

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 6 August 2019 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

Also in attendance – Councillor J Twigg

45/19 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 8 July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

46/19 **NEW INSTRUMENTS OF GOVERNMENT** Under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012; proposals had been received from school Governing Bodies for an amendment to their Instrument of Government.

RESOLVED that the new Instruments of Government be made for Coppice Primary School; Creswell CofE Infant School and Nursery; Field House Infant School; Parkside Community School and William Rhodes Primary School as detailed in the report.

47/19 **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS** **RESOLVED** to approve the nomination of the following person to serve as Local Authority Governor:-

C S Smith - Ashbrook Junior School

48/19 **SCHOOL GRANTS 2019/20** The Department for Education (DfE) paid a number of grants to the Authority in the last financial year which were required to be wholly passed onto schools based on individual school allocations calculated by the DfE. These grants are due to be continued in 2019-20 and whilst the final 2019-20 allocations were yet to be confirmed, the methodologies for calculating allocations were known. For schools that have converted to Academy status the DfE deducts the amounts paid to Derbyshire's allocations and made payment direct to the school.

The table below showed gross grant allocations for Derbyshire, before academy deductions:-

Grant	2018-19 Allocation	2019-20 Allocation
Pupil Premium	£28.6m	£29.7m
PE & Sports Premium	£6.2m	TBA
Year 7 Literacy & Numeracy Catch-up Premium	£0.6m	TBA
Universal Infant Free School Meals	£8.3m	£8.3m
Free School Meal Supplementary	£1.1m	TBA
Teachers' Pay Grant	£2.4m	£4.2m
Teachers' Pension Grant*	N/A	TBA
Devolved Formula Capital	£3.2m	£3.2m
DFC 18-19 additional	£5.5m	N/A

* Due to start from September 2019

Appendix 1 to the report provided a breakdown of the methodology of how each individual schools allocation has been calculated by the government and showed the split between Derbyshire County Council maintained schools and academies.

RESOLVED that the additional grant funding for schools be noted.

49/19 REVENUE OUT-TURN 2018/19 – CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Cabinet Member was informed of the final revenue out-turn position for 2018/19 for the Children's Services department.

Identified within the Executive Director's report were the significant variations of expenditure from the budget with an assessment of the impact of growth items approved as part of the 2018/19 budget settlement.

Progress was received against achievement of budget reductions and transfers to and from reserves was noted. Also noted was the expected impact of the 2018/19 out-turn on future years and any actions proposed.

The final out-turn of the 2018/19 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) was also reported.

Attached at Appendix 1 to the report was a summary statement setting out the final controllable out-turn position for Children's Services (CS) for 2018/19.

Net controllable expenditure in 2018/19 was £104.557 million compared with a budget of £100.337 million after transfers to and from reserves, resulting in a controllable overspend of £4.220 million. The main variances on controllable expenditure were itemised in the report. The expenditure for 2018/19 also included £0.022 million for the deficit balances of schools which have converted to become Academies due to the direction of the Secretary of State for Education.

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) was a ring-fenced grant comprising four individual blocks – Schools Block, High Needs Block, Early Years Block and Central School Services Block. Expenditure was £383.192 million, compared with in-year grant income of £378.759 million and use of previous years' grant income of £3.625 million, a net overspend of £0.808 million. The report included an analysis and reasons for the variance by area.

RESOLVED (1) that the out-turn position, variations of expenditure from budget, impact of 2018/19 growth allocations and progress in achieving budget reductions be noted;

(2) to note the transfers to and from reserves outlined in the report;

(3) to note the expected impact of the 2018/19 outturn on future years and planned actions; and

(4) to note the final outturn of the 2018/19 Dedicated Schools Grant.

50/19 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 to the report.

In relation to requests to balance the budget over more than one year there were seven schools in this group, namely Fairmeadows Foundation Primary (2 year plan); Longstone CE Aided Primary School (2 year plan); Parkside Community School (2 year plan); Ashbourne Hill Top Primary (3 year plan); Charlesworth Primary School (3 year plan); Anthony Gell School (3 year plan); and William Allitt School (4 year plan).

Despite best efforts, a small number of schools have been unable to produce plans to bring their budgets back into balance, namely Brookfield Primary School, Glossopdale School and New Mills School. Brookfield Primary School and Glossopdale School were being supported by the

Authority's Team Around The School (TATS) processes, to identify long-term financial solutions.

Following a recent inspection Glossopdale would potentially be required to convert to academy status and if this happened the accumulated deficit would remain with the Authority. The estimated deficit at 31 March 2020 was - £0.746 million.

New Mills School deficit would reduce slowly over the next three years and the deficit at the end of 2020-21 would have fallen to £0.620 million. The school was a small secondary school with limited scope to make further savings.

RESOLVED (1) to allow the schools detailed in section 2.1 of the report to recover their budget deficits over two to four financial years;

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

(3) to require the governing bodies of the three schools in 2.2 to agree and submit plans to the Authority by the end of the current financial year that eliminate the accumulated deficits within a timeframe acceptable to the Authority; and

(4) to note the potential financial risk to the Authority should Glossopdale convert to academy status.

51/19 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** **RESOLVED** that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item 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, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To consider the exempt Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services on Review of the Physical Education and School Sports Service (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)