28. **Children and Young People in Care: York’s New Strategy 2016-2020**

Members considered a report which presented the new Children in Care Strategy 2016-20 and sought Council endorsement of the strategy which had been developed on the basis of consultation and input from children and young people in care, council colleagues and multi-agency partners. The report also detailed the new partnership arrangements which would provide strategic leadership across agencies responsible for commissioning and providing services for children in care in York.

Officers drew Members’ attention to the “Aspire to More” project that had been carried out by Show Me That I Matter.

Members noted that a young persons’ version of the strategy was also to be produced. It was agreed that all Members of Council should receive a copy of the strategy.

Members expressed their support for the Children in Care Strategy and stressed the importance of ensuring that there was a collective commitment to the strategy. The Council’s responsibility to Looked After Children was of the highest priority.
Members paid tribute to the work carried out by foster parents and wished to place on record their thanks to them.

Recommended:  

(i) That Council endorse the Children in Care Strategy 2016-2020 (Annex 1 of the report).

(ii) That Council note the introduction of new strategic partnership arrangements and strengthened leadership to ensure the progress and delivery of the strategy be noted.

Reason: To endorse the new children in care strategy.

29. Demonstrating Progress on the Older Persons’ Accommodation Programme

[See also Part A minutes]

Members considered a report that provided an update on the Older Persons’ Accommodation Programme and which demonstrated the changing supply and demand for older persons’ accommodation with care up to 2020. The report also sought consent to:

- Move forward with plans for the re-development of the Lowfield school site, beginning with public engagement regarding use and design.
- Open negotiations to purchase land adjacent to Haxby Hall in order to facilitate the examination of options for its future.
- Consult on the closure of a further Older Persons’ Home in the autumn of 2016 and another one in the first half of 2017, in accordance with the Moving Homes Safely Protocol.

Recommended: That, in respect of Haxby Hall, provision of up to £600,000 be made within the Capital Programme to meet the acquisition and legal costs as well as to fund demolition, enabling and related works, drawing upon capital held for the use of the Older Persons’ Accommodation Programme.
Reason: To allow the development of options for the future of Haxby Hall as part of the Older Persons’ Accommodation Programme.

Cllr Carr, Chair
[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 8.40 pm].