

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 5 August 2014 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor K Gillott (in the Chair)

Also in attendance was Councillor Mrs J S Street.

69/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

70/14 **NEW INSTRUMENTS OF GOVERNMENT** Under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 the following Governing Bodies had requested an amendment to their Instrument of Government.

RESOLVED (1) that the Instrument of Government for Hulland CE Voluntary Primary School be amended to provide for a new Governing Body of 12 members comprising 5 parents, 1 Local Authority, 1 staff, 1 Headteacher, 2 co-opted and 2 Foundation Governors;

(2) that the Instrument of Government for Langwith Bassett Community Primary School be amended to provide for a new Governing Body of 9 members comprising 3 parents, 1 Local Authority, 1 staff, 1 Headteacher and 3 co-opted Governors;

(3) that the Instrument of Government for William Allitt School be amended to provide for a new Governing Body of 14 members comprising 2 parents, 1 Local Authority, 1 staff, 1 Headteacher, and 9 co-opted Governors; and

(4) that the Instrument of Government for Whitwell Primary School be amended to provide for a new Governing Body of 15 members comprising 3 parents, 1 Local Authority, 1 staff, 1 Headteacher, and 9 co-opted Governors.

71/14 **APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO SERVE AS LA GOVERNORS ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES** **RESOLVED** that the following persons be appointed to serve as LA Governors on school governing bodies under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007.

S Maguire – Risley Lower Grammar CE School
A Gibson – Eckington Camms CE (VA) Primary School
J Oakden–Nancarrow – Church Gresley Infant and Nursery School
J Bradder – Town End Junior School.

72/14 INDEPENDENT TRAVEL TRAINING Approval was sought to procure services to provide Independent Travel Training (ITT) for students with Special Educational Needs (SEN).

The Children and Younger Adults (CAYA) department currently ran an Independent Travel Training Programme which started in June 2012. Since the start of the project over 135 young people had benefitted from group travel awareness sessions within their school/college setting.

The current contract was due to end at the end of September 2015. It was not possible within the terms of the current contract for it to be extended beyond this date. The original contract was approved in February 2012 and was for 18 months with a value of £75,000. The option to extend for a further 2 years had taken place.

After a recent public consultation a decision was taken by Cabinet to introduce a charge for SEN 6th form learners as a contribution for their transport assistance. For students aged 19-24 transport assistance would only be given if the Authority deemed it was necessary. As part of the student's assessment ITT was discussed where it was applicable. These changes had the potential to increase the number of students requesting transport assistance. These changes were made after review of the home to school transport policy had taken place. All areas where transport assistance was provided over statutory requirement were consulted on.

The project was originally funded from underspend grant funding. It was now funded from the home to school transport budget as this was where any potential saving was made. The intention was to continue funding the project from this budget.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the procurement exercise being undertaken for the ITT project for a period of 3 years, with a possible extension period of an additional 2 years; and

(2) that a further report be considered once results of the procurement exercise were known.

73/14 REVENUE OUT-TURN 2013/14 – CHILDREN AND YOUNGER ADULTS

The Cabinet Member was informed of the final revenue out-turn position for 2013/14 for the Children and Younger Adults department. A summary statement setting out the final controllable out-turn position for Children and Younger Adults (CAYA) for 2013/14 was appended to the joint report.

Net controllable expenditure in 2013/14 was £109,620m compared with a budget of £107,746m after transfers to and from Reserves resulting in a controllable overspend of £1,874m. This would be covered by a drawdown from CAYA's ear-marked reserves and was already reflected in the reserves analysis detailed at Appendix 2 to the report. The main variances on controllable expenditure were detailed in the report.

The spending on schools budget financed by the dedicated schools grant was £427,801m compared with grant income of £434,527m, a surplus of £6,726m.

RESOLVED (1) to note the out-turn position; and

(2) that subject to Cabinet approval that transfers to/from reserves outlined in the report be approved and the CAYA overspend be covered by a drawdown from the ear-marked reserve for CAYA prior year underspend.

74/14 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT – HAZARDOUS ROUTE

The Cabinet Member was asked to consider a request for a home to school route to be declared hazardous for the purposes of establishing eligibility to free transport within the statutory walking distances. The request for the route to be assessed had been made by a parent who lived on Wheatley Gardens, Darley Dale and had raised concerns that the shortest available route to Highfields Lower School using Oddford Lane was hazardous.

A route assessment had been carried out by the appropriate panel, a copy of which was appended to the joint report along with a map of the route. The recommendation of the panel was that the route should be declared hazardous.

RESOLVED to approve that the route from Wheatley Gardens, Darley Dale via Oddford Lane to Highfields Lower School be declared as hazardous in accordance with the Authority's home to school transport policy.

75/14 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 1 July 2014.
- (2) To consider the joint report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults and the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources on CAYA Capital Programme 2014/15 – Schools Access Initiative (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).
- (3) To consider the joint report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults and the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Early Years Finance System (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).
- (4) To consider the joint report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults and the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Youth Offending System Upgrade (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).
- (5) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults on Mrs P – Request for Financial Assistance for Adaptations to Home (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).
- (6) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults on Mr & Mrs F – Request for Financial Assistance for Adaptations to Home (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).