

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TASK GROUP HELD ON
TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 2018**

COUNCILLORS: Rick Jewell (Chair), Kate Anolue, Clare De Silva, Elaine
PRESENT Hayward and Glynis Vince.

Councillor Achilleas Georgiou (Cabinet Member for
Children's Services)

OFFICERS: Tony Theodoulou (Executive Director of People), Anne
Stoker (AD Children's Social Care and Principal Worker),
Angela Bent (Head of Service Practice Improvement &
Partnerships, Children's Services), Arzhang Yusefi
(Observer), Elaine Huckell (Scrutiny Secretary)

664. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Councillor Rick Jewell was appointed as Chair for the Committee for the year
and Glynis Vince was appointed as Vice Chair.

665. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor Jewell welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been
received from Councillor Lappage.

666. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

667. VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Anne Stoker presented this item and said this was an opportunity for
members to review the draft terms of reference for the Vulnerable Young
People Task Group. She referred to the background to the setting up of the
group which was established in 2015, in principle to review and scrutinise all
matters relating to child sexual exploitation and associated risks for children
and young people in Enfield.

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Going forward the work of the CSE Task Group was to be built upon and expanded to include a focus on a number of additional areas affecting young people including: gang activity, missing young people, trafficking and modern slavery, radicalisation, young people involved in, or at risk of, harmful practices (such as FGM, forced marriage and honour based abuse) and those at risk of domestic abuse. It would also include any other risk groups of vulnerable young people who are identified during the course of the Task Group's work.

The key functions of the Task Group will be to review and scrutinise matters relating to vulnerabilities which affect young people, to ensure the best services are provided. They will monitor and evaluate performance of relevant services, consider relevant legislation and promote a joined-up approach with partners to ensure our children are as safe as can be. The group would make recommendations and report directly to Council and Cabinet and publish an annual report of its work to Council.

The Task Group composition was discussed and it was agreed that the proportionality given in the draft paper should be amended to show the current makeup of 6 members comprising of 3 members of the Labour Group and 3 from the Conservative Group.

AGREED

The draft terms of reference of the Vulnerable Young People Task Group was agreed, and would be amended to show the proportionality change of members for the group. The amended terms of reference would be submitted to the Member and Democratic Services Group and Council.

668. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 8 March 2018 were **AGREED**

Matters Arising

Councillor Vince referred to a discussion at the last meeting about whether shops like Pearson's and M&S have information available regarding 'Safe Spaces'?

Anne Stoker shared that there was a local scheme, Community Help Point Scheme (CHPs) and that the Adults Safeguarding Board were the lead as the scheme had been extended to include vulnerable adults. It was acknowledged that the scheme had in many ways 'fallen by the wayside' and there was no information to show that young people had been using the scheme.

It was stressed that as it was a good scheme we should consider reinstating it.

Tony Theodoulou spoke about a suggestion from 'Love your doorstep' to bring about a similar scheme which Councillor Keazor, as Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion, is keen to pursue. He mentioned that

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resources would need to be found but it may be possible for some of the money re 'investment for services for young people' set aside for summer activities to be used for this purpose. It would be useful to keep the same branding as before as it was thought some shops/ buildings still had signs relating to this and people may be aware of the previous scheme.

669. ANNUAL CHILD EXPLOITATION PROFILE

Discussion of this item took place under the Part 2 section of the agenda.

Angela Bent (Head of Service Practice Improvement & Partnerships, Children's Services), presented the annual child exploitation profile. The information provided had been prepared by the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Team. The profile aims to provide an understanding of the scope and nature of CSE in Enfield, to inform the strategic and multi-agency efforts to tackle CSE and other associated vulnerabilities affecting young people in the borough.

The presentation provided information of the young people identified as affected by CSE during the year 2017/ 18 and gave comparisons with the previous year.

There was a question and answer session and some of the following matters were raised:

- The theatre play 'Chelsea's Choice' had been very popular with schools and it was asked if this could continue. Tony Theodoulou said funding had previously been provided by the Enfield Strategic Partnership and we would investigate whether there is a budget to resume the project. It was suggested that foster carers/ independent fostering agencies would also find value from watching it.
- From the data it appears that the link between CSE and Gangs is smaller than expected, this data would be explored further. There will be more cross referencing to gain better knowledge of exploitation of young people.
- The number of young people recorded last year with a connection between CSE and those known to the Youth Offending team to be examined further
- The MASE – Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation Meetings are police led and are convened monthly where it is possible to share information and intelligence. Members were keen to attend a meeting in future.

ACTIONS: Tony Theodoulou/ Anne Stoker/ Angela Bent

670. ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2018-19

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Anne Stoker asked members to consider items for inclusion in the Annual Work Plan for 2018-19. She had included two suggested items which were agreed for consideration at the next meeting in September:

- Section 11 Audit (Community Safety) and
- Draft Vulnerable Young People Strategy. (Consultation on-going)

The following items were also discussed and to be considered for inclusion on the Work Plan:

- A member of the Youth Offending team to come to a future meeting to talk about issues relating to CSE.
- An update to be given on the support provided to foster parents especially in relation to dealing with challenging behaviours of young people.
- Missing Young People annual report.(September meeting)
- An update to be given by a member of the Met Police focusing on CSE and who are the perpetrators. It was also suggested that it would be useful to have an update on 'County Lines' and gang culture – what we should be 'looking out for'.(September meeting)
- A Strategy on Modern Slavery is being prepared and it may be possible to consider this at the December meeting. (December meeting)
- Members would find it useful to look at 'case studies'. It may be possible for a young person who was at risk of sexual exploitation together with her parent to come along to a future meeting to speak of their experiences.
- Annual update of the CSEP (Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention) Team to include the three SPOCS (Single Point of Contacts) for health, police and social care - March meeting.
- Concerns relating to 'on-line' exploitation – as more young people have access to 'on-line platforms' is it possible for us to gain an understanding of this problem and comprehend the local picture.

ACTION: Anne Stoker

671. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates of future meetings for the Vulnerable Young People Task Group are:

Thursday 13 September 2018
Wednesday 5 December 2018 and
Thursday 7 March 2019.

Councillor Vince gave her apologies that she would be unable to attend the September meeting.

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672. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED in accordance with the principles of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006.

673. PART 2 AGENDA - ANNUAL CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION PROFILE

(see item 6.)

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.