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### 1. Introductions and Apologies

1.1 NK thanked the group for attending the meeting.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting on 24/09/2018 were agreed as a correct record.

### 3. Re-Design of the Welfare State

3.1 CW’s presentation is attached as Appendix 1.

3.2 CW mentioned that she will circulate 2 documents that will be ready next week.

3.3 CW asked VSSG members to email her with examples so that ECYPS can do some research.

3.4 MH mentioned that this is good timing with the Local Plan and suggested that they work together. MH to contact CW.

3.5 It was suggested that CW should link in with the Enfield Youth Parliament. CW confirmed that she has already got that link in place.

3.6 CW to reformat the sample in order to inform Strategy & Policy.

3.7 CW confirmed that the People’s Referral Unit was consulted. They looked at specific groups of young people.

3.8 JH stated that the nicest thing that happens in the borough is that an organisation makes special/personalised cakes for vulnerable children.

### 4. VSSG Elections

4.1 There are currently 9 permanent VCS representatives and 4 vacancies.

4.2 We need new elections. If anyone has any thoughts on permanent representatives, please email NN by January 2019.

4.3 We look to hold elections in March 2019.

### 5. Brexit

5.1 SR gave a presentation which will be circulated with the minutes.

5.2 NK said that it is good that we are taking leadership before the
government have because it gives Enfield residents some reassurance.

5.3 JH mentioned that the Citizen’s Advice Bureau (CAB) is holding an event at the Dugdale Centre on 28 February 2019. The focus will be on Brexit for EU Nationals whose first language isn’t English. There is big poster campaign for the Polish community. CAB’s Head Office is launching to support application statuses. Most groups/organisations will to be regulated/licenced by the Home Office in order to give advice.

It was suggested that a list needs to be put together of all organisations who are licenced to give advice.

6. Local Plan
6.1 MH gave a presentation which will be circulated with the minutes.
6.2 MH mentioned that there will be drop-ins in January. 1 drop-in per week at Libraries, Civic Centre and the Dugdale Centre.
6.3 MH to work with CW for drop-ins at Schools and Colleges.
6.4 TF asked if this will separate the east of the borough further with Crossrail2.

MH said that it aims to improve the connectivity between the East and the West of the Borough. They will be engaging with Bus companies and Travel for London.
6.5 A VSSG member asked what will happen with affordable homes prices.

MH said that there will be a session on that.
6.6 It was asked whether developers will be able to hold onto land as they have done in the past and will there be a policy on it.

MH said that this will be tackled in an agreement with the scheme.
6.7 MH to send SA the presentation.

7. Budget
7.1 FH gave a presentation which will be circulated with the minutes.
7.2 JH raised the fact that Enfield IT doesn’t work for self-serve customers. The issues raised at the last meeting still have not been resolved.

FH to investigate further.
7.3 It was suggested that Sally Sanders and Geoff Waterton should attend the next meeting for feedback.
7.4 JH to send NK a list of IT issues.
7.5 FH asked that any comments should be put in the consultation form.

8. AOB & News (Updates from Departments and VCS)
8.1 EREC are still taking referrals of refugees up to March 2019. The Hate Crime Forum has launched and it functioning. Individuals came forward to volunteer for the Community Witness and Support Team and training will begin shortly.

8.2 ECYPS mentioned that one staff member has won 3 gold medals for being the Physical and Wellbeing Champion. There are fitness programmes at the Ark and Edmonton Leisure Centre. They also have their Community Handbook out in both paper and electronic copies. Training for the Parenting Programme started this week for 6
There is a parent programme in Ponders End which is a 12 week stay and play group.

8.3 Age UK have moved premises. They are also holding a Christmas lunch for isolated older people. If you know anyone who would be interested, please let TF know.

There is also a Tea & Chatter club in 2 libraries, Diabetes Support group, and the SCAMS Prevention Programme is still working.

8.4 CAB mentioned that there isn't a lot of money advice. The current MAS contract is held by Toynbee Hall; Citizens Advice national office have tendered to try and secure this service from April 2019 for delivery via CAB. We won't know if we have been successful until early next year.

The shop is open and is doing really well. JH asked the members to donate if they can.

8.5 LGBT has had an increase in asylum seekers from Africa.

8.6 Ian Davis mentioned that there is a college in North East London that delivers free courses for Adult Social Care.
ID to send details to NN.
SA to circulate in the next VCS Newsletter.

8.7 The Schools & Children’s Services update is attached as Appendix 2.

8.8 HHASC – Phase 1 of the Small Tenders Project is now complete. Phase 2 will start in 2019.

8.9 KN asked for all members to send updates to NN/SA.

Date of next meeting.
Monday, 18th March 2019 from 2pm to 4pm at Civic Centre in meeting room 1.
CHILDREN ENGLAND - REDESIGN OF THE WELFARE STATE

When Beveridge put forward the template for the welfare state back in the 1940’s, Britain was a very different country from the one in which we are now living. Not only has the country and its demographics undergone significant change, so have the expectations of the population.

In addition, children were not in the forefront of his considerations during this time and children’s rights were not on politicians’ agendas.

A 21st. century version of the welfare state requires not only systemic redesign, but a redesign based on the learning from the current system but also learning from systems worldwide. The redesign will also look at how system changes over the intervening years, have impacted on the original ethos behind the initial welfare state development.

We believe that a refreshed welfare state design should be constructed around five pillars for a caring society, based on Maslow’s hierarchy of need:

- Home
- Safety and Security
- Love and Belonging
- Health
- Purpose

The enquiry’s starting point is based around the needs of children and young people and their families, as childhood is the common denominator for everyone.

The enquiry is a two year project that commenced in the summer of this year and for which Children England is still raising the funds for the second year of the project.

During the summer of 2018, we have been busy in consulting with children and young people across the country to ascertain their views on current services and gathering their thoughts on ideas for redesign. Organisations across the length and breadth of the country have been engaged in this work and this includes work carried out in Enfield by ECYPS and in Hackney by Hackney Play Association. At the same time, research is being carried out into innovation in welfare provision across the United Kingdom and the rest of the world.

Any individual, organisation or statutory service is welcome to submit ideas for redesign or information on innovative developments they may have come across both within and outside U.K.

The work is being funded by trust funding, personal and organisational donations rather than statutory funding.

A ChildFair State: what would children change?
ChildFair State
A society that has children at heart is a better society for everyone
Schools and Children’s Services Commissioning Update

VSSG

10th December 2018

Service Development Team
Andrew Lawrence – Early Years and Early Help
Barbara Atkinson – Supporting Families
Caroline Fanning – Special Educational Needs and Disability

Summary

• The tri-borough Advocacy Contract - both Children’s (LAC/CPC) and Adults (IMCA/IMHA/DoL & Care Act) was awarded to Voiceability; the children’s contract is awarded to Barnardos and commenced on 1 July 2018. The children’s contract is joint with Haringey and is predicted to save costs to both boroughs.
• A new YP pathway for Housing Related Support has commenced focussing on securing appropriate accommodation for vulnerable YP. There will be a re-commissioning of accommodation for 16-18 year olds with mental health issues, a service review is looking at developing additional accommodation to provide for up to 8 young people.
• The Playschemes, Holiday Activities and Out of School Clubs Service will shortly be advertised for tender; the current contracts end in March 2019.
• Pilot workshops have been completed for the Sleep Service, and further workshops are currently taking place for the 2018-19 school year. The workshops will be rolled out further within the Borough during 2019-20.
• Various other pieces of work (Independent Visitors, children’s safeguarding, young carers, pre & post adoption counselling, Grandparents support service (Kinship Connected) all centrally commissioned Children’s Centre services) are due to be re-commissioned ahead of April 2019.
• The new Haringey & Enfield Appropriate Adults service is now in place, jointly commissioned with adult services and delivered by TAAS. The Met Police are seeking to extend cover to overnight which will need to be funded by the police.

Mental Health

Work is underway with NHS Digital & NHS Commissioning Support Unit to capture Tier 2 access information for young people’s mental health services delivered outside of CAMHS/NHS in the community. VSC organisations will be invited to a workshop to enable uploading of their information.

The Mental Health Forum took place on 15 October with WMH day being promoted to schools; a further awareness event will take place in February for schools which will focus on tackling exam stress. This event will be planned in conjunction with Spurs Foundation which is developing its own MH Support Pathway.
ECYPS were requested by the CCG to write a bid to Health Education England for additional preventative mental health provision prior to exams. This was successful and a plan to roll out a programme within 10 Enfield school hubs was formulated is underway. The programme is designed to target schools with training to raise awareness of the cyclical nature of stress and anxiety specifically associated with exams, enabling schools to promptly intervene to provide proactive support and guidance to prevent further deterioration with the associated increased risk for deliberate self-harm.

**Edge of Care Service**

A 2-year ‘payment by results’ social work service to prevent children coming into care commenced in July with the aim of reducing costs and freeing up funding for investment into additional preventive services.

Precious Moments & Health, commissioned to deliver a Mentoring & Mediation Service to prevent family breakdown, have begun to deliver support which aims to keep children in school and at home. This will complement the CCG commissioned service delivered by the Brandon Centre.

Abianda have initiated their ‘Star Project’ Enfield which will work with girls in gangs.

Evidence has been collated to demonstrate the need for a PAUSE-like project (to prevent repeat removal leading to adoption of children in Enfield) and to source funding.

A bid for Home Office funding for a project to support Children Affected by Domestic Violence has been submitted (19 September). The project would provide a rapid response team around families and would include support from voluntary sector partners e.g. Saheli, Everyman and the Parent Engagement Panel.

**Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**

**Playschemes, Holiday Activities and Out of School Clubs**

In the new year, we will be requesting quotes from organisations to provide playschemes, holiday activities and out of school clubs for disabled children and young people aged 5 – 17 years. The services will take place either in the Borough or within easy travelling distance for families.

Current contracts will end in March 2019, and we hope that all current VCS providers will apply again to be on our list. The tender will be for the children whose payments are made directly via the Council’s payment system; families with children receiving a Short Breaks Grant via an E-Card will be free to use services that are not part of the tendered process, as well as those that are selected to be on the framework of approved providers.
Sleep Service

Further workshops have been organised for the 2018-19 school year, and these are being run from special schools and Cheviots Children’s Disability Service. These workshops have been found to be beneficial for children and families, and will be rolled out further in the Borough during 2019-20.

Early Help and Education Services

- Children’s Centres have been recommissioned to be delivered from one hub with borough-wide satellites from April 2018 – this is led jointly by Eldon and De Bohun Primary Schools.
- Full information is available at https://new.enfield.gov.uk/if/enfield-childrens-centres/
- In addition to the main sites at Eldon, De Bohun and Carterhatch satellite services are being delivered from Raynham, Galliard, Honilands, Ponders End (Wesley Hall), Garfield and Hazelwood
- Additional services at Ponders End Youth Centre have commenced in September and will be in place at Wilbury after October half-term.
- Children’s Centre reach areas have been aligned to GP localities to make data comparison easier.
- The Children’s Centre is working with the PEP, South London and Maudsley NHS Trust and King’s College to deliver the Empowering Parents Empowering Communities programme – training has been provided to staff and 17 parents have applied to be group leaders, delivering the programme to 80-100 parents between January and June 2019.
- Parenting drop-ins (referral via Change and Challenge service required) are now operational at Ponders End Youth Centre
- Education systems are migrating to Servelec Synergy – includes Early Years (expanding use), SEN, Children’s Centres, Educational Psychology Service in addition to other services already using it.
- Children’s Portal has been commissioned as an extension to the borough’s Liquid Logic system and will allow for electronic early help and safeguarding referrals and remote work on planning by professionals. This will be operational early in 2019.
- The Early Help Module is being developed as an extension to existing case management tools to allow seamless transition from Early Help to Social Care and vice versa. It will be accessible to all services, which are part of the Early Help and Prevention triage.
- The Early Years and School Improvement services have now been combined and deliver services across all phases.
- All services working on inclusion in the early years are also working together to develop a joint pathway with a multi-agency response to SEND.
- A review of speech and language (and other therapies) being jointly commissioned by the LA and CCG is ongoing.
General

The Young Runaways Service moved in-house from October 2018.