

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2008 AT 4.00PM
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Bennett, Mrs. D.J. (Chairman)
Pearce, Mrs. L.J. (Vice-Chairman)

Beddows, J. Easton, Mrs. D.M.
Carr, I.R. Stanley, N.K.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F.W.C. Allen and C. Mitchell)

6. Minutes

AGREED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2008 be approved as a correct record.

7. Annual Leisure and Major Projects Review of 2007-08

The Head of Leisure and Major Projects gave a presentation on the progress and success of the Culture, Leisure and Major Projects teams over the last year. The presentation outlined the work that had taken place against the background of a Corporate restructure and departmental reorganisation which saw Leisure Operations merged with Culture and Major Projects to be led by a new Director and Head of Service.

The presentation outlined the available budget and the funding that had been obtained from a variety of external sources and partnerships. The Committee was advised of the awards and achievements during the year and provided with an update on the progress of projects. The results of the public consultation undertaken to assess customer satisfaction with services were reported and these revealed consistently high scores across all services. Members were also provided with details of facility and service usage.

The Chairman requested that congratulations be forwarded to all staff for their achievements over the last year. The Committee discussed the awards and achievements of the teams and, in particular, congratulated officers on the development of the turbulence board game and the regional, national and internationally acclaimed "Route to Health" project.

AGREED:

That a copy of the presentation slides and the information sheet which provided more detailed information on the teams' achievements together with the details of the Chase It Play Activity Programme be forwarded to all Members of the Committee.

8. Quality Accreditations for Leisure and Major Projects

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Organisational Improvement (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Leisure and Major Projects explained that copies of the Quest Accreditation Reports had been made available in each of the Group Rooms and a copy could be obtained by downloading the document from the internet using the following link: http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=989

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication of staff in achieving the Quest Accreditation Awards and requested that congratulations be forwarded to all staff involved.

AGREED:

That the achievement made with respect to the three quality awards be noted.

9. Draft Children, Young Persons and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy

Consideration was given to the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Leisure and Major Projects explained that the report provided an update on the draft policy concerning the protection of Children, Young Persons and Vulnerable Adults following a period of consultation. The Human Resources Manager outlined the amendments that had been made to the policy arising from the consultation. Members were being consulted again in order that any further comments could be included in the policy.

Arising from consideration of the report it was noted that there was no reference in the policy to the Independent Safeguarding Authority which would have a significant effect on CRB checks. The Human Resources Manager outlined the reasons for Cannock Chase Council not accepting previous CRB checks carried out on potential employees by other organisations.

The issue regarding Members undertaking case work with vulnerable adults was discussed. It was noted that a number of Members spent time alone with vulnerable adults and this was in conflict with the policy. Members considered that it would be beneficial for all Members to have a CRB check. The Human Resources Manager indicated that she would discuss this issue with the Director of Governance and should it be determined best practice that Members have a CRB check then this would be included in the policy.

The Human Resources Manager advised that she would arrange for the relevant comments made by Members to be incorporated into the policy.

AGREED:

- (A) That the content of the draft Children, Young Persons and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy be noted.
- (B) That the Human Resources Manager arrange for the relevant comments made by Members to be incorporated into the policy.

10. Draft Strategy for the Arts 2008-2011

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Organisational Improvement (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Members were asked to note and comment on the draft strategy as part of the formal stages of consultation, prior to submission to Cabinet for approval. Members were advised that a copy of the strategy could be downloaded from the internet using the following link:

www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=977

AGREED:

- (A) That the progress to date relating to the consultation work undertaken in the creation of the Strategy for the Arts 2008-2011 be noted.
- (B) That, following the period of consultation, the Strategy be submitted to Cabinet for approval.

CHAIRMAN