

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 7 August 2018 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

Also in attendance - Councillors J Patten and J Twigg.

**62/18** **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 29 June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**63/18** **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 four schools detailed in the Director of Legal Services' report.

**64/18** **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS** **RESOLVED** to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors:-

M Dent	-	Horsley CE Primary School
K Hudson	-	Swanwick School and Sports College
J Newton	-	The Framework Federation
G O'Hagan	-	Alfreton Nursery School
J Tait	-	Model Village Primary School
I Martin	-	South Normanton Nursery School
J Bacon	-	Speedwell Infant School
D Holden	-	William Rhodes Primary School
J Roberts	-	Cavendish Junior School
S Scarborough	-	Duckmanton Primary School
R Caig	-	Bradwell CE Infant School
J Latham	-	Sudbury Primary School
D Ball	-	Ashbrook Infant and Nursery School
A Winter	-	Whaley Bridge Primary School
J Hardy	-	Chapel-en-le-Frith High School
M Gill	-	Stretton Handley CE Primary School
L Clay	-	Weston-on-Trent CE (Aided) Primary School

**65/18** **EXTENSION OF AGE RANGE AT BAMFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL** At the Cabinet meeting on 26 April 2018 it was agreed to

undertake a statutory consultation on a proposal to change the age range at Bamford Primary School. This followed an initial consultation carried out by Bamford Primary School.

The Local Authority consultation document set out the proposal in detail, providing context to both the statutory process and the school setting, as well as specific information around staff and funding. The consultation demonstrated that the proposal has generated a lot of discussion within the local community, with very strong views being put forward both for and against the proposal.

39 responses were received to the consultation with 19 generally supporting and 20 opposing the proposal. In order to accurately represent the views of all respondents, all points have been collated and were detailed in the report.

In summary the assessment of sufficiency for early years places did not support the need for additional places in the area. Whilst the proposal would secure the option of wrap-around early years provision for 3 year-olds which was currently lacking in the village, this needed to be considered alongside the potential loss of 2 year-olds' provision. There was a clear responsibility to ensure that provision could respond to declining numbers whilst meeting parental needs for wrap-around care and the current proposal did not meet that in its current form. A high number of respondents, from both sides of the debate, expressed a keenness for an alternative model of provision to be explored and there was a will that Derbyshire County Council help to steer this. This should look at securing full-day provision for 2–11 year-olds within the village and there was a clear preference that this would involve the Primary School and Pre-school working together. An alternative model could benefit working parents and also better aid the long-term sustainability of the school and wider village. There was a clear desire for the community to be involved in exploring options for collaborative working models such as those in place in similar localities.

The Cabinet Member received the letter received from Bamford Primary School, signed by the Headteacher, Chair of Governors and the EYFS lead and the concerns raised were duly considered.

**RESOLVED** (1) to reject the proposals to extend the age range at Bamford Primary School at this stage on the grounds that there is not a shortage of early years places in the area, and the proposed model does not respond to all the needs for early years provision; and

(2) to recommend that Bamford Primary School works with the community and the pre-school to explore alternative delivery models.

The Cabinet Member was informed of the final revenue out-turn position for 2017/18 for the Children's Services department.

Identified within the Strategic Director's report were the significant variations of expenditure from the budget with an assessment of the impact of growth items approved as part of the 2017/18 budget settlement.

Progress was received against achievement of budget reductions and transfers to and from reserves was noted. Also noted was the expected impact of the 2017/18 out-turn on future years and any actions proposed.

The final out-turn of the 2017/18 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) was also reported.

Attached at Appendix 1 to the report was a summary statement setting out the final controllable out-turn position for Children's Services (CS) for 2017/18.

Net controllable expenditure in 2016/17 was £98.023 million compared with a budget of £91.634 million after transfers to and from reserves, resulting in a controllable overspend of £6.389 million. The main variances on controllable expenditure were itemised in the report.

The spending on Schools' Budget financed by the Dedicated Schools Grant was £416.970 million compared with in-year grant income of £414.757 million, and use of previous years' grant income of £5.185 million a net overspend of £2.973 million. From 2017/18, the Department for Education has introduced revised funding formulae for Local Authorities and has indicated that from 2020/21, Local Authorities would have to fund their schools using the National Funding Formula rather than set their own local formula. The impact of these changes on Derbyshire was significant.

**RESOLVED** to note (1) the out-turn position, variations of expenditure from budget, impact of 2017/18 growth allocations and progress in achieving budget reductions;

(2) the transfers to and from reserves outlined in the report;

(3) the expected impact of the 2017/18 out-turn on future years and planned actions; and

(4) the final out-turn of the 2017/18 Dedicated Schools Grant.

**67/18**      **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 – Young People held on 29 June 2018.
- (2) To consider the Exempt Reports of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on Proposals for a Partnership Arrangement with Derby City Council. (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))