

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cared For Children and Care Leavers Committee**  
held on Tuesday, 4th March, 2025 in the The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall,  
Macclesfield SK10 1EA

### **PRESENT**

Councillor C Bulman (Chair)

Councillors M Beanland, S Bennett-Wake, E Gilman, G Hayes, S Holland,  
S Adams, H Seddon, L Wardlaw and J Snowball

Officers:

Josie Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer  
Richard Nash, Interim Director of Family Help and Children's Social Care  
Lisa Davies, Interim Improvement Director Children's Services  
Theresa Leavy, Interim Executive Director of Children's Services (joined  
remotely via Microsoft Teams)  
Annemarie Parker, Head of Service – Cared for Children and Care Leavers  
Annie Britton, Participation Lead  
Nicola Wycherley, Designated Nurse Cared for Children, Integrated Care  
Board

### **28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Clark, B Posnett,  
B Puddicombe and J Saunders.

Councillors H Seddon, S Adams, J Snowball and L Wardlaw attended as  
substitutes.

### **29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **30 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2024 be agreed as a  
correct record.

### **31 UPDATE FROM THE SHADOW CARED FOR CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVERS COMMITTEE**

The committee received a presentation from the Care Leaver Ambassadors from the Cared for Children and Care Leavers Shadow Committee.

The presentation provided an overview of the participation in the Children's Services improvement plan. Key points included:

- That the care leaver ambassadors have reviewed the Pathway Plan and provided feedback to the Care Leaver Service, such as ensuring it is easily understandable, making the questions relevant to the young person, the need to listen to young people and their pathway plans, and the importance of asking young people who they would like to attend their review
- The care leaver ambassadors have been working with the Commissioning Team to gather views of care experienced young people about supported accommodation to be included in the upcoming contract tender process
- The ambassadors met with Peter Cartledge to discuss the Junction 16+ app which was designed to communicate and provide information and support to care leavers in Cheshire East
- Young people had participated in the supported accommodation feedback survey

### **32 UPDATE FROM THE CORPORATE PARENTING EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The committee received an update on the work of the Corporate Parenting Executive Board.

It was highlighted that there was an overview of workstreams 1, 2 and 3 on the first page of the update document within the agenda pack. With regard workstream 1, Good Homes for All, it was acknowledged that it was essential to be joined up on accommodation at every stage.

The update document included data around areas that the Executive Board wanted to understand more and improve.

The Chair congratulated officers on 86% of PEPs rated as good or outstanding, included within the virtual school scorecard.

**33 CHILDREN IN CARE ANNUAL REPORT**

The committee received the Children in Care Annual Report for 2023-24. The report on Health Outcomes for Cheshire East Cared for Children and Care Experienced Young People was also presented alongside this report.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted.

**34 HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR CHESHIRE EAST CARED FOR CHILDREN AND CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE**

The committee received the NHS Cheshire and Merseyside report on health outcomes.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted.

**35 INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT**

The committee received the Independent Reviewing Officers Annual Report for 2023-24.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted

**36 CARED FOR CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVERS COMMITTEE QUARTER 3 SCORECARD**

The committee received the Cared for Children and Care Leavers Committee Q3 scorecard for 2024-25.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted.

**37 HEALTH REPORT FOR CHESHIRE EAST CARED FOR CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVERS COMMITTEE**

The committee received the NHS Cheshire and Merseyside quarter 3 report for 2024/25.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.10 pm

Councillor C Bulman (Chair)