

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 6 November 2018 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

Also in attendance – Councillor J Coyle, J Patten and J Twigg.

**85/18      PETITION      **RESOLVED**** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

Location/Subject	Signatures	Local Member
Ironville – Carriage Youth Club – Objections to the Proposal to Close the Youth Club	252	Councillor P Smith

(2) that the Strategic Director for Children's Services considers the matters raised in the petition.

**86/18      MINUTES      **RESOLVED**** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 9 October 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**87/18      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 six schools detailed in the Director of Legal Services' report.

**88/18      CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS      **RESOLVED**** to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors:-

D Bowater	-	Ripley Nursery School
A Cope	-	Ripley Infant School
S Dell	-	Kirk Langley CofE Primary School
R M Smith	-	Waingroves Primary School
J Brooks	-	Staveley Junior School
D Griffith	-	Bishop Pursglove CofE Primary School
H Percival	-	Risley Lower Grammar Primary School
J Creed	-	Hayfield Primary School

D Greenhalgh	-	Dinting CofE (VA) Primary School
L O'Keefe	-	Thornsett Primary School
J Andrews	-	Gorseybrigg Primary School
P Laughlin	-	Church Broughton CofE Primary School

## **89/18      emPSN ICo & SCo COMPANY SHARE TRANSFER**

In 2000, a consortium to provide broadband and application services to schools in the East Midlands was created, which led to the company now known as emPSN (East Midlands Public Services Network Limited) in 2012. emPSN was a combination of two companies, ICo and SCo. The company was owned by 5 Tier 1 Local Authorities, namely Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Leicester City, Northamptonshire and Derbyshire, and operated through a Board of Directors with a nominee from each member Authority. Northamptonshire resigned as an owner of the Company with effect from 31 March 2016.

The company has a 'Teckal' status which means that it was owned by local authorities and it operated not for profit but for public good purposes. The company was limited by guarantee and the liability of each member for payment of the debts of the company was limited. The company has 4 full-time and 2 part-time members of staff. It also employs 1 part-time agency accountant and 1 part-time technical consultant. The Managing Director was Mike Kendall who has been in post since the company was formed.

The challenge for emPSN ICo and SCo has always been to secure a financially sustainable operating model, and has struggled to secure a long-term operating model. In recent years it has relied on drawing from reserves to offset annual losses, but the company's post-2016 operating model was now financially sound with a small surplus being made during 2017/18. However, it was still dependent on the anchor tenancy of Lincolnshire County Council to guarantee the emPSN regional infrastructure on which all other services are based.

The projected profit and loss account for the emPSN group for the period to October 31st 2022 realised sufficient funds to meet the known liabilities. However, the liabilities to secure infrastructure continuity beyond 1 November 2022 were not known. Whilst emPSN ICo and SCo were currently operating as a going concern, any proposed takeover would mitigate potential future financial liabilities.

The emPSN Board considered options to address the ongoing viability of the company which included an approach from a similar organisation called London Grid for Learning (LGfL) to take over emPSN. London Grid for Learning was a charitable trust under the governance of local authorities in London. The potential takeover of the company by LGfL would provide security for the emPSN staff, and potentially expand the offer of services to schools, which could also benefit from the economies of scale which LGfL buying power was able to achieve.

**RESOLVED** to support the proposals for a company takeover of emPSN by LGfL and that the Derbyshire County Council representative on the Board of Directors be approved to resign their position along with members from the other East Midlands Councils represented, following the agreed formal completion of the acquisition of emPSN by LGfL.

**90/18      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 9 October 2018.
- (2) To consider the Exempt Reports of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on:-
  - (a) School Staff Redundancies (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)
  - (b) Behaviour Support Service, Nurture Team and Positive Play Structure (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)
  - (c) Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service (DACES) : Issue of Notice to Terminate Lease of Killamarsh Adult Education Centre (3483-01) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding the information))
  - (d) Children's Services Senior Management Team Arrangements (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)