

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 11 September 2017 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor A Dale (in the Chair)

26/17 EXTENSION OF AGE RANGE AT HARPUR HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL (The Chairman agreed to the consideration of this report as an urgent agenda item given the need for the authority to make a decision on the published proposals within 2 months of the consultation period commencing) The Cabinet member was informed of the outcome of the statutory consultation on a proposal to extend the age range of the school from 4-11 years to 3-11 years so that it can offer nursery provision.

At a meeting on 9 June, Cabinet agreed to a statutory consultation on a proposal to change the age range at Harpur Hill Primary School. The proposal was a response to a need to provide additional early years places as a consequence of 30 hours' funded provision from September 2017. The school had carried out a pre-publication consultation earlier in 2017 and no responses were received. The statutory consultation took place over the period 14 June – 15 July 2017 and there were 18 responses.

The proposal was based on a collaboration between the school and a private sector provider currently operating within the Children's Centre on the school site. The school and the current private provider met with the Council separately to discuss the proposal and there was concern about offering the 30 hours through the partnership, that being the basis on which this proposal was published. As a consequence it is considered that the school was not in a position to implement the proposal it consulted on.

The responses raised a number of issues which had been addressed and were detailed in the Strategic Director's report.

RESOLVED that the proposal to extend the age range at Harpur Hill Primary School be refused on the basis that the consultation and associated discussion indicates that the proposed collaboration is not considered viable