

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – CHILDREN'S SERVICES** held on 10 November 2015 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor P Smith (in the Chair)

In attendance - Councillors C Bisknell, D Greenhalgh and J Street

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J Coyle.

95/15 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

96/15 **NEW INSTRUMENTS OF GOVERNMENT** Under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, a proposal had been received from a school Governing Body for an amendment to their Instrument of Government.

RESOLVED that approval be given for a new Instrument of Government to be made for Castle View Primary School as detailed in the Director of Legal Services' report.

97/15 **CHILDRENS SERVICES (FORMERLY CAYA) SERVICE SPENDING 2015/16** The Cabinet Member was informed of the results of the latest Children's Services service budget monitoring and highlighted major variances; progress on delivery of budget reductions; and the projected year end earmarked reserves balances taking into account anticipated drawdowns and additions during the year.

The report provided an analysis of the latest forecast year end position for 2015/16 based on income and expenditure up to the end of August 2015.

The current forecast year end position for Children's Services' expenditure funded by the Council was an overspend of £4.041 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.

The Dedicated Schools Grant was projected to underspend by £2.946 million and the underspend was permitted to be carried forward for future years and used in accordance with the School Finance Regulations applying

in future years.. A breakdown by service area was appended to the Strategic Director's Report.

The Cabinet member was also provided with details in relation to the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), Children's Services Budgets, and Children's Services Earmarked Reserves.

RESOLVED to note the outcome of the latest budget and earmarked reserves monitoring for 2015-16.

98/15 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 purpose of establishing eligibility to free transport within the statutory walking distances.

A request had been made for the route from Little Eaton to The Ecclesbourne School – crossing the A6, Town Street, Duffield, Little Eaton to the Ecclesbourne School – crossing the A6, own Street, Duffield to be assessed in accordance with the Authority's criteria for route safety for the purposes of home to school transport. The request had been made by four parents residing in Little Eaton, following the withdrawal of a number of bus passes which had been issued in error. This was due to a clarification of the nearest student entrance point at the school

A pro forma with a map showing the area in question and Accident Data was appended to the joint report

The route along Town Street (A6) from the junction with Makeney Road to the junction with Wirksworth Road had a pavement on either side, in some areas separated from the road by a grass verge. There was street lighting. The speed limit was either 30mph coming into Duffield and 40mph going out towards Derby.

If the route was declared hazardous thus requiring the students to use the pedestrian crossing further along Town Street, the Authority would offer bus passes on the service vehicle which transported entitled students between Little Eaton and The Ecclesbourne School. The number of students affected was 12 at a cost of £3.50 per day per student, which equated to £7980 per annum at current prices.

An inspection of the route was carried out on Thursday 22 October 2015 by the Hazardous Route's Panel and their recommendation was that the route should be declared as hazardous

RESOLVED that having considered the Hazardous Route Panel's recommendation for the route indicated, to approve that the route should be declared hazardous for the purposes of entitlement to free school transport in accordance with the Authority's Home to School Transport policy.

99/15 APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO SERVE AS LA GOVERNORS ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES RESOLVED to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 20012:-

J Haywood – Heritage High School
A Beckett – Tibshelf Community School
B Richards – Town End Junior School
L Mellor – Baslow St Anne’s CE Controlled Primary School
D Hewins – Bamford Primary School
S Shepherd – Melbourne Infant School

100/15 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 and Young People held on 13 October 2015 (contains exempt information).
- (2) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children’s Services on Request for Additional Funds for Mr & Mrs P – Assistance with Adaptations to Home – (contains Information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)