

**CARE SERVICES PDS COMMITTEE**  
**6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO THE CARE SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

**Written Questions to the Care Services Portfolio Holder received from Mrs Susan Sulis, Secretary, Community Care Protection Group**

1. From 2010/11 onwards, Bromley dismantled key structures which previously supported Children's Services to perform well.

When and why was a decision taken to remove the Children's and Young People's Trust, and the CYP Portfolio Plan and Strategy?

**Reply:**

*The actions within the CYP Portfolio Plan and Strategy were incorporated into the Portfolio Plans for Care Services and Education following the establishment of the Care Services and Education Portfolios.*

2. Regarding the Assurance Of The Arrangements For Director Of Children's Services and Lead Member For Children's Services In Bromley (Reports CSED13002, and JPDS15001):

What did the 'Operational Assurance of Robust Supervision' by the Chief Executive from 2012 to 2016 consist of, and why did it fail?

**Reply:**

*Reports on the Assurance Assessment relating to the Joint Position of Director of Children's Services and Director of Adult Services were considered at the joint meetings of Care Services and Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committees on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015.*

3. Regarding Bromley Children's Champion

Cllr Tunnicliffe was appointed Children's Champion, under the auspices of the Education Select Committee.

- a) Does her remit cover, and has she produced any reports identifying the problems of Children's Services?
- b) How difficult is the Members' scrutiny role made by the splitting of scrutiny between Education and Care Services?

**Reply:**

*Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe was Children's Champion between 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and was fully engaged in the role including representing the interests of children in the Borough at the Council's Children's Board during this period.*