

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 4 December 2018 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

Also in attendance – Councillors J Patten and J Twigg.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf Councillor J Coyle

96/18 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 6 November 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

97/18 **NEW INSTRUMENTS OF GOVERNMENT** Under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012; proposals had been received from school Governing Bodies for an amendment to their Instrument of Government.

RESOLVED that approval be given for new Instruments of Government to be made for the four schools detailed in the Director of Legal Services' report.

98/18 **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS** **RESOLVED** to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors:-

A Hill	-	Peak Dale Primary School
V Mullis	-	Tintwistle Primary School

99/18 **CONTRACT CARE SCHEME (DISABLED CHILDREN)**

In order to provide equity and consistency across the Derbyshire Fostering Service, the Contract Care Scheme (Disabled Children) was developed to reflect the Mainstream Contract Care Scheme as closely as possible. There were currently 9 households on the scheme with 15 approved carers. Of these households, 5 provide at least 1 full-time placement for disabled children.

A number of issues with the current scheme have driven the need for review and change and extensive consultation on the options detailed in the report have been undertaken with the foster carers. Option 1 based on current arrangements with one scheme, paid on pro-rata basis only when carers have a placement where carer 1 would be paid full fee for 1st placement and half fee for subsequent placement and carer 2 would be paid half fee for 1st placement and half fee for subsequent placements, mostly aligned with the

mainstream contract care scheme. However having heard the views the options were extended and option 5 - based on two separate schemes for full-time and short break. Full Time: Carers would be approved for 1½ placements as a maximum and would be paid the full fee for the first placement and half fee for subsequent placements. Carers would be paid on pro-rata basis only when they have a placement. Short Break: Expectation that carers will fulfil contractual requirements of 4 overnight stays per week. Carers would be paid the full fee on a pro-rata basis. The full fee would be paid based on a full week being the 4 overnight contracted weekly period (fee /5 x by days in placement) – was given as the preferred option. It was also proposed that those providing short breaks only would be entitled to 2 weeks' paid break at half the full rate.

Agreement was sought to implement the revisions from 1 January 2019 and that those foster carers who would be financially disadvantaged by the changes would receive payment protection until 30 June 2019.

RESOLVED to agree (1) to revise the payments for the scheme under Option 5;

(2) to revisions to the paid break arrangements of this scheme for those carers who provide short breaks only; and

(3) that these revisions will be implemented from 1 January 2019 and that those foster carers who will be financially disadvantaged by the changes will receive payment protection until 30 June 2019.

100/18 REVIEW OF NOTIFIED SITES Under the provisions of paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the local Authority was permitted to identify sites – known as 'notified sites' which were required for education purposes. These sites are for use as playing fields or as sites that could permit expansion to existing schools or replacement schools in the future if the planning of school places identifies the need for expansion. The County Council informed the appropriate borough or district council of these notified sites and the information was recorded for planning purposes.

A full review of the notified sites has been undertaken and Appendix A to the report detailed the sites that were proposed for retention. Appendix B detailed the sites that were no longer required and if approved the Authority would inform the relevant planning authorities and release the sites.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the sites listed in Appendix A to the report for retention; and

(2) approve the de-notification of the sites listed in Appendix B to the report.

101/18 CHILDREN'S SERVICES SPENDING 2018/19

The Cabinet Member was informed of the results of the latest Children's Services budget monitoring for 2018/19 with the major variances highlighted.

The current forecast year-end position for Children's Services expenditure by the Council was a £3.164 million overspend against allocated budget. As the department has no uncommitted earmarked reserves, this projected overspend would be a charge at year end against the Council's general reserve.

The department was committed to implementing the budget reductions agreed by Council and would continue to control spend by other measures such as vacancy control. However, increases in demand for statutory services have exceeded the capacity of the current Children's Services budget for some years and the additional funding approved by Council for 2018/19 has ensured that the projected overspend was lower than the £6.389 million overspend reported for 2017/18. A breakdown by service area was attached as Appendix 1 to the joint report.

The major variances included Unallocated budget (underspend £3.132m); SMT and Resources (underspend £0.216m); Safeguarding and Early Help (overspend £4.834m); Schools and Learning (overspend £1.886m); and Countywide Commissioning (overspend £0.195m). The main reasons for the variances were detailed in the report. It was noted that under Safeguarding and Early Help the Social Care Teams were projected to underspend by £1.410m and not overspend as detailed in the report. The report will be amended on the website.

Children's Services was allocated budget reductions of £2.906 million for 2018/19. It was estimated that £2.686 million would be achieved in 2018/19 with £2.476 million of these confirmed and reflected in the outturn projections, and a further £0.210 million that were expected to be achieved during the year.

The current additional allocations to the Children's Services revenue budget for 2018/19 was as follows – Children's Services Demographics (£7.000m plus one-off funding of £4.000m); Children's Social Care Remodelling (£1.300m plus one-off funding of £4.000m); Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (£1.000m); Care Leavers (£0.402m – one-off); Child Protection Staff (£0.150m – one-off); Organisation models for small schools (£0.380m one-off for two years); and the utilisation was detailed in the report.

The main risks which could impact on the portfolio's outturn position were detailed in the report.

Of the net overspend for Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), a £0.178m underspend was projected on de-delegated budgets of mainstream schools

due to projected expenditure on reimbursing maternity leave costs to primary schools being below budget. It was intended that the Schools Forum be asked that the outturn on these budgets be combined with the accumulated reserves from previous years' de-delegated budgets, which currently stood at £1.213 million.

An overspend of £0.345 million was projected on Early Years block budgets. The DSG Early Years block budget and forecast has been set based on the Department for Education's (DfE) expected attendance hours based on the January 2017 census data and an estimate of the take-up of the additional 15 hours available to working parents. The DfE would recalculate the amount of DSG due to the Authority in July 2019 based on the January 2018 and January 2019 census data.

The High Needs Block budgets was projected to overspend by £1.842 million. Assuming that the re-pooled budget underspend was ring-fenced to maintained schools, the projected High Needs Block overspend would have to be covered from the residual DSG reserves balance.

The most significant areas of overspend was on top-up payments for post-16 placements at colleges and independent providers, and on Expenditure of pre-16 pupils at independent and non-maintained special schools or other LA providers. A number of tribunal decisions and an increase in the number of learners or the number of hours' provision for learners, compared with the expectation when the plan was set, were factors leading to this overspend.

RESOLVED to note (1) the outcome of the latest budget monitoring and Dedicated Schools Grant projections for 2018/19, and

(2) progress on delivery of budget reductions.

102/18 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

- (1) To confirm the exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member – Young People held on 6 November 2018.
- (2) To consider the Exempt Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service (DACES) Derwentwise Project. (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)