

**CHILDREN AND HEALTH
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Wednesday 12th September 2012**

PRESENT – Councillors O’Keeffe (Chair), Evans, Entwistle, Patel, D. Smith, Groves, Taylor, Walsh, S Hussain, Julie Slater, Pearson, D. Foster.

Co-opted –

B. Simpson	Chair of School Governor Forum
P Harrison	Roman Catholic Representative

Also Present –

Councillor M. Bateson	Executive Member Children’s Services
Councillor M. Khan	Executive Member Adult Social Care
Linda Clegg	Director for Children’s Safeguarding and Protection
Dominic Harrison	Director for Public Health
Mike Zammit	Link Chief Officer
Ben Aspinall	Scrutiny Manager

RESOLUTIONS

13 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received from Janie Berry and from Councillors Phil Riley, John Slater, Denise Gee, Stephanie Brookfield, Arshid Mahmood.

14 Minutes of Meeting held on 4th July 2012

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2012 were agreed as a correct record, with the exception that Fred Kershaw (co-optee) is not a representative of the Roman Catholic Diocese but a representative from the Church of England

15 Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda

Declarations of Interest received from:

- *Cllr B Taylor – Personal Interest – Adult Social Care*
- *Cllr Julie Slater – Personal Interest – Foundation Trust Consultation*
- *B Simpson – Personal Interest – Children’s Services.*

16 Budget and Executive Member Update – Children’s Services

The Executive Member for Children’s Services presented the Budget and update to the Committee. This included the latest revenue projections of expenditure and income against the Portfolios approved cash limit and information on individual capital programme schemes. The Executive Member for Children’s Services informed the Committee, that the budget will be maximised and there had been a significant amount of pressure on how they reached this years budget settlement and therefore this will have a significant effect on what can continued to be delivered.

RESOLVED

That the Executive Member for Children’s Services be thanked for her presentation and that the report be noted.

17 Budget and Executive Member update – Adults Services

The Executive Member for Adults Services presented the Budget and update to the Committee. This included the latest revenue projections of expenditure and income against the Portfolios approved cash limit and information on individual capital programme schemes. The Executive Member for Adults Services informed the Committee that there is currently a small underspend but this will be utilised by the end of the year.

After queries raised by the Committee, the Director of Finance stated that it is the responsibility of residential homes to stand the cost of any shortfall/debt and the authority stands this loss on it’s own homes.

RESOLVED

That the Director for Finance be thanked for her presentation and that the report be noted.

18 Executive Member Update – Schools

The Director for Resources provided an update on Schools to the Committee. This included the latest revenue projections of expenditure and income against the Portfolios approved cash limit and information on individual capital programme schemes. The Director of Resources informed the Committee that there had been an increase in pupil numbers and this results in an extra cost to the service affecting the budget in the future. The Committee were also informed that the introduction of academies and free schools also impacted upon the budget as there are fewer pupils attending state schools, therefore less funding is received by the authority.

In response to queries raised by the Committee the Director for Resources informed the Committee that the focus of the government is those with special

needs and complex needs but they are still struggling with the guidance with regard to the definition of what is a vulnerable individual.

RESOLVED

That the Director for Schools be thanked for her presentation and that the report be noted.

19 Update on Public Health and The Shadow Health and Well Being Board

The Director for Public Health gave a presentation on the new NHS and Local Government Health and Care system arrangements, together with an overview of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Committee were informed that there were significant change taking place in relation to the transition from the old to the new NHS structure and system, although the move of Public Health into the responsibility of the local authority is very welcome.

After queries raised by the Committee, the Director for Public Health informed the Committee that the funding formula in relation to Public Health is changing and whilst this is still being developed, the current proposal suggested by the Government is that it may not include the area of deprivation element.

RESOLVED –

That the Director for Public Health be thanked for his presentation.

20 The Committees Work Programme

The Chair provided the Committee with a brief verbal update on the Committee's Work Programme and further information to be provided at a future Committee meeting.

RESOLVED –

That members receive an update on the Committee's Work Programme at a future meeting.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....