

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 3 September 2019 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

Also in attendance – Councillors J Coyle and J Twigg

53/19 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 6 August 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

54/19 **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS** **RESOLVED** to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors:-

N Hoy	-	Clowne Infant and Nursery School
S Johnston	-	South Normanton Nursery School
K Oxspring	-	Clowne Junior School
H Hazelhurst	-	Buxton Community School
A Clarke	-	Mickley Infant School
C Haynes	-	Ashover Primary School

55/19 **YOUTH ACTION GRANTS – RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDING**

The Youth Action Grants Programme runs for a period of two years from May 2018 until May 2020, with three levels of funding, small grants (up to £500), medium (up to £5,000) and large (up to £10,000), across four grants covering youth activity, community safety, community activity and physical/sports activity.

The target for the Youth Action Grants was to give out 750 small grants over the 2 year programme, which was now in year 2, however the number of applications received and awarded were low and there was a risk that the scheme would not meet its target number of grants awarded. In addition to applications receiving funding following the Round 5 assessment panel, 2 medium and 5 large grants totalling £49,319 were assessed as high quality applications and therefore meeting criteria suitable for funding. These applications could not be funded due to the budget being oversubscribed. It was therefore recommended that consideration be given to using some of the funding allocated to the small grants to support medium and large grants. Transferring funding to the medium and large grants would enable these applications to be funded, creating new projects and opportunities for young people across Derbyshire.

RESOLVED (1) to reallocate £49,319 from the small grants funding to the medium and large grants funding in order to fund applications meeting criteria in Round 5; and

(2) to delegate to the Executive Director for Children's Services the decision to reallocate funding within the scheme between the small, medium and large grants streams following the end of the next round of medium and large grants in May 2020 in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Young People.

56/19 BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 – PERIOD 3 The Cabinet Member was informed of the Revenue budget position of the Young People portfolio for 2019-29 up to the end of June 2019 (Period 3), budget savings, growth and one-off funding, risks and earmarked reserves.

The net controllable budget for the Young People portfolio is £110.607m and the Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 3 indicated that there was a projected year-end overspend of £4.200m to £6.000m depending on whether the rate of placements for children in care levels off or continued the trajectory seen over the past six months. No earmarked reserves were available to support this overspend. The Dedicated Schools Grant income transferred to contribute to costs incurred within Children's Services supporting Early Help services and children with additional needs (£6.756 million) may not continue at the same level in future years.

The key variances included Placements for Children in Care/Unable to remain at home (overspend £0.814m), Support for children with disabilities (overspend £1.248m), Children's Safeguarding services (overspend £0.079m), Early Help and Preventative services (overspend £0.445m), Home to School Transport (overspend £0.595m), Education Support services (overspend £1.213m), Pensions payable to former staff (overspend £0.242m), Redundancies (break-even), and Unallocated budget (underspend £1.572m).

The value of the savings initiatives identified for implementation in the current year was £3.013m and it was forecast that £2.258m 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, £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).

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 £8.865m that were currently held to support future expenditure and the profile of the debt position.

RESOLVED to note the report.

57/19 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING 2019-20 – PERIOD 3

The Cabinet Member was provided with an update of the Revenue Budget position of the Dedicated Schools Grant (Young People portfolio) for 2019-20 up to the end of June 2019 (Period 3).

The expected Dedicated Schools Grant income was £381.314m plus the approved use of reserves for 2019-20 was £1.611m, making total income available to fund expenditure of £382.925m. The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 3 indicated that there was projected year-end expenditure of £384.765m. The expected overspend was £1.840m, however this included the benefit of £0.407m underspend which was ring-fenced to schools. The overspend falling to the Authority was therefore £2.246m. Earmarked reserves of £0.894m were available to support this overspend.

The key variances were Central School Services Block (underspend £0.190m), Re-pooled school funding (underspend £0.407m), High Needs Block (overspend £2.127m), and Dedicated Schools Grant Income (overspend £0.300m).

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.

58/19 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during 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, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2019.
2. To consider the exempt Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services on Special Education Needs Strategic High Needs Review (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))