

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – CHILDREN'S SERVICES** held on 8 November 2016 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor J Coyle (in the Chair)

In attendance - Councillor J Street

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Bisknell and D Greenhalgh

105/16 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

106/16 **NEW INSTRUMENTS OF GOVERNMENT** Under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012; proposals had been received from a school Governing Body for an amendment to their Instrument of Government.

RESOLVED that approval be given for a new Instrument of Government to be made for Langwith Bassett Primary School, as detailed in the Director of Legal Services report.

107/16 **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS** **RESOLVED** to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012:-

W Greensmith – Glebe Junior School
B Murdy – The Marpool Federation of Schools
F Joyce – Swanwick School & Sports College
S Bighton – Ripley St John's CE Primary School
J Shephard – Aldercar High School
L Adsetts – Bramley Vale Primary School
D Fish – Bolsover CE Junior School
V Meredith – Kirkstead Junior School
C Johnson – Christ Church CE Primary School
J Longmate – Brockwell Nursery & Infant School
P Sharp – St Mary's Catholic Primary School
C Woodhouse – Monyash CE Primary School
M Kirby-Sykes – Matlock Bath Holy Trinity (Controlled) Primary School
A Ironmonger – Stoney Middleton Primary School
D Peet – Darley Dale Primary School

C Nettell – Grindleford Primary School
D Cupit – New Mills Primary School
K Bullock – Stonelow Junior School
S Yeomans – Overseal Primary School

108/16 JOINT USE PROVISION – ETWALL JOHN PORT/SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL Approval was sought for the cessation of the financial contribution made to the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee in respect of increasing participation in sport and reducing obesity.

Prior to 2012, under a Joint Use Arrangement between the County Council, South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) and Etwall John Port School (EJPS), the Authority contributed approximately £8,000 per annum to the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee in return for which Derbyshire primary schools received exclusive use of the swimming pool at Etwall Leisure Centre during school hours. In 2012, the then Cabinet Member for Education agreed that a further financial contribution of £32,000 per annum would be paid to help the Council meet its key targets of reducing obesity and increasing active participation in sport. The Joint Use Agreement was amended to reflect this additional payment.

At its meeting on 12 April 2016, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services approved a proposal to cease the financial contribution in respect of sport and obesity from April 2017 and authorised the Strategic Director for Children's Services to consult and negotiate with SDDC and EJPS to implement this change.

On 8 July 2016, representatives of the Authority met with the above parties to discuss the proposed change and the proposals were formally considered by the Joint Management Committee at its meeting on 11 July 2016. The Joint Management Committee (JMC) included representatives from the County Council, SDDC and EJPS and oversaw the operation of the Leisure Centre.

The JMC recognised the financial position faced by the County Council and the need to make difficult financial decisions. However, the JMC was particularly concerned that the reduction in funding to the Leisure Centre would come at the same time as the proposed closure of the Etwall Children's Centre, a double hit for the young people and their families in the Etwall area and the timing of the reduction.

The JMC asked that the reduction be phased to allow time for them to identify cost reduction measures and consider the scope for new commercial opportunities to be created.

In view of these representations a revised offer was made to phase the reduction with two thirds of the sum due under the current Agreement to be paid in April 2017 and that this would be the final payment. The JMC

considered the revised offer at their meeting on 26 September 2016 and agreed to accept the new terms.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the phased cessation of the financial contribution in respect of sport and obesity-reduction in accordance with Section 2; and

(2) to authorise the Director of Legal Services to amend the Joint User Agreement to reflect the revised arrangements.

109/16 CHILDREN'S SERVICES SPENDING 2016/17 The Cabinet Member was informed of the results of the latest Children's Services budget monitoring which highlighted major variances and of progress on delivery of budget reductions.

The report provided an analysis of the latest forecast year-end position for 2016/17 based on income and expenditure up to the end of August 2016.

The current forecast year-end position for Children's Services expenditure funded by the Council was an overspend of £7.096 million. A number of actions were in place to minimise any overspend. Any shortfall in closing the gap would be met by the use of Children's Services' earmarked reserves. The department was committed to implementing the budget reductions agreed by Council so that it did not need to rely on one-off sources of funding.

A breakdown by service area was appended to the Strategic Director's report.

Should expenditure continue to be above budget by the end of 2016/17, Children's Services would draw down from its earmarked reserve of prior year underspends to provide the additional resources. The available balance of that reserve after covering the 2015-16 overspend was £6.266 million.

The performance of the department against the allocated budget and the main reasons for the overspend were detailed in the Strategic Directors report

The projected outturn for the Dedicated Schools Grant was breakeven. Pressures were emerging in High Needs Block top-ups for secondary school pupils, however these were offset by a lower level of post-16 top-ups.

RESOLVED to note the outcome of the latest budget monitoring for 2016-17.

110/16 COTMANHAY JUNIOR SCHOOL - SECTION 106 FUNDING Approval was sought to allocate S106 funding to Cotmanhay Junior School, Ilkeston.

A Section 106 contribution of £34,197 had been received for Cotmanhay Junior School, Ilkeston from Westleigh Developments in respect of a residential development of land at Skeavingtons Lane, Ilkeston.

The School had identified a suitable scheme to enhance the teaching and learning environment at the school to which this funding would contribute. The scope of the scheme was to convert an existing open plan resource space and disused store into a teaching classroom and support office. The new accommodation would primarily be used to provide additional literacy support, but would also enable the delivery of targeted curriculum teaching as an intervention strategy to enhance pupil attainment. This project was estimated to cost £36,000.

RESOLVED to approve the allocation of £34,197 Section 106 funding as a contribution towards a scheme of £36,000 to Cotmanhay Junior School, Ilkeston, and that the scheme be added to the 2016/17 Capital Programme.

111/16 PAY AWARDS – SCHOOLS TEACHERS’ PAY AWARD WEF 1 SEPTEMBER 2016 RESOLVED (1) to agree to the award of a 1% increase in pay, and to classroom teacher allowances (Teaching and Learning Responsibility payments and Special Educational Needs allowances), backdated to 1 September 2016, to all teachers employed by Derbyshire County Council, but not attached to schools, across all pay points, the costs of which would be met from the Dedicated Schools Grant; and

(2) to agree to recommend to Governing Bodies that a 1% uplift in salary and to classroom teacher allowances (TLR payments and SEN allowances) be awarded to teachers employed in schools, across all pay points, backdated to 1 September 2016.

112/16 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 11 October 2016 (contains exempt information).
- (2) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children’s Services on School Staff Redundancies (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 Starting Point Compliance with Working Together 2015 and the Impact on the Current Management Structure (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 Contract Award of a Youth Support Case Management System (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's Services on Transition Staff in the Erewash Locality (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).
- (6) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on Funding Application for Foster Carer Extension/Adaptations (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual).