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To: Members of Cabinet Member meeting - Young People

Friday, 25 September 2020

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the **Cabinet Member meeting - Young People** to be held at **11.00 am** on **Tuesday, 6 October 2020**

This meeting will be held virtually. As a member of the public you can view the virtual meeting via the County Council's website. The website will provide details of how to access the meeting, the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hobbs', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Simon Hobbs
Director of Legal and Democratic Services

A G E N D A

PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1. Declarations of Interest

 To receive declarations of interest (if any)
2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Young People held on 4 August 2020

To consider the non-exempt reports of the Executive Director for Children's Services on:

- 3 (a) Confirmation of Nominations of School Governors (Pages 7 - 8)
- 3 (b) Children's Services Capital Programme 2020-21 - Capital Programme Further Allocation (Pages 9 - 12)

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Agenda item No. 2

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 4 August 2020.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

Also in attendance – Councillor J Patten

34/20 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 7 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

35/20 **MUSIC EDUCATION HUB GRANT 2020-21** Music

Education Hubs were groups of organisations working together to create joined-up music education provision, responsive to local need and fulfil objectives set out in the National Plan for Music Education (NPME). Since their formation in 2012, the Hubs have been co-ordinated by a 'lead organisation'; locally this being the Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership, which also takes responsibility for the finances and governance of the Hub.

The total amount of Hub funding across the country from the Department for Education, via fund-holders Arts Council England, in 2020/21 was £79m and the Derby/Derbyshire allocation was £1.4m. Derbyshire Music Education Hub's delivery partner organisations were established and working collaboratively, with various application processes and decision-making criteria, which was detailed in the report.

Authority was sought for the Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership to devolve funds of up to £30,000 per approved delivery partner organisation in order that each could fulfil its role in the local delivery of the National Plan for Music Education as mandated in the grant terms administered by the Arts Council England.

RESOLVED (1) note the work of the Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership; and

(2) to approve the Derbyshire & Derbyshire Music Partnership to devolve funds of up to £30,000 per approved delivery partner organisation in order that each may continue to fulfil its role in the local delivery of the National Plan for Music Education.

36/20 **REVENUE OUTTURN 2019-20** The Cabinet Member was informed of the revenue out-turn of the Young People's portfolio for 2019/20.

The net controllable budget for the portfolio was £109.318m and the outturn statement for 2019/20 showed a year-end overspend of £8.236m. The Council had

earmarked £1.382m within the budget management reserve to contribute to this overspend. After the application of this reserve the revenue outturn was an overspend of £6.854m.

The outturn position included £6.756 million of Dedicated Schools Grant income transferred to contribute to costs incurred within Children's Services supporting Early Help services and children with additional needs. This income might not continue at the same level in future years.

The significant areas which make up the outturn were detailed in the report.

Key variances included Placements for Children in Care/Unable to remain at home (overspend £7.410m); Support for children with disabilities (overspend £0.733m); Children's Safeguarding services (overspend £1.917m); Early Help and Preventative services (breakeven); Home to School Transport (overspend £1.698m); Education Support services (overspend £0.834m); Pensions payable to former teachers and other staff (overspend £0.193m); Redundancies (breakeven); Other Grant Income (underspend £0.360m); and Unallocated budget, underspend £4.051m.

The value of the savings initiatives which have been identified for implementation in the current year was £3.013m and these were detailed in the report.

Growth items and one off funding in the 2019-20 budget included Social Worker recruitment (£1.300m ongoing, £2.600m one-off); Placement demand pressures (£3.000m ongoing, £5.000m one-off); Home to School Transport SEN (£1.450m ongoing); SEND assessment and planning (£0.275m ongoing); Increase in Special Guardianship placements (£1.097m ongoing); Children's Homes (£0.450m ongoing); Foster Carers (£0.060m ongoing); Care Leavers (£0.402m one-off); Children's Participation (£0.080m one-off); Child Protection (£0.105m one-off); Complex Case pooled budget (£0.250m one-off); Mobile Working (£0.260m one-off); and Children in Care Legal Proceedings (£1.050m one-off).

Details of the earmarked reserves totalling £8.025m and the debt position were also reported.

RESOLVED to note the report.

37/20 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT OUTTURN 2019-20 The Cabinet Member received a report on the Revenue Budget outturn of the Dedicated Schools Grant (Young People portfolio) for 2019-20. The significant areas of expenditure were detailed in the report.

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and 6th form grant income received by the Authority in 2019-20 was £365.845m. This, together with the use of reserves for 2019-20 of £2.278m covering planned expenditure, totalled income available to fund expenditure of £368.123m. Full year expenditure amounted to £371.260m

and compared with the income there was an overspend of £3.137m. However, this included an underspend of £0.291m which was ring-fenced to schools and a further £1.520m underspend of school growth funding, £1.002m of which has been earmarked to contribute to pre and post opening grants to planned new schools. The overspend falling to the Authority was therefore £4.430m.

Uncommitted DSG earmarked reserves of £1.290m were available to support this overspend meaning that the Authority would report a DSG deficit reserve at the end of 2019-20 estimated at £3.140m. Other DSG committed reserves totalling £3.327m offset this deficit reserve within the Authority's accounts and the reported DSG position was a net surplus reserve of £0.187m.

Following a recent consultation with Local Authorities (LA) and other stakeholders, the Department for Education have amended the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2020 and a DSG deficit must be carried forward to be dealt with from future DSG income, unless the Secretary of State authorises the LA not to do this. Steps, agreed by the Schools Forum, were being taken to recover the deficit in Derbyshire.

RESOLVED to note the report.

38/20 SCHOOL BUDGETS: DEFICIT BALANCES AND RECOVERY PLANS BRINGING BUDGETS INTO BALANCE OVER MORE THAN ONE FINANCIAL YEAR The report detailed Governing bodies of schools with budget deficits who have requested approval to implement budget plans in order to repay the deficits over more than one year and schools which have still to agree a deficit recovery plan.

Before making such a request, the school must demonstrate to officers from Children's Services and Corporate Finance that all other options have been exhausted. Approval to repay a deficit was normally only allowed over a maximum of three years. Additional years might be granted if, in the opinion of the Executive Director for Children's Services, the school's ability to deliver the national curriculum would otherwise be seriously jeopardised and that no other reasonable course of action was available.

The estimated balances and pupil numbers of the schools included in the report were provided in Appendix 1 attached to the report.

In relation to requests to balance the budget over more than one year there were six schools, namely Arkwright Primary School (2 year plan); Ashbourne Hill Top Primary School (2 year plan); Ripley Junior School (2 year plan); Charlesworth Primary School (3 year plan); Glossopdale Community School (3 year plan); and William Allitt School (3 year plan). A number of schools had plans beyond three years.

The Authority held less detailed transactional data for Fairmeadows Primary School as it operated its own bank account and has an external payroll provider. At

the end of 2019-20 the school had an accumulated deficit of £0.141m and this was expected to have reduced to £0.017m by the end of 2022-23, with the balance being recovered in 2023-24.

New Mills School has not been able to produce a plan to bring their budget back into balance within the next three years. The deficit was planned to reduce from £0.714m at 31 March 2021 to £0.498m by 31 March 2024. The school continued to work closely with the Local Authority to address its deficit position and was being supported by the Authority's Team Around The School (TATS) processes. Further meetings of senior Local Authority officers were planned with the school's governors and senior leadership teams to identify further measures to recover the deficit.

RESOLVED (1) to allow the schools detailed in section 2.1 of the report to recover their budget deficits over more than one financial year;

(2) to note the position of the two schools in section 2.2 of the report that are currently unable to submit a balanced budget recovery plan within three years; and

(3) to require the governing body of New Mills to agree and submit plans to the Authority by the end of the current financial year that eliminate the accumulated deficit within a timeframe acceptable to the Authority.

39/20 BUDGET MONITORING 2020-21 – PERIOD 2 (as at 31 May 2020)

The Cabinet Member was informed of the Revenue budget position of the Young People portfolio for 2020-21 up to the end of May 2020 (Period 2), budget savings, growth and one-off funding, risks and earmarked reserves.

The net controllable budget for the Young People portfolio is £116.912m and the Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 2 indicated that there was a projected year-end overspend of £2.578m plus a further £1.400m to £3.000m depending on whether the current provision of placements for children in care levels off or continued the trajectory seen over the past twelve months.

This included the impact of Covid-19 which was estimated at £2.059m and comprised mainly loss of income from services supported by trading. This would be supported by use of £2.059m additional Covid-19 funding and after the use of this funding the forecast position was an overspend of £0.519m.

The key variances included Placements for Children in Care/Unable to remain at home (overspend £2.661m), Support for children with disabilities (overspend £0.479m), Children's Safeguarding services (underspend £0.194m), Early Help and Preventative services (underspend £0.603m), Home to School Transport (overspend £0.235m), Education Support services (overspend £1.612m), Pensions payable to former staff (overspend £0.413m), and Unallocated budget (underspend £2.124m).

The value of the savings initiatives originally identified for implementation in the current year was £2.350m and it was forecast that £1.207m of savings will have been achieved by the year-end.

The portfolio received additional budget allocations in 2019-20 for Social Worker recruitment (£1.300m ongoing, £1.300m one-off), Placement demand pressures (£11.000m ongoing), Home to School Transport SEN (£1.000m ongoing, £0.971m one-off), SEND assessment and planning (£0.600m ongoing), Increase in Special Guardianship placements (£0.336m ongoing), Foster Carers (£0.100m ongoing), Care Leavers (£0.498m one-off), Child Protection (£0.500m ongoing), Children in Care Legal Proceedings (£1.100m one-off), Support to Achieving Great Futures (£0.108m one-off), Preventative Support to Families (£1.000m one-off), Elective Home Education (£0.207m one-off), Service Transformation (£0.438m one-off), and Quality Assurance SEND and Fostering (£0.214m one-off).

The number of children who were educated at home by choice has been increasing leading to an increased need for staff to visit and assess the education provision to those children. Recruitment of the additional assessors required has commenced. Contracts would be for one year but would span across the 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years, approval was therefore requested to create an earmarked reserve up to £100,000 to hold the resources required to fund the costs of the newly recruited staff where their contracts extended into 2021-22.

The report also detailed the services that could negatively impact on the portfolio's forecast outturn position reported in the Forecast Summary, the earmarked reserves totalling £7.926m that were currently held to support future expenditure and the profile of the debt position.

RESOLVED to (1) note the report; and

(2) approve the creation of an earmarked reserve to cover the employment costs of additional Elective Home Education staff which are expected to be partially incurred in 2021-22.

40/20 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING 2020-21 – PERIOD 2
(as at 31 May 2020)

The Cabinet Member was provided with an update of the Revenue Budget position of the Dedicated Schools Grant (Young People portfolio) for 2020-21 up to the end of May 2020 (Period 2).

The expected Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and 6th form grant income in 2020-21 was £375.222m. The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 2 indicated a projected year-end expenditure of £373.864m. The expected underspend compared to income was £1.358m, however this included an underspend of £0.373m which was ring-fenced to schools. The underspend falling to the Authority was therefore £0.985m.

The underspend included the benefit of £1.325m which Schools Forum agreed could remain uncommitted to assist with the pressures within the DSG therefore the underlying overspend against in-year grant was £0.340m.

The net total DSG reserves as at the end of 2019-20 were £0.188m surplus, within which the uncommitted DSG reserve stood at a deficit of £3.140m.

The key variances were Central School Services Block (underspend £1.534m), Re-pooled school funding (underspend £0.373m), and High Needs Block (overspend £0.747m).

There was a risk that the High needs block placements and top-ups could negatively impact on the portfolio's forecast outturn position reported in the Forecast Summary.

RESOLVED to note the report.

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

6th October 2020

Report of Executive Director for Children's Services

CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

1. Purpose of report

To ask the Cabinet member to confirm the nominations of persons to serve as local authority school governors.

2. Information and Analysis

Nominations to school governing boards are proposed as set out below.

The Cabinet member is asked to confirm the nominations of persons to serve on the governing boards of these schools.

Any appointments made by governing boards will be subject to the completion of a Declaration of Eligibility form, a proof of identity check and an enhanced DBS check.

3. Other considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity and health, legal, financial, personnel and property considerations.

4. Background Papers

Registration forms of applicants.

5. Key Decision?

No

6. Officer's Recommendation

That the nominations for persons to serve as local authority governors are confirmed.

**Jane Parfremment
Executive Director for Children's Services**

The Cabinet member is asked to confirm the **nominations** of the following persons to serve as local authority governors.

Name	School	Nominating Councillor	Appointment
Amber Valley N Roome	Kirk Langley Primary School	D Taylor	New appointment
Bolsover T Munro	Whitwell Primary School	D McGregor	Re-appointment
Chesterfield M Wall	Brockwell Junior School	A Dale	Re-appointment
Derbyshire Dales D Sanders	Highfields School	S Burfoot	New appointment
Erewash P Randall J Heathcote	Ladycross Infant School Breadsall Primary School	W Major C Hart	New appointment New appointment
High Peak D Cupit	New Mills Primary School	B Atkins	Re-appointment

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Agenda item No. 3 (b)

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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

6 October 2020

Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020-21 CAPITAL
PROGRAMME FURTHER ALLOCATION (YOUNG PEOPLE)**

1. Purpose of Report

To note allocations approved under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services and the DfE additional School Condition Allocation for 2020-21. To approve a further allocation to the Children's Services Capital Programme 2020-21 for an expansion project at Kilburn Junior School.

2. Information and Analysis

Kilburn Junior School

On 7 April 2020 the Executive Director of Children's Services approved £50,000 school condition funding from the 2019-20 Capital Programme to begin design work on a 1 classroom extension to increase the School's capacity from 170 to 200. The expansion of the School has been identified as a high priority basic need case with the accommodation being required for September 2021. A budget cost of £400,000 has been received for the scheme and a further £350,000 school condition funding is required in addition to the already approved £50,000 in order to progress the scheme.

3. Financial Considerations

The financial considerations are as explained above.

On 30 July 2020, Cabinet approved the Children's Services Capital Programme 2020-21 which left a balance of £3,821,794 from the 2020-21 School Condition allocation and an overall unallocated balance of **£6,062,026**.

Approvals made under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services for allocations from the 2019-20 Children's Services Capital budget are set out in Appendix A. The allocations total £232,000 leaving an overall unallocated balance of **£5,830,026**.

On 5 August 2020, the DfE announced an additional School Condition Allocation for 2020-21 of £3,322,356 which increases the overall unallocated balance to **£9,152,382**.

If the allocation for Kilburn Junior School is approved this will leave a balance of £6,794,150 from the 2020-21 School Condition allocation and an overall unallocated balance of **£8,802,382** available for future allocations.

The balance represents unallocated funds from the current 2020-21 Children's Services Capital budget together with unallocated funds from previous years Capital budgets. Work is in hand to provide a full breakdown of funds by years and this will be reported to Cabinet at a future date.

Where appropriate, it may be necessary to undertake a procurement exercise to commission services in order to undertake works associated with these schemes / budgets, and this report also seeks approval to commence this process. It should be noted that these procurement exercises would normally take the form of a competitive tender process, but should it be decided that using a Framework is the best option, a separate report will be submitted seeking approval for this.

4. Social Value Considerations

This funding is to ensure that there is sufficient capacity at all the schools involved. The school will have the option to deliver the projects themselves under their own financial regulations. Where the projects are delivered by County Property, this will be done under its usual procedures.

5. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity,

environmental, health, legal & human rights, human resources, property and transport considerations.

6. Key Decision Yes

7. Call-in

Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in the report? No

8. Background Papers

These are held on file in the Children's Services Development Section.

9. Officer Recommendation

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member:

1. Notes the allocations approved under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services from the 2019-20 Childrens Service's Capital budget totalling £232,000.
2. Notes the additional £3,322,356 School Condition Allocation for 2020-21 from the DfE.
3. Approves the allocation of £350,000 school condition funding from the 2020-21 Children's Services Capital budget to the classroom project at Kilburn Junior School.

Jane Parfremment
Executive Director for Children's Services

Appendix A:

Approvals by the Executive Director for Children's Services

School	Scheme	Approved	Amount £
Marlpool Junior School	Recovering of pitched roof - further allocation for additional structural works to the £300,000 approved by Cabinet on 20/7/17 (minute number 214/17) from the 2017-18 Capital Programme School Condition budget	06/07/20	£100,000
Springwell Community College	Remodelling/adaptation works - to increase the available teaching spaces to address the pressure on teaching accommodation, particularly specialist facilities, created by the growth in pupil numbers.	26/06/20	£132,000
Total			£232,000