



ACHIEVING FOR CHILDREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS 21 APRIL 2015

The Achieving for Children (AfC) Board of Directors met on 21 April 2015 in Kingston. The following substantive items were considered:

Election of a Chair

David Groves, Non-Executive Independent Director (NEID), was nominated by Jane Spencer (NEID) to continue in his role as chair and this was seconded by Gill Holmes (NEID). David will chair the Board for a period of two years.

Annual Report 2014-15

The Board discussed the preparations for the Annual Report 2014-15, which is required for AfC as a community interest company. The document will set out key information relating to the organisation, achievements over the year and the accounts. It will be published in July 2015.

Medium Term Organisation

Nick Whitfield, AfC Chief Executive Officer and Chris Smith, AfC Financial Controller led a discussion regarding the medium term financial outlook for Richmond and Kingston Councils, the challenges involved in making the savings that are anticipated, and the opportunities there may be for generating income. AfC's Senior Leadership Team will develop potential options to inform future decisions.

Future collaboration with Health

Rob Henderson, AfC Deputy Chief Executive Officer, led a discussion about the current health arrangements in Kingston and Richmond, with particular focus upon opportunities for closer collaboration to improve the experience of children and families that would improve outcomes. The Board emphasised AfC's commitment to collaboration, for instance by aligning commissioning activities and seeking opportunities to improve services. Rob will continue to lead this work, and continue to raise the profile of children and young people through the various partnerships, and bring recommendations back to the Board when necessary.

Business Plan Refresh and Business Plan Annual Review

Ian Dodds, Director for Standards and Improvement, set out the proposed amendments to the AfC Business Plan. As a number of projects have been completed, it is necessary to remove these and add new projects. The Board discussed and agreed the changes in principle.

Ian also outlined the Annual Review of 2014-15 that is being developed which will provide a concise overview of AfC's achievements over the 2014-15 to share with staff and partners.