

WOLVERHAMPTON CHILDREN'S TRUST
CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD
 Minutes of meeting held on 1st December 2015
 Civic Centre

Item	Notes	<u>Action</u>
	<p>Present</p> <p>Councillor Val Gibson (Chair) – WCC Councillor Pete O'Neill Councillor Claire Darke Ros Jervis – WCC, Public Health Chief Superintendent Simon Hyde – West Midlands Police Andrea Dill Russell– Wolverhampton College Emma Bennett – WCC Mary C Keelan – Secondary Representative, Wolverhampton School Improvement Partnership Cathy Higgins – Consultant Paediatrics Ian Darch - WVSC Cheryl Newton on behalf of Lesley Writtle, BCFPT</p> <p>Officers in attendance: Kush Patel – Children's Commissioning Helena Kucharczyk– WCC</p>	
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies, Introductions</p> <p>Apologies were received from: Linda Sanders – WCC Steven Marshall (Vice – Chair) – CCG Lesley Writtle – Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust Gillian Ming - Safeguarding Board Lynn Law – Primary Representative, Wolverhampton School Improvement Partnership. Jeremy Vanes – RWT Julian Kramer – Director of Education Tim Johnson – WCC</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	

3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 3 – Working well week is 14-18 March • Page 4 - Families in poverty. This is European funding. The bid was titled Building Better Opportunities. 	
4.	<p>Matters Arising No matters arising</p>	
5.	<p><u>CYP&F Performance Framework</u></p> <p>HK presented information in regards to the performance framework. The following additional points were noted:</p> <p>Priority 1 –Child Poverty Cllr O’Neil reported that the CYP Scrutiny Panel has previously looked at how schools are using their pupil premium. He suggested whether the CTB could look at this issue and best practice. Cllr Gibson proposed she felt the task sat better under the CYP Scrutiny Panel and Julian Kramer, Director of Education should be asked to progress this. The finding will be taken back to scrutiny panel with a summary reported submitted to CTB.</p> <p>Priority 2 HK highlighted that A level data is now included.</p> <p>Priority 3 412 families have been identified, the target is 483. EB confirmed we are on target. HK said that Wolverhampton no longer have the second highest number of LAC. We now have the 4th highest nationally.</p> <p>Priority 4 RJ reported that despite a reduction in data obesity levels remain high. EB asked about the substance misuse data repeat representation and whether additional analysis is being undertaken to understand the repeats. RJ said she will look into this.</p> <p>Action: RJ to provide an update.</p>	RJ
6.	<p>Priority Leads Summary reports</p> <p>Reports submitted by EB and RJ.</p> <p>EB wanted to clarify the expectations of priority leads. The role of the priority lead is to be the champion of that work steam. The work is often via an existing Partnership Board and the expectation is the priority lead will be the connector between Boards.</p> <p>Cllr Gibson said we need some feedback on the work of the other boards.</p>	

	<p>RJ said Health needs clarification. Currently there are 3 leads identified. EB commented that due to the broad depth of health, 3 leads have been identified.</p> <p>RJ said we could miss the softer outcome work if we only focus on the performance framework. RJ said it would be helpful to have the priority leads highlight report and that would generate discussion.</p> <p>The Board discussed the way forward and agreed that the onus will be on members to raise issues of concern linked to owners of the performance measures and those members who attend other partnership boards rather than continuing with the specific priority lead role.</p> <p>Action – KP to email members asking for agenda items.</p> <p>The following questions were raised on the reports submitted.</p> <p>Family Strength – ID asked about Troubled Families and the evidence that it is working. EB confirmed that it is working and there are a number of success stories. Our first payment by result claim has been submitted for Phase 2 for 12 families. EB stressed that we are not really going to see impact for another 12/18 months. In response to what worked in phase 1, EB reported that it was the key worker intensive support. The children re-design is based on that model. The ratio is 10 families to 1 key worker. In the remodelling it has slightly increased to 12 families to 1 key worker.</p> <p>ID asked that links need to be strengthened with the successful European funding bids. Talent Match currently has low referrals from the Children Services</p> <p>Action ID to identify someone to attend EB management team to brief on Talent Match.</p>	<p>KP</p> <p>ID</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Spotlight – Chris Hale and Anthony Walker</p> <p>Chris Hale provided an overview on the Housing Strategy. PowerPoint presentation is attached.</p> <p>There is high demand for new housing and there is sufficient land in the City for development. The City of Wolverhampton are building 450 new council housing (social Housing) .</p> <p>There is currently a stock of 22000 council housing.</p> <p>It is important that existing stock is kept in good condition. This is managed through the ‘decent homes’ work. They are working with the private sector to ensure ‘decent homes’. If it is below standard, enforcement powers are utilised. It is projected that there will be more private sector stock than public sector stock.</p> <p>Wolverhampton Homes is 3 stars which is the highest rating.</p>	

Homelessness – Anthony Walker (presentation attached)

Additional comments

Larger families are an issue. Seeing more of them. Families with 6 or more children.

If a landlord is struggling, this is a knock on effect for multiple families.

Welfare reforms

External factors – closure of services has a knock on effect to Housing.

Rough sleeping. – The LA response was to get these people engaged in services. Analysis found that it was outside people coming into the City. For some rough sleepers, it's a choice. Wolverhampton is generous with giving money. Need to have alternatives to giving direct money.

Future plans

- Homelessness strategy – look at the key issues. Would like the CTB to be part of this.
- Rent with confidence – looking at star rating for landlords. To put the lower star landlords out of business
- Single accommodation offer – Housing dept. can assist people with finding a property.

Cllr V Gibson asked whether Housing has the authority to enter private sector premises to look at standards. CH said that there is national legislation for use of enforcement power. The power alluded to is in Scotland. We don't have this in England.

CH added that Wolverhampton was on enforcers – BBC 1 player.

Cllr O'Neil said that the Government agency is tasked with placing asylum seekers/ refugees in hotels or other temporary accommodation.

AW said the agency referred to is G4s who have been contracted.

Cllr O'Neil asked how the placements are being managed.

Question – how are you managing the placements?

AW – worked with them to ensure the suitability accommodation is provided. G4S need to inform the LA on property they wish to procure. This is part of their contract. If they do not do this, the provider can be issued with a penalty.

Decrease in 16-17 homelessness

AD asked about the data showing a reduction in 16/17 year olds being homeless. AD said that the College is seeing an increase in homeless for 16/17/18 compared to previous year.

EB said a review is being undertaken on youth homelessness. A report will be going to the Strategic Housing Board.

Action AD to meet with AW

AD/AW

	<p>MK suggested broadening this to include schools.</p> <p>ID said that the 2 largest barriers for young people were mental health and inappropriate housing. ID asked what happens when there is a concern about an inadequate property. CH responded that if there is a concern, a team would go out to inspect the property. There is current law, which makes it illegal for a notice to be served as a result of a complaint.</p> <p>Additional questions asked</p> <p>The number of empty houses? There aren't many. Bringing back about 200 per year. CH is looking at partnership with a number of good landlords to purchase the poorer properties.</p> <p>In which areas are the housing development taking place? CH said it was happening across the City; In Bilston, Compton, Low Hill to name a few. 25% of new properties have to be affordable homes.</p> <p>How do you promote the developments? This is done through social media but the best route is word of mouth.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>CTB 2015/17 work programme</p> <p>KP presented the proposed work plan for the next 12 months.</p> <p>The next proposed spotlight is on Education, Employment and Training - Julian Kramer to be asked to present on narrowing the gap, particularly at KS 4.</p> <p>Action – to agree with Linda Sanders and Julien Kramer as to whether the post 16 review is presented to CTB.</p>	<p>JK</p> <p>EB</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>CTB Stakeholder Briefing</p> <p>KP said the date is confirmed for the morning of 07.03.16 at Bilston Town Hall. KP asked for confirmation of speakers. The board agreed the following;</p> <p>Family strength – Emma Bennett Health – What are the big achievements Steve/ Viv and Ros to discuss. Child poverty – Lesley Roberts/ Ian Darch EET – Julian Kramer</p> <p>KP said the young people's voice will most likely be a video. ID suggested Talent Match could contribute to this.</p> <p>Action – KP to send out invitation again. - ID to send Talent Match contact details to KP</p>	<p>KP</p>

	<p>Third Sector ID reported that there is a perception that the third 3rd sector provision is being pushed out. He asked to see how much resources is allocated to the third sector</p> <p>Action - Cllr Gibson to speak to Cabinet Member of Resources about third sector cuts.</p>	<p>ID</p> <p>Cllr VG</p>
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>TBA</p>	