

## **REPORT FOR COUNCIL (24 September 2009) ON THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP (CYPP) FROM CLLR BRIDGET SMITH**

(This report represents my personal impressions of the meeting as it relates to South Cambridgeshire DC and are not official minutes).

### **Agenda Item 3: Children's Trust.**

This may be the last meeting of CYPP before it becomes a trust in line with Government expectations. It was reported that CYPP has been functioning like a trust and therefore the transition should be relatively easy. The only difference will be the significant role of Children's Trusts in commissioning and delivering services. The current working groups have been working very hard for some time to develop the model the trust will adopt. This was agreed in July but still needs a bit of fine tuning e.g. what scrutiny/ accountability measures will be put in place. The proposed structure of the trust is quite complex but will consist of a Children's Trust Board made up of councillors, non exec directors, governor and VCS reps. Under this will be the Children's Trust Executive consisting of officers, heads from education and VCS reps and leaders of a number of sub groups representing the key targets of the Every Child Matters agenda.

### **Agenda Item 4: Report from CYP Services Scrutiny Member Led Review of Mental Health Services for Children and Young People.**

This extensive review focused on the existing services for 0-19 year olds and the priority recommendations from The Big Plan 2. Key to this is the now recognised importance of early intervention throughout the age range. The report makes a huge number of recommendations mainly aimed at the County Council and Health and Social Care providers; however, one is particularly relevant to South Cambridgeshire DC:- that new communities and new schools are designed to ensure that the environment promotes good emotional health and well being, for example through including adequate facilities for play.

### **Agenda Item 5: Ofsted Inspection**

Cambridgeshire CC has just received 2 weeks' notice of an Ofsted report on safeguarding and looked after children. It underwent an unannounced inspection of social care in July, which highlighted improvements needing to be made in its integrated children's services.

### **Agenda Item 6: Children's and Young People's Plan.**

This was a verbal report which highlighted the necessity of starting to implement the recommendation of The Big Plan 2. Quite a lot of this is relevant to district councils.

### **Agenda Item 7: Summary Reports**

There are currently 4 serious case reports being prepared in our region relating to the deaths of children. In the past the purpose of these was to identify areas that needed to be improved. Nowadays they are far more about apportioning blame.