

**ACHIEVING FOR CHILDREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
13 October 2016**

The Achieving for Children (AfC) Board of Directors met on 13 October 2016 in Twickenham. The following substantive items were considered:

PiP social work practice bid

The Board were informed by Nick Whitfield, Chief Executive of AfC, of a second bid to be submitted to the DfE under the Partners in Practice programme. This is for a ring fenced grant given over three years to be used for social work practice within AfC. It is hoped that the DfE will reach a decision by Christmas.

Future legal/governance structure for AfC

The Board discussed the future governance needs of AfC if it grows. It was agreed that DGr would engage with the LAs with a view to taking a proposed structure to the Joint Committee meeting in November. Comments from the Board members and from the Council when received would be incorporated into the paper.

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM) – project plan, resourcing and transition to AfC

The Board were requested to agree a project plan and resources in order to carry out due diligence work on the proposal for of RBWM to join AfC. It was agreed that the cost of AfC resources to work on this would be funded from the joining fee. The Board discussed how it should have effective but efficient oversight of the programme and a Board review of the proposed contract and the costed operational model for post RBWM joining prior to authorising the contract to be signed. This should include a Board member being part of the Stakeholder Group and for any issues to be notified to the Board as they arose.