

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 1 April 2014 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor K Gillott (in the Chair)

29/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

30/14 **NEW INSTRUMENTS OF GOVERNMENT** Under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 the following Governing Bodies had requested an amendment to their Instrument of Government.

RESOLVED (1) that the Instrument of Government for Creswell Junior School be amended to provide for a new Governing Body of 9 members comprising 2 parents, 1 Local Authority, 1 Staff, 1 Headteacher, and 4 co-opted governors;

(2) that the Instrument of Government for Sawley Infant & Nursery School be amended to provide for a new Governing Body of 12 members comprising 4 parents, 1 Local Authority, 1 Staff, 1 Headteacher and 5 co-opted governors; and

(3) that the Instrument of Government for Furness Vale Primary School be amended to provide for a new Governing Body of 13 members comprising 6 parents, 1 Local Authority, 1 Staff, 1 Headteacher and 4 co-opted governors.

31/14 **HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT – HAZARDOUS ROUTES**
.The Cabinet Member was asked to consider a request for a home to school route to be declared hazardous for the purposes of establishing eligibility to free transport within the statutory walking distances.

The request for the route to be assessed had been made by a parent whose children attended schools in Ashbourne. The distance from Mapleton Village to the schools in Ashbourne was less than two miles and there was no entitlement to free transport. The parent maintained that the route from home to Ashbourne was unsafe for pedestrians to walk along.

A route assessment had been carried out by the appropriate panel a copy of which was appended to the joint report along with a map of the route identifying accident details in the vicinity over a three year period. The

recommendation of the panel was that the route should be declared hazardous.

RESOLVED to approve that the route from Mapleton Village to Ashbourne, be declared as hazardous in accordance with the Authority's home to school transport policy.

32/14 DALLIMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL – CAR PARK, ACCESS & SECURITY FENCING Approval was sought to use funding previously agreed for window replacement work at Dallimore Primary School to enable a car park, new access and security fencing to be brought forward from later phases in the rebuilding of the school.

The Authority had identified that the school's existing accommodation was structurally unsound and in urgent need of replacement. A phase 3 stage rebuild of the school had therefore been proposed. As part of the first phase a 4 classroom KS1 block had recently been completed with funding approved in the CAYA 2012/13 Capital Programme. Demolition of the existing block it replaced was planned to commence during the Easter holidays

A bid for funding to construct phase two; consisting of a new hall, kitchen, library, staffroom, admin. offices and toilets plus various external works including a car park and new access would be made as part of the CAYA 2014/15 Capital Programme.

It was envisaged that a further bid to fund phase 3; a 6 classroom KS2 block plus new playgrounds and perimeter security fencing would be made in a future capital programme.

It has now become apparent that savings could be made on abortive work if the car park and new access could be brought forward from phase 2 and follow on from the demolition element of phase 1. Significant security issues were also faced by the contractor during phase 1 with a number of break-ins and thefts of tools and equipment from site. It was therefore proposed to bring forward the installation of the security fencing from phase 3. Both the new car park/access and security fencing could be funded from savings made during phase 1 and through using £50,000 of funding previously approved by Cabinet for window replacement at the school, which was no longer required.

RESOLVED that approval be given to use £50,000 from the £253,000 allocated for window replacement at Dallimore Primary School, together with savings from phase 1 in order to bring forward construction of a new car park and access together with the installation of security fencing.

33/14 APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed to serve as Authority Governors on school governing bodies as follows:-

C Munks - Newton Primary School
A Kelly - Dunston primary & Nursery School

34/14 SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2015/16 The Cabinet Member received a report on the annual consultation and was asked to determine admission arrangements for 2015/16.

Consultation information had been posted on the County Council website setting out the proposed changes to arrangements for 2015/16 and was considered by the Derbyshire School's Admission Forum on 27 February 2014.

A minor change was proposed to the normal area of Stenson Fields Primary School to accommodate new housing development in the locality. A map showing the changes was appended to the Strategic Director's report. No other changes were proposed to the published admission arrangements.

Following consultation, changes to the published admission numbers of 18 schools were recommended, and were detailed in the report. All of the changes were in line with revised net capacity assessments. The Development Section had notified local schools of the requests and no comments had been received.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed changes to admission arrangements as set out in the Strategic Director's report.

35/15 INCREASED CHARGES FOR HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT Approval was sought to increase the charge made for the use of spare seats, denominational transport and any other sold seats on home to school transport, by the relevant inflation rate on an annual basis with effect from September 2015. If proposals which were currently the subject of consultation were approved, this increase would also apply to transport charges for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) of sixth form and pre-school age.

RESOLVED to approve an annual increase in the charges for spare seats on home to school transport, and denominational transport, by the relevant inflation rate, each September at the start of the academic year with effect from 1 September 2015. The charges from September 2015 would be £360 per year (secondary) and £325 per year (primary).

36/14 GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL – SECTION 106 FUNDED OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA Approval was sought to the release of Section 106 Funding for the creation of an Early Years Outdoor Learning Area at Grange Primary School, Long Eaton.

A contribution of £91,016.00 had been received for Grange Primary School from the development of the former Long Eaton Stadium site, Station Road, Long Eaton. The school had brought forward a proposal to install an exciting and innovative specialist Early Years Outdoor Learning Area that would provide sensory, physical and environmental stimulation to the children during curriculum time and for use in before & after school activities. The school had a current number on roll of 409 and a Net Capacity of 420. The Council's projections to 2019 showed that the school would have sufficient places for normal area children.

The school governors had tendered the project and were now in a position to accept a quote from a specialist company for £130,000.00 with the total project expenditure including surveyor fees for handling the planning application and building regulations of £131,610.00. The shortfall of £40,594.00 between the S106 funding and the total cost of the project would be met by the School (£10,000 of this was from its private school fund and £30,594 was from its revenue budget).

RESOLVED that approval be given to the release of S106 funding for the creation of an Outdoor Learning Area at Grange Primary School, Long Eaton, with top-up funding for the project provided by the school.

37/14 CAYA CAPITAL PROGRAMME – RICHARDSON ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL SMALLEY Approval was sought to allocate S106 funding to a project at Richardson Endowed Primary School which was adding a classroom and toilets along with some related improvements to the original building.

At its meeting on 26 March 2013 Cabinet approved a £400,000 project to extend the Richardson Endowed Primary School. This project was funded as follows:

2009/10 Capital Programme Savings (Co-location Budget)	£303,500
Section 106 Funding	£ 36,500
School DFC	£ 60,000
Total	£400,000

The report noted the potential for an additional S106 contribution to this project of £90,000, but this was not included in the approval as it could not be guaranteed because it was dependent on the progress of a housing development by a third party. The second S106 contribution had now been

received and the final figure for the two contributions was £132,642.

The procurement had proceeded and the cost of the project is now as set out below. As this tender was within the original approval the works had been ordered.

DSO – main contractor tender	£336,810
Professional fees	£ 53,021
Furniture and equipment	£ 10,000
Total	£399,831

Now the additional funding from S106 had been received, and a firm contract price had been secured, the final budget for this project was set out below.

2009/10 Capital Programme Savings (Co-location Budget)	£207,189
Section 106 Funding	£132,642
School DFC	£ 60,000
Total	£399,831

RESOLVED to approve the revised S106 funding for this project along with the revised spread of funding, and that the approval of the tender price be noted.

38/14 **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 consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults on School Staff Redundancies 2014 (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)