

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – CHILDREN'S SERVICES** held on 10 January 2017 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

Also in attendance were Councillors C Bisknell and D Greenhalgh

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Coyle & J Street

**01/17** **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**02/17** **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 three schools detailed in the Director of Legal Services' report.

**03/17** **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS** **RESOLVED** to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012:-

C Keyte – Heanor Langley Infant & Nursery School  
V Pealing – Ashgate Croft School  
M Matthews – Bradley CE Primary School  
D McGill – Darley Churchtown Primary School  
A Gyte – Peak Forest CE Primary School  
H Page – St Marys Catholic Primary School (Glossop)  
M Holtom – Hadfield Infant School  
P Nicholson – Park House Primary School  
K Potts – Pilsley Primary School (Chesterfield)  
H Hogg – Sale & Davy's CE Primary School  
R MacKenzie – Belmont Primary School  
J Mann – Walton on Trent CE Primary School

**04/17**      **CHILDREN'S SERVICES SPENDING 2016/17** The Cabinet Member was informed of the results of the latest Children's Services budget monitoring which highlighted major variances and of progress on delivery of budget reductions.

The report provided an analysis of the latest forecast year-end position for 2016/17 based on income and expenditure up to the end of October 2016.

The current forecast year-end position for Children's Services expenditure funded by the Council was an overspend of £3.875 million. A number of actions were in place to minimise any overspend. Any shortfall in closing the gap would be met by the use of Children's Services' earmarked reserves. The department was committed to implementing the budget reductions agreed by Council so that it did not need to rely on one-off sources of funding.

A breakdown by service area was appended to the Strategic Director's report.

The forecast overspend was £3.875 million and the overspend would be covered by the use of Children's Services underspend from previous years currently held with an earmarked reserve. The available balance of that reserve after covering the 2015-16 overspend was £6.266 million.

The performance of the department against the allocated budget and the main reasons for the overspend were detailed in the Strategic Directors report

The projected outturn for the Dedicated Schools Grant was an underspend of £0.722 million, of which £0.102 million was ring-fenced to authority schools as it related to re-pooled school budget.

**RESOLVED** to note the outcome of the latest budget monitoring for 2016-17.

**05/17**      **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 – Children's Services held on 6 December 2016 (contains exempt information).

- (2) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on Mr & Mrs S – Request for financial assistance with adaptations to home (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).
- (3) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on Mr & Mrs H – Request for financial assistance with extension to home (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).