

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 4 November 2014 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor K Gillott (in the Chair)

Also in attendance was Councillor Mrs J S Street

112/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

113/14 **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 25 schools detailed in the Director of Legal Services report.

114/14 **APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO SERVE AS LA GOVERNORS ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES** **RESOLVED** (1) that the following persons be appointed to serve as LA Governors on school governing bodies under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007:-

A K Hoe – Holbrook C.E. Voluntary Controlled Primary School
K McKinney – St. Anne's Catholic Primary School
K Deffley – Eckington Junior School
K Haywood – Woodville C.E. Junior School; and

(2) to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012:-

M-C Schmidt – Monyash C.E. Voluntary Controlled Primary School
E Bailey – Netherseal St. Peter's C.E. Controlled Primary School

115/14 **SCHOOL BUDGETS: DEFICIT BALANCES AND RECOVERY PLANS** Approval was sought to requests from Governing Bodies of schools

for a licensed deficit to balance their budget over more than one financial year and to inform the Cabinet Member of schools for which a budget plan had still to be agreed.

Before making such a request the school must demonstrate to officers from CAYA and Corporate Finance that all the other alternatives had been exhausted. Approval to repay a deficit over a three year period may only be given in exceptional circumstances where the Cabinet Member was satisfied that the schools ability to deliver the National Curriculum would otherwise be seriously jeopardised and that no other course of action was available.

The balances and pupil numbers of the schools concerned were appended to the Strategic Director's report.

Requests to balance the budget over more than one year had been received from Ashbrook Infant and Nursery School; and St. Joseph's R.C. Primary School, Matlock. Details of the budget position at these schools were given in the report.

Despite the best efforts of the Authority's officers several schools had not been able to produce plans to bring their budgets back in to balance. These schools had more acute difficulties due either to the previous year's deficit and/or the impact of data changes on their 2014/15 budget for example due to falling roles. The schools involved were Aldercar Community and Language College; Mill Hill School; New Mills Secondary School; The Pingle School; and St. Philip Howard R.C School. Brief details of the situation at each of these schools were given in the Strategic Director's report.

RESOLVED (1) that approval be given for Ashbrook Infant and Nursery School and St. Joseph's R.C. Primary School (Matlock) to recover their budget deficits over two or three financial years; and

(2) to note the position of Aldercar Community Language College, Mill Hill School, New Mills Secondary School, The Pingle School, and St. Philip Howard R.C., which were yet to agree a plan, and require the Strategic Director to continue to work with these schools to agree long term financial recovery plans.

116/14 REPORTING OF BUILDING CONTRACTS RESOLVED to note the list of recent building contracts as detailed in the Appendix to the Strategic Director's report.

117/14 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 – Children and Young People held on 7 October 2014 (contains exempt information).
- (2) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults on IP/NP Request for a (Time Limited) Enhanced Adoption Allowance for PH (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).
- (3) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults on school staff redundancies 2014 (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).