

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 29 June 2018 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

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

**54/18**      **MINUTES**    **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 5 June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**55/18**      **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS**    The report was withdrawn pending further information.

**56/18**      **DERBYSHIRE INVOLVEMENT WITH THE EARLY YEARS CENTRE FOR DEAF CHILDREN IN MACKWORTH, DERBY**

The Early Years Centre for Deaf Children in Mackworth, Derby, was established over 20 years ago as a multi-agency centre for supporting pre-school children and their families, particularly for developing communication and sign language skills.

The number of Derbyshire families using the centre has fallen in recent years and review on the ongoing viability of the Centre was initiated to assess the impact. At the date of the review in 2016 only one Derbyshire family was using the centre and analysis indicated that numbers would continue to decline. Currently no Derbyshire families were using the centre.

The Sensory and Physical Support Service (SPSS) currently committed £9,000 per annum to the daily running of the Centre and some Teacher of the Deaf (TOD) and Teaching Assistant (TA) time. It was proposed to end staff input with immediate effect to enable the staff working at the centre to be reallocated to work in the localities across Derbyshire to meet the need where it was identified and requested.

It was also proposed that Derbyshire County Council continued its contribution to the funding of the centre to the end of July 2019. This would provide continuity and a time-limited fail safe contingency should demand for resources change and access be required by Derbyshire families. The demand for the service would be re-examined in December 2018 and if there was no change in demand, notice would be given.

A consultation took place in March 2017 and both Derby City Council and the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) were asked for their views on the future of the centre. No response was received from Derby City

Council. The NDCS responded that support needed to be targeted cost-effectively and it was important that teams were managed efficiently and effectively. The NDCS expressed concern that the withdrawal of Derbyshire involvement could well affect the viability of the Centre.

The report referred to the increase of cochlear implants and better hearing aid technology, however the continued importance of British Sign Language as a means of communication was recognised.

**RESOLVED** that (1) Derbyshire ends its staffing involvement at the EY Centre with immediate effect and these staff are deployed;

(2) time-limited ongoing funding be made available to the Early Years Centre for Deaf Children of £9,000 per annum until the end of July 2019 and that the City Council be advised of this;

(3) that a further examination of Derbyshire families' attendance at the Centre to take place in December 2018;

(4) that subject to there being no change in demand, that Derbyshire County Council provide 6 months formal notice to the City Council in December 2018 then it will cease its funding of the Centre; and

(5) that the final decision on serving of notice be subject to further Cabinet Member decision-making processes.

#### **57/18      HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT – HAZARDOUS ROUTES**

The Cabinet member was asked to consider a request for a home to school journey to be declared 'hazardous' for the purpose of establishing eligibility to free transport to Lady Manners, Bakewell CE Infant and Bakewell Methodist VC Junior Schools. The shortest available routes between Over Haddon to each of the three Schools measured less than the statutory walking distance of two miles for children under the age of eight and three miles for children over the age of eight.

The route detailed on the at appendix A to the report was inspected on 6 March 2018 by the Hazardous Route Panel and the recommendation was that Route A to B (past New Close Farm) was Hazardous; Route B to C (leading to Upper Yeld Road) - Not Hazardous; Route C to D (Shutts Lane/Monyash Road to Bakewell Road junction) - Not Hazardous; Route A to D (Bakewell Road) – Hazardous; and Route D to E – Hazardous only on the section of road between Bank Top House Farm and the junction of Bakewell Road. It was reported at the meeting that Route E to F (Green Lane joining Monyash Road at the Haddon Grove campsite crossroads) was recommended as Not Hazardous.

Any routes which were declared hazardous by the County Council automatically require the provision of free transport to children who have to

travel along those routes if there was no alternative route under the relevant distance to the school. There was an existing service vehicle which travelled through Over Haddon to Lady Manners School and a bus pass would be issued, however parents of children in Over Haddon who attended the primary schools in Bakewell would have to be reimbursed travelling expenses.

**RESOLVED** to confirm the Hazardous Route Panel's recommendations that routes A to B, A to D and D to E are hazardous and routes B to C and D and E to F are not hazardous for the purposes of home to school transport.

**58/18** **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 5 June 2018.
- (2) To consider the Exempt Reports of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on :-
  - (a) Request to Increase the Recommended Selling Price of School Meals. (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
  - (b) Proposals for a Partnership Arrangement with Derby City Council to Operate a High Ropes Facility in Markeaton Park. (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))