

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 8 December 2020.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

Also in attendance – Councillors J Patten and J Coyle

49/20 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 10 November 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

50/20 **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

The Cabinet Member was asked to confirm the nominations of persons to serve as local authority school governors. Appointments made by governing boards would be subject to the completion of a Declaration of Eligibility form, a proof of identity check and an enhanced DBS check.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member confirms the nominations for persons to serve as local authority governors as follows:-

B Slade	-	Fritchley Primary School
N Hopwood	-	Ripley Junior School
Z Farrow	-	Town End Junior School
J Adlington	-	Unstone Schools Federation
G Carter	-	Marsh Lane Primary School

51/20 **SUSPENSION OF DERBYSHIRE SCHOOLS SWIMMING PROGRAMME**

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) currently coordinated school swimming for 270 primary schools in 21 locally operated swimming pools across the county. Whilst schools have a statutory duty to deliver swimming as part of the curriculum at key stage one or two, the co-ordinated county wide programme was a non-statutory service which was fully traded.

Swimming pools were closed by the government on 23 March 2020 and Swim England released guidance on 15 June 2020 which outlined measures for reopening facilities. It was clear from a review of these documents that if the current controls remained in place regarding social distancing, and sanitation of toilets and changing facilities, then it would not be possible to deliver the school swimming programme.

Swim England guidance and advice from County Transport suggested that pupil numbers would be reduced to at least half in order to accommodate children

safely on buses, in changing rooms, and in the pool itself. Programming multiple schools 'back to back', as was usual procedure in normal operation' would be virtually impossible due to changing and COVID related hygiene limitations.

It was recommended that the new start date for the swimming service would be kept under review and that the current suspension of the school swimming programme was continued in the autumn term, which would allow for the programme to consider and plan with stakeholders the range of mitigation measures needed to provide a robust sustainable programme and to recommence as soon as it was prudent to do so.

Even with mitigation there would be ongoing operational and financial risks to the programme and consultation with schools has indicated that a number of them were considering a suspension of their swimming programme to concentrate on the core curriculum.

RESOLVED to receive the report and agrees that Derbyshire County Council maintains the current suspension of the school swimming programme whilst the service meets with all stakeholders to agree the necessary COVID related measures and mitigation processes that need to be in place and following this process identifies and reports to Children's Services Senior Management Team on the earliest potential sustainable date to re-start the schools swimming provision.