

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Tuesday, 12th July, 2016

Present:- Councillors Matt Cochrane (Vice-Chair), Tim Ball (in place of Lisa Brett), Peter Turner, Sally Davis, Alison Millar and Liz Hardman

Co-opted Voting Members: David Williams

Co-opted Non-Voting Members: Chris Batten and Jake Bishop-Ponte

Also in attendance: Mike Bowden (Director, Children & Young People, Strategy and Commissioning), Mary Kearney-Knowles (Senior Commissioning Manager for Specialist Services), Kate Murphy (Drug & PSHE Consultant), Margaret Simmons-Bird (Head of Education Improvement), Denice Burton (Assistant Director for Health Improvement), Sarah McCluskey (Strategic Commissioning Officer) and Paul Scott (Deputy Director of Public Health)

14 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

15 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Councillors Lisa Brett and Karen Warrington had sent their apologies to the Panel. Councillor Tim Ball was present as substitute for Councillor Brett for the duration of the meeting.

In the absence of Councillor Brett, the Vice-Chair, Councillor Matt Cochrane took the role of Chairman.

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

18 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman wished to congratulate Ashley Ayre on his appointment to Chief Executive of the Council and to thank him for all his hard work in his role as the People & Communities Strategic Director.

19 ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING

Susan Charles, WWISE Network made a statement to the Panel on the subject of Warm Water Swimming Pools. A copy of the statement can be found on the Panel's Minute Book, a summary is set out below.

She asked were members of the Panel aware that the plans for the remodelling of the Bath & also Keynsham Leisure Centres do not address the need for a warm water pool suitable for disabled children and young people living with long term conditions so they can go swimming for leisure & recreation as well as to maintain their health & fitness like their able bodied peers?

She said that some members of the current Panel may remember we came before you 2 years ago when a new contract for the management of the B&NES leisure facilities was being negotiated as this provided a window of opportunity to ensure such a facility was included in the contract. She added that there was enormous support for the concept of a warm water pool from this Panel, as well as a number of other committees we talked to at the time.

She said that a statement from the Council was non-committal although it did say that "the Council & the CCG will be working closely to ensure that the new leisure contract provides the best possible service for local people and supports them to live healthy lifestyles".

She stated that in February 2014, 13 members of the Network participated in a Focus Group as part of the preparation of the Fit for Life Strategy. She added that in the last 2 years we have met with the consultants & officers who negotiated the contract & also had a very positive discussion with the Local Area Manager for GLL after they were awarded the contract. She said that he was very supportive of it being included in the remodelling plans.

She said it was therefore with dismay that we found at the end of March that the plans for the Bath Leisure Centre do not include such a facility – a second warm water teaching pool is planned but at 60 - 90cm maximum depth, this is not suitable for older children & young people who need a depth similar to adults.

She said that they feel the Council is failing disabled children & young people living with long term conditions by not ensuring their needs are being taken into account in the design of the remodelled Leisure Centre and we ask the Panel to make representation that the design as it is proposed is given further consideration by both the Council & GLL.

Councillor Liz Hardman asked if they were aware of a warm water pool in Midsomer Norton.

Pamela Galloway, WWISE Network replied that they were and that it is situated in a day centre that is not open to the public. She added that in her opinion it required some degree of refurbishment.

Councillor Sally Davis asked where the nearest pool that they could use was.

Pamela Galloway replied that there was one in Chippenham and one to the south of Frome.

Councillor Alison Millar asked if the public were allowed to use the hydrotherapy pool at the university.

Pamela Galloway replied that they could, but its minimum depth was 1.4m and that it is not available to the public at weekends.

Councillor Peter Turner asked if a warm water pool was in the specification of requirements agreed.

Pamela Galloway replied that she did not know if it was or not.

Councillor Peter Turner asked if the Mineral Hospital could be used.

Pamela Galloway replied that their facility and that of the RUH is in use by patients throughout the week and there is a long waiting list for both.

The Chairman asked the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Councillor Michael Evans to discuss the matter with his colleague Councillor Martin Veal, Cabinet Member for Community Services.

Councillor Liz Hardman proposed that the Panel send their support to the comments made by the WWISE Network.

Susan Charles made reference to two bullet points from the Youth Connect Pledge in support of her comments.

- Respect you as an individual, ensure you are treated equally and provided you with the support you need.
- Provide a range of opportunities so you can take part in things you want to do including participation in a wide range of positive activities, in safe spaces where you can have fun and meet friends.

The Panel **RESOLVED** to support to the comments made by the WWISE Network in relation to further discussions regarding a warm water swimming pool within the leisure centres of Bath and Keynsham.

20 MINUTES - 17TH MAY 2016

The Panel confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

21 PRIMARY PARLIAMENT FEEDBACK

The Strategic Commissioning Officer gave a presentation to the Panel relating to this item, a summary is set out below and attached to the minutes as an appendix. A copy will also be available on the Panel's Minute Book.

Event

- The event was organised by B&NES staff, and external facilitators in collaboration with St Keyna Primary School's e-team.
- There were 98 children in attendance from 29 different Primary Schools, including two special schools.
- Key Note Speakers were Jasmin Miller, the Deputy Member of the Youth Parliament, Welton Primary School e-cadet team and St Keyna Primary School who showed their short film which took us down 'E-Quality Street'.

Workshops

KS1 Workshop: How can your school help celebrate what makes you proud to be you? - led by Alice McColl and Becky Proctor

- The KS1 pupils worked really hard in the morning on their theme 'Proud to be Me'

KS2 Workshop A: 'How can the school help you look after your whole self' - led by Judy Allies and Kate Murphy

- Through role play and a rap tune this group gave suggestions of ways we can support each other.
- What adults in school can do to help
- What children can do to help each other
- What children can do to help themselves

KS2 Workshop B: Free 2 B Me - led by Adrienne Hughes and Megan Morris

- This workshop was buzzing with ideas.
- 1. Right to be included
- 2. Right not to be bullied
- 3. How it feels to be noticed and not noticed.
- 4. Bee Safe
- 5. Right to be treated equally

KS2 Workshop C: Inside/Out - led by Tania Orgill - Playwood Forest School

- This group explored the differences between indoor and outdoor environments and what impact each has on their learning and feelings of wellbeing.
- They showed collages they had made in an indoor setting using given resources and collages they had made outdoors using natural found objects, plants, flowers and grasses.

- The group gave insightful comments about how different they felt when given choices about what they were asked to do.

During the workshops there was lots of discussion and exploration of the importance of Mental health and Wellbeing.

Next Steps

- Report to be circulated to Schools Forum and will be circulated to all headteachers with accompanying information on how to set up e-teams within schools.
- Primary Parliament June 2017

Councillor Sally Davis commented that this year's event was a great success, but holding the event at Somerdale Conference Centre did incur a significant cost. She suggested to the Panel that extra funding toward next year's Parliaments should be made available.

The Chairman thanked the Strategic Commissioning Officer for her presentation on behalf of the Panel.

22 YOUNG PEOPLE PARLIAMENT FEEDBACK

Jake Bishop-Ponte, Member of Youth Parliament for B&NES introduced this item. He explained that the event took place at Broadlands Academy on Thursday February 11th 2016 and was attended by over 80 young people from 11 different secondary schools, one special school and from a range of settings including Project 28, the CAMHS Young People's Participation Group, the Youth Forum, Off the Record and SPACE (LGBT Group). He added that the prospective candidates for the B&NES Member of Youth Parliament were also in attendance.

He said that there were 20 accompanying staff and workshop facilitators and 15 guests, including the Chair of the Council, Cllr Ian Gilchrist. He added that staff and students of Broadlands and the Local Authority should be praised for the way the event was held in such a very welcoming environment.

Workshops

There were 4 workshops, co-facilitated by Broadlands students and adults from the Local Authority, Public Health, Off the Record and CAMHS.

Social media and its impact on mental health

What to do if you are a victim of online abuse/harassment?

- Depending on the situation, not responding might be an appropriate course of action
- Speak to someone – friend or adult (teacher, parent or police) depending on the circumstances

What actions we can take as an individual / group / school to improve things?

- Raise awareness of what tools and courses of actions are available to everyone
- Set up a Cyber Mentoring scheme as they have done in Norton Hill

Sexual Health & Social Media

One group also discussed the impact that sex can have on mental health and that the following should be covered in PSHE. Anxieties around:-

- Sexually transmitted infections
- Peer pressure / anxiety about having sex , (feeling their friends have done it and they don't want to feel left out)
- Issues of diversity (ensuring that LGBT issues are covered in Sex and Relationships Education)

Keeping mentally healthy and reducing stigma

This group decided on the following recommendations:

- All schools (staff and students) to sign up to a pledge which covers confidentiality (nothing will be shared unless someone is at risk of significant harm)
- Slurs of any type are not acceptable - students and staff will challenge this when they occur - there will be consequences for not following this.
- Diversity will be actively celebrated and each young person's individual needs catered for.

Ways to increase self esteem

This group wanted schools to promote kindness and compassion both to fellow students and towards themselves as they believe this leads to better mental health and improved self-esteem. They would like these issues to be included within PSHE but would also like students to be involved in deciding how their school can promote kindness and compassion. They discussed and identified a range of ways to promote kindness towards themselves and others, such as:-

- Random acts of kindness
- Smiling at people
- Having a happiness book for people to write things to make them happy
- Doing activities which make you / your friends happy

Where to get help and support on mental health issues

- All schools to have PSHE Lessons to address what to do if you are worried about a range of issues
- Access to a safe, peaceful space to go if they feel stressed and anxious. This place could be staffed with a counsellor or someone that has the time to listen to what they are feeling. Or it could be run by young people themselves. It should be able to signpost to leaflets posters or websites for further support

and be a comfortable space to relax in. This could inform the Secondary resilience hubs being piloted in our schools. The transformation plan talks about having such hubs in all BANES secondary schools and the college.

- Schools to provide ideas on self-help. Have posters and/or lessons with lots of ideas to support you if you are feeling down.
- Assemblies from people who have mental health problems and or work in services like CAMHS

Taking action points back to schools / settings

He said that delegates were reminded to take the list of action points back to their schools and settings and arrange a meeting with the School Leadership Teams to discuss the issues that had been raised at the Parliament. He added that a follow-up meeting of young people representatives will be held in the near future.

Questions to the Expert Panel of adults

He explained that the final session of the day was a question and answer session and delegates to the Parliament had decided on questions to ask the adult panel during their workshops. The panel consisted of Kate Murphy and Judy Allies (School Improvement), Clare Laker (Public Health), Gill Welsh (CAMHS), Lisa Benham (Off The Record) and Mike Bowden (Deputy Director, Children and Young People Strategy).

Councillor Liz Hardman asked if any feedback had been received from schools yet regarding the proposals.

Jake Bishop-Ponte replied that from September he would be visiting schools to discuss how they have been implemented. He added that we should be really proud as B&NES is leading the way on this type of work with young people.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Panel thanked Jake and all involved for making the event such a success.

23 CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Becky Proctor, CAMHS Participation Group addressed the Panel. She explained that she had been involved in the group for eight years and had worked on website development and resources for schools.

She informed the Panel that she had worked on topics such as reducing stigma, supporting friends, self-care and in and out of school support. She added that scenario packs and comics have been produced in relation to these topics. She said that all of the resources have been really well received.

Councillor Peter Turner asked if she had seen an increase in the need of such resources since her involvement in the group.

Becky replied that she felt that there were huge pressures young people these days and that they were more aware of the issue as a whole.

The PSHE & Drug Education Co-ordinator added that the SHEU survey showed that the main causes of stress were exams and social media (body image).

Councillor Liz Hardman commented that the resources that have been produced are fantastic.

The PSHE & Drug Education Co-ordinator said that they were a brilliant piece of work and used throughout schools. She added that they were also available online.

Councillor Tim Ball commented that there is a lack of support and literature for ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and children with mental health issues were not always comfortable with expressing their ideas. He added that the diagnosis of ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) can take up to twelve months

Becky Proctor replied that when making the resources a wide range of people were consulted. She added that work was currently being done on different aspects of mental health.

Jake Bishop-Ponte added that the resources are also seen as a way of identifying children who might need help.

The Senior Commissioning Manager for Specialist Services added that there are 2 services that generally consider diagnoses - Community Paediatricians and the CAMHS service. The concerns raised around ADHD literature were acknowledged. She also recommended visiting the Young Minds website (<http://www.youngminds.org.uk/>) for further information.

The Senior Commissioning Manager for Specialist Services introduced the report to the Panel. She explained that in August 2015 NHS England announced additional funding and guidance to implement the Future in Mind report's recommendations to improve CAMHS services. She said that to "draw down" these funds, each CCG was required to submit an agreed CAMHS Transformation Plan by October 2015.

She stated that from April 2015 a number of developments to support the transformation plan began, including:

Pilot - Extended CAMHS support: for > 18 y/o's who were receiving CAMHS interventions when they turned 18 and, although they are particularly vulnerable; do not meet the referral criteria for adult mental health services. This cohort will include, but is not restricted to, Care Leavers and will provide intensive emotional support.

Pilot - School Based Counselling: Independent counsellors have been commissioned to provide individual 'drop in' advice sessions and formal counselling sessions at seven secondary schools from September.

Pilot - Mindfulness Pilot: 32 members of staff from 2 secondary schools have undertaken an 8 week Mindfulness course. 2 staff from each school will now be trained to deliver Mindfulness in Schools sessions/resources directly to young people.

Eating Disorder Specialist service: Agreeing new service model with provider and neighbouring CCGs

She said that additional funding has been provided by NHS England for 2016/2017 and the priorities for the new spend have been identified in this paper. This increased investment has been welcomed.

Re-procurement of CAMHS after 31 March 2017

She informed the Panel that the current CAMHS contract runs to March 2017 and the service is provided by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. She said the current contract is led by Wiltshire CCG, and both CCGs benefit from the commissioning of specialist services across a greater population, (e.g. Eating Disorder and Learning Difficulties Services) as well as 'out-of-hours' cover.

She explained that the intention is to jointly recommission both primary (PCAMHS) and specialist CAMHS for a 5 (+2) year period across Wiltshire and B&NES.

She said that this involves aligning CAMHS and PCAMHS budgets from across Wiltshire CCG, Wiltshire Council and B&NES CCG and funding the new service under one contract, with Wiltshire CCG being the Lead Commissioner. She added that Swindon CCG is also actively considering becoming a joint commissioner in this process and there are efficiencies in having a service that works across a wider geographical footprint and this joint commissioning model is in line with the local Bath, Swindon and Wiltshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

She stated a range of stakeholders will be involved in the development of a new service delivery model for CAMHS (covering Wiltshire, Swindon and B&NES). She said this would include children, young people and their families and that professionals who work with children will also be involved from across health, education, social care and the voluntary and community sector.

Councillor Liz Hardman said that the option for self-referral for young people aged 16 and 17 was welcome. She asked what the timescales were generally between referral and assessment.

The Senior Commissioning Manager for Specialist Services replied that during 2015/16 the percentage of referrals assessed within 4 weeks was 95% for referrals to the Outreach service 54% for more routine CAMHS referrals and 73% for PCAMHS. Urgent cases are usually seen within 24 hours. She added that there is an ambition for 90% of accepted routine referrals to be assessed within 4 weeks.

The Panel **RESOLVED** to:

- Note the progress of the 15/16 CAMHS Transformation Plan
- Support the priorities being progressed within the CAMHS Transformation Plan for 2016/17
- Note that targeted and specialist Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), currently provided by Oxford Health NHS Foundation

Trust (OHFT) are being re-commissioned jointly with Wiltshire and possibly Swindon CCGs/LAs in 2017.

- Note the invitation to young people to engage with the re-procurement

24 CHILDHOOD OBESITY

The Assistant Director for Health Improvement introduced this item to the Panel. She stated that significant action is required to prevent obesity at a population level to avoid creating “obesity promoting” environments as well as improving healthy eating and physical activity in individuals.

She informed them that obesity has been rising rapidly in children in England over the past 20 years with the proportion of children classified as obese nearly doubling for children aged 4- 5 years and increasing more than threefold for 10 -11 year olds.

She explained that the Shaping Up! Healthy Weight Strategy for B&NES describes our partnership approach to promote healthy weight and tackle the rise in obesity. She said that the strategy provides an overview of the current issues relating to healthy weight and focusses on what will achieve sustainable change. She added that eating well and being physically active go hand in hand so this strategy should be read together with the B&NES Fit for Life physical activity strategy and the Local Food strategy.

Councillor Liz Hardman asked what the feedback has been to the strategy.

The Assistant Director for Health Improvement replied that there was an annual review which could be circulated to the Panel. She highlighted some recent achievements.

- UNICEF accredited Breastfeeding Service
- Sustainable Food – Bronze Award
- Director of Public Health Award (Physical / Food / Mental Health)

She added that the ‘Move a Mile’ initiative was to be introduced in schools to encourage further physical activity.

Councillor Alison Millar commented that process seems quite bureaucratic and asked does it give officers enough time to deliver the strategy.

The Assistant Director for Health Improvement replied it is a complicated issue that encompasses many partners. She added that with the three strategies in place it should be easier to implement their plans.

Councillor Tim Ball asked about the effects on children should they become aware of this matter through being assessed via the National Child measurement programme. He called for care to be taken on this matter and for school staff to be trained appropriately.

The Assistant Director for Health Improvement replied that there is an opportunity for parents to engage with school nurses following their receipt of a results letter. She

said it is at the discretion of the parents as to whether they discuss it with their children.

Councillor Ball replied that in some households the children may be able to read better than their parents and asked for this approach to be individually assessed.

Chris Batten asked if the reduction of the Key Stage 1 grant for school meals would have an effect on this issue.

The Assistant Director for Health Improvement replied that she was not aware of this and would have to research the matter.

The Panel **RESOLVED** to:

- Note the Shaping Up! Healthy Weight Strategy and its relevance to Children and Young People's health.
- Note that while B&NES compares reasonably well for children's obesity rates in comparison with similar areas we still have significant numbers of children whose health will be adversely affected as a result of their weight.
- Endorse the importance of addressing obesity at a population level though creating health promoting environments and maintaining adequate health improvement services, including universal services, targeted support and specialist services through this period of intense pressure on local government finances.

25 CHILDREN'S HEALTH (GENERAL)

The Deputy Director of Public Health introduced this item to the Panel. He informed them that no indicator in relation to children's health and wellbeing for B&NES was significantly worse than the average for England and the majority were better than average.

He highlighted some of the positive trends from the recent SHEU survey for Secondary pupils.

- More eating fruit and vegetables
- More pupils reporting they are LGB or questioning
- Fewer drinking alcohol & smoking
- More doing physical activity after school
- Higher aspiration (to go to University)

He also spoke of some areas of development.

- Having lunch
- Viewing upsetting images on-line
- Enjoyment of lessons
- Thinking school doesn't take bullying seriously (22%)
- Self-harm (girls)

Councillor Liz Hardman asked what the financial implications are of maintaining adequate services such as health visiting and school nursing now that the financial responsibility for these services rests with the Council and are any cuts planned.

The Assistant Director of Health Improvement replied that a small reduction in numbers, 500 families, had led to a funding decrease in 2016/17. She added that through the Your Care, Your Way project they were looking to commission a 0 -19 Public Health nursing service. She said that the majority of the health visiting service were mandatory functions and that there was currently no intention to reduce the service.

The Panel **RESOLVED** to:

- Note the contents of these profiles and the presentation on child health related behaviours survey.
- Note that while children and young people in B&NES are generally healthy in comparison to their peers across the county, they nevertheless face many challenges to both their physical and mental health particularly in relation to adopting and maintaining healthy lifestyles and behaviours and in dealing with the stresses that they face at school and at home.
- Endorse the importance of maintaining adequate services, including universal services such as health visiting and school nursing, through this period of intense pressure on local government finances.

26 CARE ACT - IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Councillor Liz Hardman asked how can we improve our information systems for more reliable data on who our young carers are, so that we can carry out their assessments.

The Deputy Director for Children & Young People, Strategy & Commissioning replied that information such as this should be picked up through an Education, Health & Care Plan.

Councillor Tim Ball commented that this was a complex matter and said that the support and counselling that B&NES gives in this respect is very good.

Councillor Liz Hardman said that for people over the age of 18 the Act introduces means testing and charging for services, which carers and young people need to be aware of. She asked if the charging policy had an impact on take up of services.

The Deputy Director for Children & Young People, Strategy & Commissioning replied that he believed that a system such as this had always been in place.

The Panel **RESOLVED** to note the content of the report.

27 CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Councillor Michael Evans addressed the Panel. He wished to add to comments made earlier in the meeting his appreciation of all the work that Ashley Ayre has done within his role as the People & Communities Strategic Director.

His update included the following subjects.

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

The government is dispersing these children across the country to relieve Local Authorities in the South East, particularly Kent. B&NES will be required to accept another 20 in addition to the 3 we already have. These will be Looked After Children who will be fostered or in supported lodgings.

Adoption West

This co-operation with regional local authorities is going ahead and is a success story, offering better provision at potentially lower cost.

Regional Devolution

If implemented, this will see the regional authority take on responsibility for 16-19 provision, with the opportunity to ensure that the needs of local employers and young people are fulfilled.

Children's Centres/ Children's Services

I would like to give the Panel early warning that the restructured service which has completed its first year is suffering significant cost pressures. 'Traded Activities' such as 'Play Buds' and baby massage have not brought in as much income as was hoped and neither has the policy of renting rooms in Children's Centres. A plan is being developed to prevent or limit a predicted short fall in income of between £200 and £300k in 2016/17. The Panel will receive a full report in due course.

Bath Community Academy

The former Culverhay school has been found 'Inadequate' by Ofsted. Pupils were found to have underperformed significantly over time. It is a matter of huge regret that any of our children's life chances are reduced from what they might have been by less than good school provision.

Home to School Transport

The arrangements for SEND students to get to school have been identified as an area for potential savings without reducing the level of service, and a travel advisor post is to be created to lead in improving the arrangements, probably on a two-year contract.

SAT Results

Very recently published, these results are the first under the new arrangements, so not comparable with previous performance. They show cause for concern, however, at both national and local level, and reflection will be needed on their implications.

Mentoring Plus AGM

An organisation which I admire and hope to see continuing its work and hopefully expanding into a role across the West of England if it wins a commission from the government's Careers and Enterprise Company.

South West England Ofsted Conference

We received an inspiring presentation by Mike Gorman, head of our virtual school, and Mark Everett head of Writhlington School on attachment awareness in schools.

End of year assembly at Bath Studio School

This gave me and the Leader of the Council the chance to appreciate the students' impressive individual progress and achievements.

Move a Mile

The Move a Mile initiative for primary schools by the department of Public Health was held at Odd Down Sports Centre. Physical fitness test as a tool to be offered by schools to help with gauging their effectiveness in promoting the fitness of their pupils is being developed by the Public Health department of the Council.

Councillor Tim Ball commented that two of his children attend Bath Community Academy and that he felt that the Ofsted report biased and based on Government guidelines. He added that it gave no recognition of their SEND work.

Councillor Liz Hardman asked for a little further information regarding his comments relating to Children's Centres.

Councillor Evans replied that an analysis was ongoing and that the intention is to maintain targeted services to the most vulnerable.

Councillor Liz Hardman said that she felt that the problems relating to Bath Community Academy would have been picked up if it were not an academy and asked why these were not picked up by the Trust.

The Deputy Director for Children & Young People, Strategy & Commissioning replied that Cabot came in when the school was in a challenging situation. He added that the Council has challenged their data and worked with them on occasions.

Councillor Michael Evans added that Oldfield, Trinity and Bath Community Academy were not always receptive to approaches made by the Council.

The Chairman thanked him for his update on behalf of the Panel.

28 PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES STRATEGIC DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING

The Deputy Director for Children & Young People, Strategy & Commissioning gave a briefing to the Panel on behalf of the People & Communities Strategic Director.

He said that the Panel would receive a report to their September meeting regarding Multi Academy Trusts. He added that officers have been receiving external support relating to guidance and governance models and the analysis work previously outlined by the Panel.

The Head of Education Improvement was present and gave the Panel some early data relating to SATs under the new assessment arrangements. She said that 54% of KS2 pupils had achieved the expected standard which was above the national standard of 53%. At KS1 proportions achieving the expected standard are likely to be broadly the same as the national data once this is available.

She said that 69% of Early Years pupils achieved their expected standard compared to 69% nationally and that 80% had achieved the expected standard in Phonics compared to 81% nationally.

Councillor Liz Hardman asked how much progress has been made regarding the setting up of a Multi Academy Trust by B&NES.

The Deputy Director for Children & Young People, Strategy & Commissioning replied that a proposed model was being worked on.

Councillor Hardman asked if all primary schools were aware of this.

The Deputy Director for Children & Young People, Strategy & Commissioning replied that they were.

The Chairman thanked him for his briefing on behalf of the Panel.

29 PANEL WORKPLAN

The Panel approved the workplan as printed.

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

Prepared by Democratic Services