

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – CHILDREN'S SERVICES** held on 5 July 2016 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor J Coyle (in the Chair)

In attendance - Councillors D Greenhalgh and J Street

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor C Bisknell.

**58/16** **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**59/16** **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 two schools detailed in the Director of Legal Services report.

**60/16** **APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO SERVE AS LA GOVERNORS ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES** **RESOLVED** to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012:-

T Curran – Mundy CE Junior School  
D Crawford – Whitecotes Primary School  
J Horton – Parkside Community School  
J Harvey – Dronfield Junior School  
T Farndon – Shirland Primary School  
J Adlington – The Unstone School Federation  
S Leask – Etwall Primary School

**61/16** **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE OLD POST HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOME, CALOW, CHESTERFIELD** Approval was sought to place an order for capital improvement works at The Old Post House Childrens Home, Calow, Chesterfield

An OfSTED inspection in August 2015 at The Old Post House Children's Home, identified a requirement for the following building improvements to the home: full refurbishment of 4 bedrooms refurbishment of

shower room, re-lighting the first floor landing, replacement of 12 internal fire doors and installation of a front door 'enter view' system linked to a staff office. The 4 bedroom refurbishments will include re-plastering of all walls, overboarding ceilings, taking out old sinks and pipework, replacement central heating radiators, relocation and replacement of double sockets and light fittings, replacement covings and skirting boards and re-decoration.

The total cost of the works was expected to be in the region of £75,000. A detailed tender price from County Property was currently awaited.

Following investigative work into the electrical system at the home, it was discovered that no electrical changes could be made to the home unless the property was completely re-wired. This work would be carried out at the same time as the other improvements and be funded from the 2016-17 Corporate Property budget.

Both the post OfSTED refurbishment works and the re-wire could be combined into joint works that could take place over approximately 8 weeks in the summer school holidays, 2016. Children's Services had agreed to close the home for the duration of the works and transfer the children & staff to another DCC Children's Home property not currently operating as a home.

The refurbishment works were to be a charge on the Children's Homes Improvements allocation of £100,000 in the Children's Services Capital Programme 2016-17 which was approved at Cabinet on 24 May 2016.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to place an order to the value of approximately £75,000 (an actual tender price was expected) for capital improvements at The Old Post House Children's Home.

**62/16      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's Services held on 7 June 2016 (contains exempt information).
- (2) To consider the joint report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services and the Strategic Director - Corporate Resources on Children's Services Capital Programme 2016/17 – School Access Initiative (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 Traded Schools Careers Service (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 Development of Children's Commissioning (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)