

**MINUTES OF THE  
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008, MEZZ ROOM 2, COUNTY HALL.**

**Present:**

Chris Williams (BCC) – Chairman, Chris Munday (BCC), Cllr. Hillary Evans (SBDC), Gill Clipson (Amersham College), Neil Coker (Aylesbury College) on behalf of Pauline Odulinkski, Chris Petford (PCT) on behalf of Jane Taptiklis, Sally Loring (Bucks Hospital Trust), Cllr. Lin Hazell (BCC), Ed Mallam (BCC), Cllr. David Polhill (BCC), Cllr. Helen Wilkinson (WDC), Cllr. Marion Clayton (BCC), Vivien Salisbury (Voluntary Sector), Sue Imbriano (BCC), Cllr. Penni Thorne (AVDC), Andrew Toynton (Bucks LSC), Lee Gilmour (notes).

**Guest:**

Marcus Rogers (BCC) – Item 4

**Apologies:**

Pauline Odulinkski (Aylesbury College), Alan Goodrum (CDC), Yvonne Taylor (OBMH), Cllr. Mimi Harker, Ed MacAlister-Smith (Bucks PCT), Carol Mason (Voluntary Sector), Dean Taylor (BCC).

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

CW welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies were noted.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes were agreed with the following amendments:

Item 4, Parenting Strategy – clarity was given regarding two of the issues raised at the last meeting regarding the strategy.

It was requested that it should be made clearer within the minutes the identity when using the initials CM i.e. using CMunday or CMason as appropriate.

**Matters arising:**

Item 3, page 1, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child – it was reported that CDC have signed up to this.

**4. The impact of the growth agenda on children and young people's service in Buckinghamshire (Marcus Rogers)**

Marcus Rogers presented the paper 'Buckinghamshire Infrastructure and Services Programme: Action Framework, Final Draft – June 2008'. (A copy of the presentation is available from LG at [lgilmour@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:lgilmour@buckscc.gov.uk))

The floor was opened for questions/discussion with the following points raised:

- This is currently a topic of national interest and the media are emphasising the credit crunch, young people not being able to afford new homes and builders not wanting to build due to slower sales, will this affect the predicted figures? Response – it will and has already caused a delay locally with developers selling off sites or putting work on hold. However the figures will still need to be delivered over time.
  - The Government are the drivers for this and may increase numbers, eco towns are being pushed.
  - It was asked who the houses that are due to be built will be aimed at. Response – there are problems regarding predictions and also challenges around affordable housing. The types of housing impacts on future pupil numbers.
  - It was questioned how safe a 25 year plan is and whether 5 year projections are easier to work with.
  - The Supplementary Planning Document Section 106 will cover larger developments but what about smaller developments of up to 20 small houses? Response – a report written with appropriate language will cover this.
  - It was suggested that development contributions are not always pressed in some areas and that this should be raised at CADEX. CW felt it would be more effective to raise this at the Bucks Housing Group.
- Action: MR**
- It was suggested that the predicted population increase is not high enough as maternity numbers are showing a higher percentage increase. Response – these figures are being reviewed yearly.

*SI joined the meeting.*

- It was noted the emphasis on schools, especially secondary schools, taking into account the changes in education. Response – this is being considered by engaging with services and not just assuming this will stay the same.
  - MR asked if there are any areas that are not being represented to let him know so a robust picture can be achieved.
- Action: All**
- It is important to identify what is happening corporately and together with working on the Aylesbury Plan on how we provide for a different Aylesbury in the future. Although there are challenges around the Aylesbury Plan because it moves all the time, currently working on four different maps for provision.
  - Projections for 14-19 need to be robust and it needs to be taken into account what provision is going to be. It was suggested that this is a good opportunity to re-think the whole situation.
  - It was suggested that it might be useful to pull everyone together who works on population predictions i.e. PCT, Hospital Trust etc to see how they work with them. Names should be directed to MR who will coordinate.
- Action: All**
- It was requested that the figures on 21 for secondary schools and grammar schools be checked by MR.
- Action: MR**

## **5. Needs Analysis – Initial Findings (Chris Munday)**

CMunday presented the findings of the Needs Analysis work to date.

The floor was opened for questions/discussion with the following points raised:

- Obesity, a lot of working is being done around this. Recent information shows that if both parents in a family are obese there is an 80% chance that their children will be also. Therefore early intervention and family focus is important. It was noted that obesity is lower in Bucks than other areas of the country.

- The local delivery programme can target family focus but there needs to be links to adult services so the child and family are being treated holistically.
- Participation and decision making, it is important to demonstrate the input from children and young people so they can see the impact.
- Further consultation will be done to establish priorities.
- More information will be available on the web.

CMunday requested agreement from the Board to continue with the consultation.

The Board agreed this request. The findings of the consultation will be brought back to the Board at their November meeting.

**Action: EM**

## **6. Annual Performance Assessment (Sue Imbriano)**

SI presented the paper 'Buckinghamshire County Council, APA Self-Assessment, June 2008' and thanked everyone for their input to this. This document will be submitted today. The grades were noted on page 2.

Ofsted still need to confirm the dates to test the information. They will meet with the colleagues from BCC and will want to test the two areas that we want to upgrade. The testing by probably two inspectors will happen around September with the outcome to be announced in late autumn.

It was asked if the Trust will be inspected? Response – no, but it will be checked how BCC works in partnership with the Trust to provide services.

The numbering the document was queried – CMunday will check this before sending.

**Action: CMunday**

CW asked if the Board if they felt the scoring was correct. The Board agreed

CW noted that this was a good reflection as we have moved along way and this is partly due to good partnerships, however we should not be complacent as there is still room to improve.

## **7. Draft National Young People's Alcohol Action Plan (Ed Mallam)**

EM presented the paper 'Draft National Young People's Alcohol Action Plan' to the Board asking for agreement to the recommendation that the Trust Delivery Group responds to the Government consultation on this action plan.

The response is required on the 6<sup>th</sup> July and the Trust Delivery Group's next meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

SY is the lead on this.

It was agreed by the Board that this should be delegated to the Trust Delivery Group.

## **8. Local Area Agreement (Chris Munday)**

CM reported that in relation to the work plans there is no update. Nothing has been heard from GOSE yet. The document was signed off yesterday as submitted and it doesn't contain a target for house building despite intense pressure for this to be included.

## **9. Organisational Updates**

SI noted two points:-

1. Social Care are facing pressures around high levels of children taken into care, impacting on the budget.
2. The 14-19 Agenda – this is an area we are still getting our heads around and there are significant changes to education.

AT reported that regarding 14-19 the LSC is working hard to ensure that the allocation of funding is being used effectively.

MC reported that head teachers were angered about the announcement by Ed Balls regarding the underperforming Schools. Action Plans for the schools concerned are being produced as required.

MC reported that the consultation regarding the academy at Quarrendon has started and Jonathan Johnson has now been appointed as the new headteacher.

MC also reported that there will be a Ground Breaking Ceremony, digging the first hole, at Cressex School on the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

VS commended GV on the work around the new Foundation Degree, schools are delighted and lots of staff have been put forward to do it. VS requested help in publicising the course further. CW suggested that VS draft a letter to send to the Trust members about this from him.

**Action: VS**

LH supported SI's comments re the pressures on social care. LH also reported that there have been positive inspection results with 1A Churchill Avenue receiving an 'excellent' and Chiltern View a 'good'.

GC reported that the college are re-focusing on areas of work with new training and engaging in decision making processes, enabling students to go into employment with the right skills and attitude. The college capital funding is also being reviewed with the LSC in relation to plans and timescales for the building of new accommodation and around resources for the skills agenda for young people and adults.

PT reported on attending a Calibre meeting, an organisation that supplies free books for children with dyslexia or poor visibility. Schools have not been taking up this service. It was suggested that this should be followed up.

**Action: SI/PT**

PT also reported a review by IDEA on AVDC Youth Provision last week that gave very positive feedback.

## **10. Any Other Business**

None

## **11. Date and Time of next meeting**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am to 12 noon, Mezz 3, County Hall, Aylesbury