

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 10 March 2015 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor K Gillott (in the Chair)

Also in attendance was Cllr J Street.

22/15 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

23/15 **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 71 schools detailed in the Director of Legal Services report.

24/15 **CHILDREN & YOUNGER ADULTS (CAYA) SERVICE SPENDING 2014/15** The Cabinet Member was informed of the results of the latest CAYA service budget monitoring, and made aware major variances.

The report provided an analysis of the latest forecast year end position for 2014/15 based on income and expenditure up to the middle of December.

The current forecast year end position for CAYA's expenditure funded by the Council was an underspend of £187,000.

The Dedicated Schools Grant was projected to underspend by £1,026,000 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 attached at Appendix 1 to the Joint Report.

The projected end year position of the CAYA earmarked reserves was shown in Appendix 2 and predicted a net reduction of £5,833,000.

Within this, £10,146,000 was the balance of the prior year's underspend which the department intended to use in future financial years to manage the impact of budget reductions.

A further £1,937,000 was being held to fund the implementation of SEN and Disability reforms and the transition to new Education, Health and Care plans for children and young people up to the age of 25 who had high levels of additional need.

RESOLVED to note the outcome of the latest budget and earmarked reserves monitoring for 2014-15.

25/15 APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO SERVE AS LA GOVERNORS ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES RESOLVED (1) that the following persons be appointed to serve as LA Governors on a school governing body under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007:-

D Galloway – Christ the King Catholic Primary School
J Walls – Heage Primary School
S Wheatley – Hodthorpe Primary School
C Fletcher – Elton CE Controlled Primary School.
H Davenport – Newtown Primary School
L Barrett – St Thomas More Catholic School – Science College
M Stanley – North Wingfield Primary & Nursery School
R Blanchard – Newhall Community Junior School
K Hill - The Howitt Primary Community School; and

(2) to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 20012:-

P Stopford – Bradwell Junior School
T Punt – Hathersage St Michael's CE Voluntary Aided Primary School
M Varney – Matlock All Saints CE Infant School
S Wilks – Dove Holes CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School
V Noble – Barlow CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School
D Angliss – Hartshorne CE (Controlled) Primary School

26/15 APPROVAL OF SHADOW GOVERNING BODY CONSTITUTION AND APPOINTMENT OF SHADOW SCHOOL GOVERNORS Approval was sought for the appointments of persons to serve as shadow governors at The Pingle School.

In September 2013 the Local Authority appointed an Interim Executive Board for the purpose of providing governance for The Pingle School, Swadlincote. The Board had been very successful in bringing stability and improving the quality of education at the school. It was felt that it was the correct time to take governance of the school to the next stage.

The School Governance (Transition from an Interim Executive Board) (England) Regulations 2010 ('the 2010 Regulations'), provided for the local authority to make arrangements for the transition of a governing body constituted as an Interim Executive Board to a normally constituted governing body. Part 3 of the 2010 Regulations made provision for the establishment of a shadow governing body and the composition of the shadow governing body was set out under Part 4 of the 2010 Regulations. Members of the shadow governing body were appointed by the local authority.

To minimise disruption to governance at the school, the local authority had endeavoured to anticipate The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 ('the 2012 Regulations') and, as the first stage in establishing a shadow governing body, the Cabinet member agreed the appointment on 7 October 2014, of 2 shadow parent governors, 1 shadow staff governor and 1 shadow co-opted governor who, together with the former IEB members, would form the shadow governing body.

In December 2014 a DfE consultation entitled 'Consultation Paper on Changes to the Arrangements for School Governance in Maintained Schools' was launched to re-align the constitution of shadow governing bodies with that of The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 ('the 2012 Regulations') The consultation proposed that the 2010 Regulations were amended to require temporary governing bodies and shadow governing bodies to be constituted under the 2012 Regulations from September 2015.

Having sought clarification from the DfE, it had been confirmed that the constitution of the shadow governing body needed to comply with The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007 ('the 2007 Regulations').

It was, therefore, proposed to re-categorise the 1 shadow co-opted governor approved on 7 October to shadow staff governor and reconfigure the constitution to demonstrate adherence to the 2007 Regulations.

The appointments will be subject to the completion of a Declaration of Eligibility form and a proof of identity check.

RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed to serve as shadow governors at The Pingle School.

Shadow authority governor: Councillor Paul Dunn

1 shadow staff governor: Rob Rea

2 shadow community governors: David Baker, John Beaty

2 shadow partnership governors: Patricia Bullen, Terry De la Fuente

27/15 **EDGE OF CARE DEVELOPMENTS** Approval was sought to a temporary part-time (18.5 hours per week) commissioning manager post for a period of no longer than 12 months, to enable capacity to develop new

evidence based interventions in order to strengthen Derbyshire's response to young people on the Edge of Care and their families.

Derbyshire had been part of a successful application to the Department for Education's Children's Social Care Innovation Unit for overall funding of £4 million. This programme was led by Morning Lane Associates (MLA) and involves four other Local Authorities; Hull, Buckinghamshire, Harrow and Southwark.

The work would build on the Reclaiming Social Work model (RSW) already adopted in Derbyshire and aimed to make fundamental and wholesale changes to practice in 3 areas: reducing bureaucracy; developing Consultant Social Workers and establishing Edge of Care teams. This report addressed Edge of Care provision.

Analysis of data across the East Midlands showed that whilst Derbyshire ranked amongst the lowest in terms of children in care per population, we are the second highest in relation to young people who came into care aged 16 and over. This emphasised the need to review interventions for young people on the edge of care, especially aged 13 to 17, and to strengthen Derbyshire's response for families.

The intention was to create two specialist Preventing Family Breakdown teams in Derbyshire that focussed on preventing family breakdown and keeping adolescents out of care. The staffing of these teams was yet to be determined and would be the subject of a further report.

Each family being supported would be encouraged to adopt goals that the service would help them to achieve. Overall service objectives would include:

- 50% of young people on the Edge of Care not becoming long-term looked after, thus out of a projected 40 families worked with, 20 do not become looked after;
- Longer lasting improvements in families resulting in fewer re-referrals;
- Overall reduction of children in care.

Current research (Research in Practice – Building a business case for investment in edge of care services – June 2014) shows that of those who returned home from care, two thirds returned to care at least once and a third returned to care at least twice. The planned service will enable cost savings to be achieved by not only reducing admissions, but also by achieving a return home that can be sustained.

The anticipated cost of the part-time Commissioning Manager was £25,568 p.a. including on-costs for the full year and the costs can be funded from the prior year's CAYA underspend earmarked reserve.

This is an appropriate use of these funds since the cost of the post for a 12 month period is small when set against the potential costs that could be avoided in the future if up to 20 placements per year are avoided.

Detailed projections had yet to be made, but based on current placement costs detailed in Appendix 1, and care needs of teenagers, enabling a sustained return home or preventing admission for just 10 young people who would have been in residential care, and 10 who would have been in contract care would save approximately £1,570,000 per annum.

It was possible that funding may be available from the DfE to support this project in which case, this post would be funded from that source rather than Council funds.

Net savings from the development of an Edge of Care service would be used to help achieve CAYA's budget reductions.

RESOLVED that approval given for a fixed-term 12 month Commissioning Manager post (18.5 hours per week) to enable capacity for development work.

28/15 LEARNING IN DERBYSHIRE SCHOOLS Approval was sought for the development plans for the Learning in Derbyshire website.

Since 2003, the Council has communicated with schools via the schools extranet, Derbyshire Net for Learning (DNFL). A new solution was procured via EMPSN, resulting in Capita being awarded the contract in 2012 for the new SharePoint solution, for an initial 2 years. This contract had been extended for a further year to 31st October 2015. The contract included an option to extend for up to a final further year to 31st October 2016.

The site required significant changes and development in response to a survey conducted with schools. The Cabinet Member for Children and Younger Adults approved funding for the project on 6th May 2014, which included the recruitment of a Grade 12 Project Manager for 1 year.

A Project Manager was recruited and began work in June 2014. Key activity to date has been:

- Completely redeveloping a new site, introducing a new look and feel and rebranded as Learning in Derbyshire
- Reviewing all content and moving to a new site structure
- Working with all Traded Services with content on the site to work within the new structure

- Allowing some content to be 'non-authenticated' meaning that much of the content is now available to a wider schools audience
- Improved search capability
- Introduced new site functions to provide added value for schools
- Increased the scalability and flexibility to improve publication of content and management of the site
- Increase analytical information available
- Demonstrating the new site at Area Heads meetings in Autumn 2014
- Provided briefing and training to colleagues who will be supporting the site

The new Learning in Derbyshire site officially launched on 5th January 2015.

The plan agreed by the Cabinet Member for Children and Younger Adults approved on 6th May 2014 assumed that the site would eventually migrate to the Corporate Content Management System being procured at that time. The timescales for the Corporate Content Management System procurement to be complete have been revised, therefore it would be necessary to ensure support for Learning in Derbyshire until the current hosting contract ends on 31st October 2016.

On 6th May 2014, the Cabinet Member for Children and Younger Adults approved the use of £82,260 from the PSA reward grant. As this expenditure was planned to be incurred over two financial years, an earmarked reserve was established.

Based on the totals detailed in the report, currently the unfunded amount was £60,562.

It was proposed that the balance of the 2015/16 costs were met from CAYA's accumulated underspend from prior years and covered by traded income in 2016/17.

RESOLVED to approve the development plans for the Learning in Derbyshire website.

29/15 1 MUNDY STREET , HEANOR DE75 7EB – DISPOSAL OF A FORMER CHILDRENS HOME Approval was sought to declare the property named above as surplus to the requirements of the Children and Younger Adults Department.

No 1 Mundy Street Heanor was a DCC Children's Home until closure in October 2014. It had previously been known as The Mundy Street Project, Mundy Street Children's Home and was re-named in 2013 as The Crossings Children's Home.

On 25 March 2014, Cabinet agreed to the planned closure of one DCC Children's Home which was identified as The Crossings Home and on 21 October 2014 following the carrying out of a public consultation, Cabinet agreed to the closure of this Home.

The Department had not identified any alternative use for the premises and it was therefore recommended that the property be declared surplus to needs and that the County Property Department be asked to manage its disposal.

RESOLVED that No 1, Mundy Street, Heanor be declared surplus to the requirements of the Children and Younger Adults Department.

30/15 REPORTING OF BUILDING CONTRACTS RESOLVED to note the list of recent building contracts as detailed in the Appendix to the Strategic Director's report.

31/15 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 3 February 2015 (contains exempt information).
- (2) To consider the joint report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults and the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources on CAYA Capital Programme 2014-15 – Schools Access initiative (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)
- (3) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults on Mr & Mrs T - Request for Financial Assistance towards Adaptations to Home (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).