

ACHIEVING FOR CHILDREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

19 June 2018

The Achieving for Children (AfC) Board of Directors met on 19 June 2018. The following substantive items were considered:

Appointment of Chief Executive and future direction of the company

The Board noted that the Chair had held discussions with the commissioners of the three councils and the Managing Director of RBWM to discuss the recruitment of the Chief Executive and the future direction of AfC. A report will be presented to the Joint Committee in July for consideration and an update will be given at the next Board meeting in August.

Audit and Risk terms of reference

The A&R Committee terms of reference were agreed by the Board.

Annual Accounts and Report 2017/18

The Audit and Risk Committee, at their meeting on 5 June 2018, recommended that the Chair of the Board sign the Annual Report and Accounts and the audit letter of representation and this was agreed by the Board.

Appointment of external auditor

The Board agreed to recommend to the owning Councils the appointment of Grant Thornton as external auditors for a period of three years to 2020/21 financial year end.

Internal control statement

The Board were advised that the Audit and Risk Committee identified a number of areas that should be addressed to improve the level of assurance to the Committee for future reviews.

Recommendations around these were made, and the A&R Committee will monitor progress against them during 2018/19.

2017/18 outturn

The Board noted that all controllable budgets came in on cost. The young people supported by the care leavers' team were being contacted to gain a sense of how many of them will continue to request support beyond the current leaving age when authorities duty of care rises to 25 years of age in order to take into consideration possible additional spend.

Finance update

The Board noted the month one data presented to them. It was noted that June was a key reporting month and the Board will receive the data at their meeting on 21 August.

RBWM PRU contract

The Board agreed with the recommendation to award the contract for the RBWM Pupil Referral Services to a new provider for the three year management and provision from September 2018.

Update on regulated health services in AfC

The Non Executive Director with responsibility for health updated the Board on the visits she had made so far. A programme of visits to be undertaken during the rest of the year will be produced.

Review of health services

The Board received a briefing on the health services review that would be undertaken in order to shape the report on where the review team think services in AfC currently are. A paper on the reviewed will be discussed at the Board meeting in October.