

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 7 November 2017 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor A Dale (in the Chair)

Also in attendance were Councillors J Coyle and Julie Patten.

34/17 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 3 October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

35/17 **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 six schools detailed in the Director of Legal Services' report.

36/17 **CHILDREN'S SERVICES SPENDING 2017/18** The Cabinet Member was informed of the results of the latest Children's Services budget monitoring for 2017/18 and major variances were highlighted. The Cabinet Member was also informed of progress on delivery of budget reductions.

An analysis was provided of the latest forecast year-end position for 2017-18 prepared during August 2017.

The current forecast year-end position for Children's Services expenditure funded by the Council was an overspend of £5.905 million, an increase of £0.866 million from the previous reported projection.

The residual Children's Services prior year underspend was able to contribute £2.154 million towards this overspend leaving £3.751 million to be met from the Council's general reserve. The department was committed to implementing the budget reductions agreed by Council and would continue to control spend by other measures such as vacancy control. However, increases in demand for statutory services had exceeded the capacity of the current Children's Services budget for some years. A breakdown by service area was appended to the joint report.

The major variances included budget reductions still to be achieved (overspend of £0.531m), Finance/HR/Information & ICT/Business Services

(underspend of £0.661m), Allocations from Grants (overspend of £0.119m), Child Protection (overspend of £0.212m), Early Help and Safeguarding (overspend of £7.405), Advisory Service (overspend of £1.1237m) and Capital adjustment (underspend of £0.671). The main reasons for the overspends and underspends were detailed in the joint report.

The current projected expenditure on Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) was £0.519 million, net of grant funding from the Home Office. At the end of September 2017, 32 were supported by the Council of which 20 had transferred to Derbyshire from other local authorities or direct from Calais.

The projected outturn for the Dedicated Schools Grant was an underspend of £0.106 million. This included a projected overspend of £0.186 million relating to local authority schools' re-pooled budgets. It was intended that this would be covered from the accumulated underspend of those budgets from previous years, subject to the approval of Schools Forum. Early Years expenditure was projected to exceed the grant allocated by £0.595 million due to increased numbers of 2, 3 and 4 year olds accessing provision with PVI providers. The Department for Education mechanism for adjusting funding might result in this shortfall being corrected in 2018/19. The High Needs block was projected to underspend by £0.931 million. Centrally provided services were projected to overspend by £0.036 million whilst top-ups for pupils were projected to be below budget by £0.368 million. The residual unallocated budget set aside for in-year and future pressures was projected to underspend by £0.599 million.

RESOLVED to note the outcome of the latest budget monitoring for 2017/18, and the progress on delivery of budget reductions.

37/17 CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS **RESOLVED** to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors:-

D Gamble – Anthony Bek Primary School
P Warren – Westhouses Primary School
R Harris – Parklands Infant & Nursery School
P Purcell - Longmoor Primary School
A Cohen – Chinley Primary School

38/17 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 consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on Mr & Mrs N – Request for Financial Assistance with Adaptation to Home. (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).
- (2) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on School Staff Redundancies 2017. (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 Children's Services Capital Programme 2017-18 – Schools Access Initiative. (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).
- (4) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on Award of Contracts for the Conversion of SEN statements to EHC plans. (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information))