

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 7 January 2020 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

Also in attendance – Councillors J Coyle, J Patten and J Twigg

1/20 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 3 December 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

2/20 **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS**
RESOLVED to approve the nomination of the following persons to serve as Local Authority Governors:-

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| J Horner | - | Ambergate Primary School |
| D Maddocks | - | Riddings Junior School |
| S Wheatley | - | Whittington Green School |
| S Alton | - | Norbury CofE Primary School |
| S Bruce | - | Hartington Primary School |
| S Laming | - | Holy Trinity Primary School |
| A Percy | - | Youlgrave All Saints Primary School |
| S M Khan | - | Longmoor Primary School |
| S Bunting | - | Harpur Hill Primary School |
| J Edwards | - | The Valley Federation of Edale CofE and Hope Primary Schools |
| C Webster | - | Bamford Primary School |
| A Ball | - | Deer Park Primary School |
| H Canetti | - | Calow Primary School |
| J Green | - | Woodville Schools Federation |
| A Kitchen | - | Linton Primary School |
| T Parrans-Smith | - | Netherseal St Peter's Primary School |

3/20 **BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 – PERIOD 7**

The Cabinet Member was informed of the Revenue budget position of the Young People portfolio for 2019-20 up to the end of October 2019 (Period 7), budget savings, growth and one-off funding, risks and earmarked reserves.

The net controllable budget for the Young People portfolio is £109.121m and the Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 7 indicated that there was a projected year-end overspend of between £7.512m to £8.487m depending on whether the rate of placements for children in care levels off or continued the trajectory seen over the past six months. Based on known placements to the end of

October, the projected overspend was £7.087m. The Council has earmarked £1.382m within the budget management reserve to contribute to 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 was £6.756m however this 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 £5.060m), Support for children with disabilities (overspend £0.832m), Children's Safeguarding services (overspend £1.027m), Early Help and Preventative services (overspend £0.769m), Home to School Transport (overspend £1.316m), Education Support services (overspend £0.883m), Pensions payable to former staff (overspend £0.206m), Redundancies (break-even), and Unallocated budget (underspend £2.946m).

The value of the savings initiatives identified for implementation in the current year was £3.013m and it was forecast that £2.323m 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 £7.989m that were currently held to support future expenditure and the profile of the debt position.

RESOLVED to note the report.

4/20 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING 2019-20 – PERIOD 7

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 October 2019 (Period 7).

The expected Dedicated Schools Grant and 6th form grant income was £371.143m plus the approved use of reserves for 2019-20 was £2.042m, making total income available to fund expenditure of £373.185m. The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 7 indicated that there was projected year-end expenditure of £376.652m. The expected overspend compared to income was £3.467m, however this included the benefit of £0.365m underspend which was ring-

fenced to schools. The overspend falling to the Authority was £3.832m. Earmarked reserves of £0.551m were available to support this overspend.

The key variances were Central School Services Block (underspend £0.185m), Re-pooled school funding (underspend £0.365m), and High Needs Block (overspend £4.239m).

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.

5/20 **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 consider the exempt report of the Executive Director for Children's Services on:-
 - (a) Proposal Relating to the Efficient Use of Childrens Services Buildings (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)
 - (b) Request to Increase the Recommended Selling Price of School Meals (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
2. To consider the exempt Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services and the Executive Director of Economy, Transport & Environment on Home to School Transport- Hazardous Routes Assessment (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)