

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 5 June 2018 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

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

**46/18      MINUTES    **RESOLVED**** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 1 May 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**47/18      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 school detailed in the Director of Legal Services' report.

**48/18      CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS    **RESOLVED**** to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors:-

J Smith – Crich Infant School  
J Murday – Croft Community Infant School  
C Gilfillan – Creswell Junior School  
E Smyth – Scarcliffe Primary School  
K Parkes – Hasland Infant and Nursery School  
H Davies - Hasland Infant and Nursery School  
S Tucker – Flagg Nursery School  
C Dathan – Bakewell CofE Infant School  
K Croft – Fitzherbert Voluntary Aided Primary School  
J Dawson – Kensington Junior School  
J Frudd – Field House Infant School  
L Cooper – Fairfield Infant School  
N Godfrey – Glossopdale School  
P Wood – Litton Primary School  
H Toomey – Burbage Primary School  
M Brader – Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School  
M Howell – St Andrew's CofE Methodist Primary School  
M Simmonite – Dronfield Infant School  
J Simpson – Stonelow Junior School  
B Ridgway – Renishaw Primary School  
K Chambers - Newton Solney CofE Infant School

**49/18      FOSTERING ALLOWANCES**

Phase One of the new Fostering Skills Allowance (FSA) was introduced in April 2017 and after some transitional problems, the new scheme has contributed to more focused skills development and increased occupancy.

Phase Two of the allowances review has been carried out during 2017/18. There have been a number of work-streams with foster carers and fostering staff which have co-produced recommendations. The overall aim was to ensure that best use was made of available resources to meet service needs and with allowances that were fair and consistently applied across the County.

The proposals also met key objectives of meaningful and evidenced co-production of service development with foster carers (the importance of this in influencing retention is described in the recent national report, "Foster Care in England: A Review for the Department for Education" by Sir Martin Narey and Mark Owers); Lessening complexity and delay in payments for foster carers (a regular theme in complaints); incentivising increased occupancy of fostering households; encouraging skills development; increasing the number of carers able and willing to take emergency placements; and ensuring Derbyshire is as competitive as possible compared to neighbouring Local Authorities and Independent Fostering Agencies.

It was requested that some of the projected difference between the previous relevant budget spend and projected amounts for 2018/19 of £126,446, was largely re-invested in increasing the Fostering Skills Allowance for Bands A, B and C, and supporting the recommendations from Phase Two, as follows:-

Recommendation 1 – Amalgamate 0-1 age range payment into 2-4 age range (£4,950.40)

Recommendation 2 – Increase Banding payments for fostering skills allowance (£9,574.00)

Recommendation 3 – Pay multiple placement fee for 3 or more children (£35,620.00)

Recommendation 4 – Revise Link Care Scheme payment and backdate FSA payments (£20,111.16)

Recommendation 8 – Revise Short Break Scheme payment (£3,129.96)

Recommendation 9 – Make Out of Hours Placement payment (£10,400.00)

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the information regarding the work and analysis undertaken; and

(2) to agree to amalgamate 0-1 age range payment into 2-4 age range; increase Banding payments for fostering skills allowance; pay multiple placement fee for 3 or more children; revise Link Care Scheme payment and

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backdate FSA payments; Revise Short Break Scheme payment; and Make Out of Hours Placement payment, with effect from 1 July 2018.

**50/18**      **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 1 May 2018.
- (2) To consider the Exempt Reports of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on :-
  - (a) Business Services Review. (contains information relating to any consultations or negotiations or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a minister of the crown and employees of, or office-holders under, the authority.)
  - (b) Closure of the Deli Bar at County Hall, Matlock. (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual.)
  - (c) Chesterfield Library Soft Market Testing. (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual.)