

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 9 July 2013 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor K Gillott (in the Chair)

03/13 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 Matlock All Saints C.E. Infant School be amended to provide for a new Governing Body of 14 members comprising 4 parents, 1 Local Authority, 1 staff, 1 Headteacher, 3 Foundation and 4 Co-opted Governors;

(2) that the Instrument of Government for Monyash CE (VC) Primary School be amended to provide for a new Governing Body of 12 members comprising 3 parents, 1 Local Authority, 1 staff, 1 Headteacher, 3 Foundation and 3 Co-opted Governors;

(3) that the Instrument of Government for Richardson Endowed Primary School be amended to provide for a new Governing Body of 12 members comprising 3 parents, 1 Local Authority, 1 staff, 1 Headteacher, 2 Foundation and 4 Co-opted Governors; and

(4) to note that the request to amend the Instrument of Government for Ashgate Croft School had been withdrawn by the Governing Body of the School.

04/13 CLAY CROSS, STEPHENSON UNIT CHILDREN'S HOME – EXTENSION PROJECT The Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Property sought approval for a tender for an approved Capital project at the Stephenson Unit, Clay Cross.

On 31 January 2012, Cabinet approved a number of improvement projects at Children's Homes including a project to provide an extension to the Stephenson Unit at a budget cost of £95,000. The funding was approved as a charge on the Corporate Capital Programme Contingency Budget as there was no separate Capital Budget approved for Children's Homes improvements in that financial year.

The project would provide a new room for social pedagogy work with young people.

A tender had been received from the Head of Corporate Property Operations totalling £118,650. There was therefore a shortfall in funding of £23,650 which could be met from the allocation of £100,000 approved for Children's Homes minor improvements in the 2013/14 CAYA Capital Programme.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the placing of an order with the Head of Corporate Property Operations for an extension to the Stephenson Unit at a total cost of £118,600 to be met from the approved allocation of £95,000 in the 2011/12 Corporate Capital Programme, together with additional funding of £23,650 from the budget approved in the 2013/14 CAYA Capital Programme for Minor Improvements in Children's Homes.

05/13 APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS RESOLVED (1)
that the following persons be appointed to serve as LA Governors on school Governing Bodies:-

Amber Valley

C Bridgett
R Raisin-Moss
J Holmes

Langley Mill Junior School
Mapperley CE Primary School
Lons Infant School

Bolsover

G Morris
L Key
M Wilkinson
A Highton
H Slonskyj
M Wheatcroft
V DeCourcy

Pinxton Village Infant Schools
Pinxton Village Infant Schools
New Bolsover Primary School
Pinxton Nursery School
Barlborough Primary School
Kirkstead Junior School
New Bolsover Primary School

Chesterfield

M Bonner
P Godfrey

Abercrombie Primary School
Brampton Primary School

Derbyshire Dales

G Rimmer

Bradwell CE Infant School

Erewash

M Booth

Bennerley Fields Specialist
Speech & Language College

Chaucer Junior School

Padfield Community Primary School
Gamesley Community Primary School
The Duke of Norfolk CE Primary School

E Wilcox
J Williams
G Parvin

Tupton Hall School
Ashover Primary School
Park House Primary School

K Rouse
V Buxton
J Bates

Granville Sports College
Fairmeadows Foundation Primary School
Long Lane Primary School
Church Broughton CE Controlled
Primary School; and

M Gee
B Woods
W Gagie
J Bates

(2) that consideration of the following appointments be deferred

Alfreton Park Special School

C Cloherty

Westfield Infant School

A Wright

06/13 **REPORTING OF BUILDING CONTRACTS RESOLVED** to note the list of recent building contracts as detailed in the Appendix to the Strategic Director's report.

07/13 **EXCEPTIONAL PAYMENT TO SUPPORT SERVICE FOR CARE LEAVERS** Approval was sought for an exceptional one off payment of £30,000 from existing 2012/13 CAYA Budgets for Barnado's Leaving Care Support Service to pay for additional costs arising from an increase in the number of care leavers eligible for support.

Barnado's held the 3 year contract for Care Leaver Support Service for the period April 2011 – March 2014 and was providing a high quality service. The initial tendering was based on 2010 figures giving a total of 343 young people to be supported. The actual numbers of young people eligible for the service had since risen steadily and over the 6 months leading up to March

2012 had been between 368 and 366, which represented 7% above the numbers indicated in the tender information upon which a fixed contract price was agreed.

A significant increase in the workload could be attributed to 16/17 year olds who present initially as homeless and who subsequently become eligible for support as care leavers. This had been recognised and addressed as part of the proposals for Care Leavers Accommodation Services approved by Cabinet on 18 June 2013 and which would be fully implemented from April 2014.

In the meantime, in order to maintain the level of service to care leavers, and following negotiation with Barnados it was proposed to make an exceptional one off payment of £30,000 in recognition of the additional work arising from 16/17 year olds presenting as homeless that was not foreseen as part of the tender.

RESOLVED to approve an exceptional one off payment to Barnado's of £30,000 from existing 2012/13 CAYA Budgets in recognition of additional work undertaken over and above that contained within the contract for care leaver support services.

08/13 ASSOCIATE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADVISERS The Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults sought approval to increase the Authority's capacity for school improvement by recruiting additional Associate School Improvement Advisers for 1 year initially, in order to continue the Authority's journey to excellence.

In September 2012, Ofsted had implemented a new framework for the inspection of schools. The key shift in focus was to place greater emphasis on the quality of teaching, based on a triangulation of evidence from lesson observations, data analysis and work scrutiny. For each School Inspector, the Lead Inspector would meet with the Link Adviser, expect the Link Advisers to attend feedback and make a judgement of local authority support. Since September, 141 maintained schools had been inspected. Of these, 62 had improved their overall effectiveness, 56 had maintained their overall effectiveness and there had been a decline in the overall effectiveness in 23 schools.

The vast majority of the schools (where effectiveness had improved) were previously judged as satisfactory or inadequate at their last inspection and had been supported intensively by the Authority's School Improvement Advisers in their role as Link Advisers. The intensive support and challenge from Link Advisors included undertaking joint activities which made the most

impact on school improvement and the school's own capacity to improve. These activities included lesson observations, scrutiny of pupil's work and pupil progress dialogue meetings with individual teachers. Link Advisers had also provided intensive support to 37 other previously satisfactory or good schools so that the schools could at least maintain their overall effectiveness. As a result of reductions in staffing, Link Advisers now had more link schools than ever before and had been restricted in supporting the number of Governing Bodies which had requested advice for Head Teacher Performance Management. It was therefore felt that there was a need to recruit currently or recently retired Head Teachers as additional associate Link Advisers for 1 year initially.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the request for an additional sum of £100,000 to secure the appointment of either current or former Headteachers to undertake the work of Associate School Improvement Advisers on a fixed term basis;

(2) that these Associate Link Advisers would work with up to 55 schools in total in addition to the 33 schools which were already linked to other Associate Link Advisors.

09/13 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** **RESOLVED** to exclude the public 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 HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

- (1) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults on CAYA Accountancy - Minor Variation to Establishment (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of individual employees)
- (2) To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults on School Staff Redundancies 2013 (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)