendix 1 of the report provided the Committee with details of the Equality Impact Assessment.

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The Committee was requested to consider whether it supported the recommendations in the report and whether it wished to make any additional comments to the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services.

During discussion, the Committee raised the following issues:-

- Recruitment – Some concern was expressed to the recruitment situation. It was highlighted that there should be a more joined up approach between children and adults as there appeared to be competition for the carers. Officers confirmed that discussion and previous experience had shown that adult providers did not generally really want to expand into the children's element of domiciliary care;
- Quality of the Service being provided – The feedback received was that the Domiciliary Service currently provided by the Lincolnshire Community Health Services was very good; and
- The use of direct payments – It was reported that 110 families had opted for direct payment out of 250. The problem was still the same families were finding it hard to recruit carers.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee supports the three recommendations as detailed on pages 69/70 of the Executive report presented.
2. That the Executive Councillor Adult Care, Health and Children's Services be requested to consider the following comments made by Committee before making a decision:-
  - The Committee highlighted the need to develop greater interest in the market in order to resolve the issues encountered with recruitment and retention of carers across Lincolnshire. The Committee also highlighted that on many occasions Children's Services competed with Adult Services for the same pool of staff. Officers highlighted that many local authorities faced very similar local pressures in respect of recruitment in their localities as a result from competition from other employers. It was confirmed that work was being undertaken with providers to develop a wider range of skills and interest within the market;
  - A member of the Committee highlighted the reducing annual value of the contracts and queried whether this had led to a reduction in overall quality. Officers confirmed that service feedback remained positive, and while there had been some missed appointments, overall quality of care was good with training provided to staff also being very positive; and
  - A member of the Committee queried the level of uptake of direct payments by services users within this area. Officers confirmed that around 110 families out of 250 took direct payments, however, it

was reported that these families often also encountered the same issues with recruitment and retention of carers.

41 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROVISION FOR KEY STAGE 4 PUPILS  
PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOLS

Consideration was given to a report from Jonas Gibson, Commissioning Manager, which asked the Committee to consider whether it supported the future commissioning intentions to procure a number of places for alternative education provision for key stage 4 pupils permanently excluded from schools by means of an open competitive tender. Mary Meredith, Children's Services Manager – Inclusion, was also in attendance to present the report to the Committee.

The Committee was advised that there was a clear need for greater capacity with Lincolnshire's Alternative Education Provision (AEP) sector. It was reported that there were several reasons for that, one of which was that historically Lincolnshire's Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), now known as Springwell Lincoln City Academy and part of the Wellspring Academy, Trust had gone over Pupil Admission numbers by on average 75 pupils and that there had been a year-end reconciliation with the provider to cover the additional numbers. It was highlighted that investing in additionality at the beginning of the year would improve the quality of strategic planning.

The report highlighted that it was crucial that investment sustained the sector and with a minimum of 75 places required, there was an opportunity to do this in diversifying Lincolnshire's AEP offer in the best interests of disaffected Key Stage 4 learners. The increase in capacity was key to the Council meeting its obligations in ensuring young people, permanently excluded, or on a pre-excluded programme placement from school continued to receive education. The report highlighted that the required AEP capacity was currently unable to be found, except through external commissioning of these placements. The Committee was advised that Children's Services were therefore seeking an approach to commission a minimum of 75 placements (but up to a maximum of 125) with effect from the start of the 2018/19 academic year to ensure that education for Key Stage 4 pupils could be maintained.

The Committee was requested to consider whether it supported the recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and whether it wished to make any additional comments to the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services. The Committee noted that any comments raised would be reported to the Executive Councillor before the decision being taken between the 5 December and the 12 December 2017.

During discussion, the following issues were raised:-

- Some concern was expressed as to whether if capacity was increased whether this would portray the wrong message and that schools would not seek to establish or develop their own solutions. Officers felt that this was a risk, but reminded the Committee that the Local Authority was responsible for the education of those excluded from day six and thereafter. The Committee noted the progress that had been made by the primary sector in reducing the

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number of pupils excluded. Clarification was given that all that was being proposed was formalising what was already in place, to ensure that places were available;

- It was noted that Lincolnshire's market of suppliers for AEP who were DfE registered was minimal; and that previously suppliers of the service wishing to bid would need to become registered;
- The Advantages of providing AEP places. Page 103 of the report detailed a list of reasons. Some concern was expressed regarding sub-contractors. The Committee was reassured that quality would be monitored through contract management;
- Some concern was expressed that the local authority was being held to ransom because of its statutory duty. It was felt by some members that this was a national policy issue, which should be escalated via local MPs;
- The statutory role of the local authority at day six. Reference was made to the Children's Commissioner briefing report entitled *Falling through the Gaps in Education*. A suggestion was made for the findings of report being considered by the Committee at a future meeting;
- Work experience – One member enquired whether the young people excluded had the opportunity to gain work experience. Officers advised that it was up to the new school or Pupil Referral Unit to arrange this in line with the pupils education plan; and
- Reference was made to paragraph 1.8.2 which related to the fact that schools were able to buy direct AEP, which some had done; this however was not a sustainable solution for suppliers in the market place. It was agreed that schools working collaboratively together might have a more positive impact in reducing exclusions. Officers agreed that more work could be done to try and help schools to work together to create alternative provision.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Children and Young People Scrutiny supports the recommendations as detailed on pages 99/100 of the Executive Councillor report presented. (Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services).
2. That the Committee wishes to advise the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services that it intends to consider some of the broader issues on alternative education provision, including those highlighted in the Children's Commissioning Briefing Paper '*Falling Through the Gaps in Education*', Published in November 2017'.

The Children's Commissioner's briefing is available at the following link:-

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publication/briefing-falling-through-the-gaps-in-education/>

**42 NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA FOR MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS'**

Consideration was given to a report from Mark Popplewell, Head of Finance, Children's Services, which invited the Committee to consider a report entitled 'National Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools', which was appended at Appendix 1 to the report, which was due to be considered by the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services on 10 January 2018.

In guiding the Committee through the report the Head of Finance, Children's Services highlighted the background to the Government's implementation of the national funding formula for school for 2018/19.

The Committee was advised that the Government had encouraged Local Authorities to move towards the national funding formula so that schools' allocations were on a sensible trajectory towards the move to a 'hard' national funding formula from 2020/21.

Page 17 and 18 of the report presented provided the Committee with information relating to the government's building blocks of the schools national funding formula, which included basic per-pupil funding (including minimum per-pupil level), additional needs funding, school-led funding and geographical funding. Details of the fourteen formula factors within the building blocks were shown including key points from the formula.

Table one on page 5 of the report, outlined Lincolnshire's schools overall planned funding level for 2018/19, through the implementation of the national funding formula compared to other Local Authorities. It was highlighted that Lincolnshire continued to remain in the lowest quartile for school funding levels with Lincolnshire primary schools overall being the 33<sup>rd</sup> lowest funded Local Authority and Lincolnshire secondary schools being the 37<sup>th</sup> lowest out of 150 Local Authorities overall.

Tables two and three on page 7 provided the planned monetary gains by the sector in year 1 of the national funding formula implementation using schools 2017/18 census data.

The Committee was advised that due to the Government's tight timescales for completion of the work, the consultation with schools had been conducted in a relatively short period of time. The Local Authority had however forewarned schools of the consultation. The Forum was advised that the response rate had been disappointing (9% of primary schools and 20% of secondary schools). A copy of the consultation document was shown in Appendix A to the report.

It was highlighted that the implementation of the national funding formula was forecasted to bring in more monies into Lincolnshire schools by an overall increase of 3.7% in 2018/19, and a 6.6% increase overall in 2019/20 from the current 2017/18 schools baseline funding, which was a positive picture for Lincolnshire.

Details of the next steps to be followed were shown on page 8 of the report; and it was highlighted that the Council understood the impact of the national funding

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formula for 2018/19 and 2019/20 and that it was proposed to replicate the national funding formula in each of the two years to ensure a sensible trajectory for schools towards the 'hard formula' due to take effect in 2020/21. It was noted that 97% of schools that had responded to the consultation supported the Local Authority's proposals to adopt the national funding formula for 2018/19.

Officers were praised for their timeliness in responding to the Government's request.

A discussion ensued from which the Committee raised the following issues:-

- One member enquired how the proposal would affect Looked After Children (LAC). The Committee was advised that the Government had not used the Looked After Children factor in the national funding formula, but had instead increased the pupil premium plus rate for 2018/19 from £1,900 to £2,300. The report highlighted that around 60% of Local Authorities used the LAC funding, of which Lincolnshire was one of them. It was noted that the Local Authority funded £600 per LAC within its local funding formula, therefore to ensure that schools were not financially disadvantaged, the Local Authority would only adjust the schools baseline by £400 for each eligible LAC pupil to correspond with the pupil premium plus increase, which would provide protection within the schools baseline. It was also noted that the Virtual Head Teacher was responsible for determining how the funding was used to support the Looked After Child;
- Views of the Lincolnshire Schools' Forum – One member asked if the views of the Lincolnshire Schools' Forum could be fed back to the Committee. The Committee was advised that the Lincolnshire Schools Forum had considered a recent report relating to the national funding formula on 4 October 2017 and was due to consider the matter further at its meeting on 11 December 2017, before approval by the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services. The Lincolnshire Schools Forum had not foreseen any issues; but were pleased that the funding formula would bring additional funding into Lincolnshire which would start to create fairer and equitable funding;
- Mobility funding – The Committee was advised that the mobility factor in the national funding formula was intended to support schools that had a high proportion of pupils joining the school mid-way through an academic year. It was highlighted that as Lincolnshire did not have a mobility factor currently within the local funding formula, Lincolnshire would not be in receipt of any funding for 2018/19. It was noted that the Government was reviewing the mobility factor and the Local Authority had agreed to keep this formula factor under review to ensure all schools were funded fairly;
- Special Educational Needs – The Committee was advised that schools would continue to receive the notional SEN £6,000 within the formula to support children with special educational needs. The report highlighted that the Local Authority would be required to review the funding formula arrangements connected to schools delegated budgets, such as the school reorganisation policy and targeted notional SEN fund mechanism, in light of the schools national funding formula changes. All steps would be taken to ensuring fair and objective funding was allocated to schools; and

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- Sparsity – Some concern was expressed with regard to the fact that Lincolnshire schools were poorly funded and the impact of the national funding formula on the smaller more vulnerable rural schools; and that lobbying should continue with regard to this. It was reported that all schools through the National Funding Formula would be receiving at least 0.5% per pupil gain in funding in 2018/19.

Overall, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations as detailed on page 3 of the report, but wished to highlight to the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services for the need to continue lobbying for small rural schools; that the Committee was going to look at SEN funding at a future meeting; and that it was important to ensure that Looked After Children were not disadvantaged going forward.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's as detailed on page 3 of the report presented.
2. That the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's be requested to consider the following comments made by the Committee before making a decision:-
  - The Committee stressed the need to continue to lobby central Government for a fairer funding formula for schools as Lincolnshire was still a poorly funded area under the National Funding Formula;
  - The Committee highlighted concern that due to the Government's tight timescales the consultation with schools had been conducted in a relatively short period of time, in addition the Committee highlighted the low response rate of 11%. Officers confirmed that the Local Authority had forewarned schools of the consultation and provided information to schools at Headteacher briefings;
  - The Committee highlighted the need for funding to continue to adequately consider the sparsity factor and rural nature of Lincolnshire, in order to provide small and remote schools with additional funding and a degree of financial stability;
  - The Committee highlighted concern in relation to Looked After Children (LAC) funding arrangements. Officers confirmed that the Local Authority had previously funded £600 per LAC within its local funding formula and to ensure schools are not financially disadvantaged would only adjust the schools baseline by £400 for each eligible LAC to correspond with the pupil premium plus increase, therefore providing some protection within the schools baseline;
  - The Committee queried the current arrangements with mobility funding in relation to areas within Lincolnshire where pupils might move to the County mid-way through the academic year which would be a significant financial challenge to small rural schools. Officers confirmed that the

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Local Authority did not have a mobility factor currently within the local funding formula but would keep a close eye on the mobility fund as this was an area of risk; and

- The Committee highlighted the reported need to review the targeted notional SEN funding mechanism in light of the schools national funding formula changes. Officers confirmed that all steps would be taken to not disadvantage schools as part of these changes.

43     0 - 19 HEALTH SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report from Sally Savage, Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's, which provided the Committee with an update on the progress made by the Council to deliver the 0 – 19 health services to children and young people. It was noted that a decision had been made by the Executive in November 2016 to insource the 0 - 19 health services. Details of the new model of Children's 0 – 19 Services in Lincolnshire was detailed at Appendix A for the Committee to consider.

The reported highlighted that the 0 - 19 health services had successfully transferred into the Council. It was highlighted further that additional services to support the overall model had been commissioned and were now in place. Work had also started on identifying the future model of working by staff in the localities. The Committee noted that regular communication with partners was taking place; and that positive feedback had been received. Moving forward the focus was now on improving performance in relation to the key elements of the service and that future transformation to ensure that the full benefits of integration were achieved.

The Committee was also advised that from 1 October 2017, the Lincolnshire Integrated Sexual Health Service provided by Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust was now delivering a young person's sexual health service throughout the county for teenagers from age 13 to 19. Full details of the service were shown on pages 123/124 of the report presented. Reference was also made to the launch of the new Healthy Minds Lincolnshire Service to support the emotional wellbeing needs of children and young people in Lincolnshire, this service had also commenced on 1 October 2017. The Committee noted that a new online Emotional Wellbeing/Behaviour Pathway had been developed to support public and professionals to access or refer to the most appropriate services more easily.

It was reported that the transition of services had occurred with minimum disruption; however, they were two issues that were currently ongoing these were IT; and property issues.

A discussion ensued, from which the following issued were raised:-

- Impact of the Integrated Sexual Health Services – The Committee was advised that the service had only been running for two months; but that extra resources had been allocated to enable more work to be undertaken with young people; this included speaking to young people in schools. A suggestion was made for some of the engagement sessions with young people to be held outside of a school environment;

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- Interaction with young people – The Committee was advised that officers were looking into ways of interacting more with young people i.e. on-line portal; and web based application; and Apps;
- Concern was expressed as to whether the IT provision would be in place for the workforce to be able to operate efficiently. Officers advised that it was hopeful that the IT would be in place by 1 April 2018. It was highlighted that interim arrangements were in place, officers were receiving support from health colleagues;
- The poor uptake of Children's Immunisations in the Lincolnshire East CCG area. Officers clarified that immunisations were commissioned by NHS England and administered by GPs. 0-19 staff would be encouraging the uptake of immunisation across the county, when visiting or speaking to young people and families. It was highlighted that additional visits were not funded; and
- Healthy Minds – One member enquired whether the service had commenced. Officers advised the Committee that a training programme was being rolled out to schools. It was highlighted there had been numerous requests during the first two months of the service.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the progress made on insourcing the 0 - 19 health services to the Council be noted.
2. That the approach to delivering 0 - 19 health services as part of an integrated locality based offer to children and families be endorsed.
3. That the comments raised by the Committee in relation to IT provision; and that health visitors should continue encouraging the uptake of immunisations be noted.

**44 LINCOLNSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE - UPDATE**

The Committee gave consideration to a joint report from John O'Connor, Children's Services Manager, Education Support and Jennifer McKie, Senior Music Adviser, Lincolnshire Music Services, which updated on the history and future of the music service following the decision by the Council in December 2016 to continue to operate a music service on a fully traded basis.

The report highlighted that the Lincolnshire Music Service was a well-respected service, which had served the children and young people of Lincolnshire for over 40 years. The Committee was advised that the service had been long-listed for a national award by the Music Education Council, which had placed the service in the top 10% of high achieving music services.

In a short presentation to the Committee, the Senior Music Adviser provided the Committee with a short presentation which provided an overview of the Lincolnshire Music Service. The short film captured the incredible opportunities the Lincolnshire Music Service provided for children and young people in Lincolnshire.

The Committee was advised that the Lincolnshire Music Service had streamlined their working practices to ensure that the service provided was fit for purpose. It was highlighted that there had been engagement with 87% of schools across the county and over 22,000 children and young people had accessed the service during the last academic year. It was highlighted that there were supportive subsidies in place for looked after and pupil premium children. The service also provided pathways for the most talented young people with many progressing to conservatoire level and accessing professional playing careers.

The Committee was invited to attend a County Groups Music Showcase at the Epic Centre, Lincolnshire Showground during April 2018, which would demonstrate the extraordinary musical talent within the county.

The Executive Director of Children's Services thanked the Senior Music Adviser for the excellent service provided by the Lincolnshire Music Service.

#### RESOLVED

That the report presented be noted.

#### 45 PERFORMANCE - QUARTER 2 2017/18

Consideration was given to a report from Sally Savage, Chief Commissioning Officer, which invited the Committee to consider and comment on Quarter 2 performance information relevant to the work of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

Attached to the report were the following Appendices:-

- Appendix A – Council Business Plan Measures
- Appendix B – Customer Satisfaction Information
- Appendix C - Summary of Most Recent Mainstream Ofsted Inspections
- Appendix D – Children's Services Contract Performance – Exempt Information

During a short discussion, the following issues were raised:

- Page 166 - 16 – 17 year old Looked After Children participating in learning. One member enquired as to why 39% of LAC were not in education, learning or training. Officers advised that from the small cohort, some were in prison and some were pregnant young mothers. The Committee was advised that a series of workshops had been delivered to support care leavers; as were apprenticeship opportunities to help them to be work ready. The Committee noted that the 12 week targeted course was provided by Barnardo's. Officers were asked to provide a breakdown of the figures for future reports, instead of percentages;
- Ombudsman Complaints – Clarification was given that a report would only be taken to a full Council meeting in circumstances where a decision had been upheld and the Ombudsman had directed this;

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- Page 175 – Table 5 - Schools currently judged to be inadequate and/or under Interim Executive Board;
- Page 159 – Children who are subject to a child protection plan – The Committee noted that the target was 24 per 10,000 population, which equated to 340 children, the current rate was 25.5 which correlated to 362 children. It was noted that the tolerance was very sensitive and that the rate had reduced over the last two quarters; and
- Page 151 - Juvenile first time offenders - One member enquired as to how many young juvenile first time offenders were LAC. Officers agreed to look into this matter. The Committee was reminded of the recently launched diversionary project in Lincolnshire in conjunction with Lincolnshire Police, which would divert young people who had offended at a low level, through local panels to help to try to prevent the young people from obtaining a criminal record. It was hoped that this would also reduce the number of first time entrants. The Committee noted that the effectiveness of the restorative panel process should be seen in Quarter 3.

**RESOLVED**

That the performance for Quarter 2 2017/18 be received by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and that officers note the comments raised by the Committee.

**46 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee gave consideration to a report from Simon Evans, Health Scrutiny Officer, which enabled the Committee to consider and comment on the content of its work programme as detailed in Appendix A.

The Health Scrutiny Officer advised the Committee that the following items had come forward earlier in the meeting, these were:-

- Children's Commissioner – Briefing – Falling Through the Gaps in Education;
- Funding for Special Education Needs, and the process behind EHC Plans.

**RESOLVED**

That the work programme as detailed at Appendix A to the report presented be received, subject to the addition of the items listed above.

The meeting closed at 1.20 p.m.