

# Westminster Children and Young People Network

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at Paddington Arts.

1. Apologies were received from: Pat Beazely (*Girl Guides Westminster*); Paul Lawrence (*CEO, Feathers*); Chi Usanga (*SW1CO*); Jacqui Steele (*WAES*).

2. Notes from last meeting

[http://www.onewestminster.org.uk/files/onewestminster/cypn\\_minutes\\_dec\\_15th\\_2015\\_autosaved.pdf](http://www.onewestminster.org.uk/files/onewestminster/cypn_minutes_dec_15th_2015_autosaved.pdf)

Matters arising: *those youth service organisations directly affected by the proposed WCC cuts will be sending a joint letter asap opposing the cuts. One Westminster to action.*

3. Changes to Early Help Children and Youth Services in Westminster were presented by Melissa Caslake, Director of Family Services for Westminster City Council and Jayne Vertkin, Head of Localities & Early Intervention.

Melissa set the context of significant cuts in local authority budgets leading to an overhaul of how and which CYP services will be delivered by the Council in partnership with other authorities and the VCS. Jayne talked about the realignment of Children's Centres into a smaller number of Hubs, providing a range of Early Help support for children and young people aged 0-19. These Hubs will continue to involve partnership working with key VCS children's services providers. There was also discussion about the implications of WCC ceasing to fund youth service provision from Sept 2016.

4. Nominations for Chair of CYP Network. *Albie Stadtmiller, CEO of St Vincent's Family Project, self-nominated. The meeting agreed to allow more time for self-nominations – please let Emma at One Westminster know asap if you are interested.*
5. Next meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 11.00am. Venue tbc.

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