

PUBLIC

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – YOUNG PEOPLE** held on 2 March 2021.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member - Councillor A Dale

Also in attendance – Councillor J Coyle

Apologies had been received from Councillor J Patten

**07/21** **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Young People held on 2 February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

**08/21** **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

The Cabinet member had been asked to confirm the nominations of persons to serve as local authority school governors.

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

Any 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.

| <b>Name</b>                   | <b>School</b>                                 | <b>Nominating Councillor</b> | <b>Appointment</b> |
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| Amber Valley<br>S Beigton     | Ripley, St John's<br>Primary School           | R Ashton                     | Re-appointment     |
| C Keyte                       | Aldercar High<br>School                       | A Stevenson                  | New appointment    |
| Derbyshire<br>Dales<br>L John | Hathersage, St<br>Michael's Primary<br>School | J Twigg                      | New appointment    |
| High Peak<br>L Burnett        | The Woodland<br>Federation of<br>Schools      | J Twigg<br>J Perkins         | New appointment    |
| North East<br>K Potts         | Pilsley Primary<br>School                     | K Gillott                    | Re-appointment     |

**RESOLVED** that the Cabinet Member confirms the nominations for persons to serve as local authority governors as detailed in the report.

**09/21**      **WELLBEING FOR EDUCATION RETURN**      As a result of the pandemic, children and young people may have been presented with a range of mental health and wellbeing issues. The majority would be normal reactions to their experiences over the last six months; others may have new, different or increased mental health needs or be struggling to access the services they need.

Teachers and education staff would need to be able to recognise, understand and respond appropriately to these reactions and have the confidence to support their colleagues, children and young people and their parents and carers. To support children's emotional health and wellbeing, the Department for Education had worked with the Department of Health and Social Care, Health Education England, Public Health England and NHS England and Improvement and an expert advisory group to develop Wellbeing for Education Return. This was a support offer with two parts:

- A new, nationally developed training package for education staff;
- Funding for local authorities to appoint one or more local experts to work with local partners to adapt this training to a local context, deliver it to nominated staff in education settings, and provide ongoing advice and support until March 2021.

Derbyshire County Council Children's Services had been working with schools, NHS England and other external partners to locally tailor the training materials. This had further enhanced the content of the package now being offered to schools and brought a local focus to the training materials.

The course was made available to all state-funded education settings in Derbyshire, including academies, special schools, pupil referral units and alternative provision.

As of 10th February 2021, 157 educational staff from 95 educational settings had attended training and more than 50% provided feedback.

There were a further 8 webinars planned for 2021, which it was hoped would reach a further 150 educational staff. Recordings of the webinar series would be available following the delivery, leaving a legacy when the programme concluded in March 2021.

**RESOLVED** to note (1) the positive impact the project has had on staff in schools and education settings in responding to the emotional impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on students and staff; and

(2) the cross council working exemplified through the delivery.

**10/21**      **PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET MONITORING/FORECAST**  
**OUTTURN 2020/2021 AS AT QUARTER 3**      The performance summary set

out progress on the Council Plan deliverables and measures led by the Young People portfolio. The remainder of the report gave a summary and detail on the revenue budget position for the portfolio.

As an overview, the report showed that progress was "good" for the majority of the Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolio, however the deliverables Review care and support offer, Council ran residential children's homes and Schools which were 'Good' or 'Outstanding' had been flagged as "requiring review" however as OFSTED inspections were currently suspended, any changes to this position would be unachievable. Assurance visits had been undertaken of some of the homes however these were not graded events therefore did not change the overall picture. After the use of additional Covid-19 funding, the budget forecast position for 2020/2021 was an overspend of £4.244m. It had been forecast that £1.207m of savings would have been achieved by the year end. This compared to target savings of £3.179m and the value of savings initiatives, which had been identified for implementation in the current year, of £2.350m.

The net controllable budget for the Young People portfolio was £120.833m. An additional £9.599m Covid-19 funding would be added to the budget to give a total of £130.432m.

The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared for quarter 3 indicated that there had been a forecast year-end overspend of £13.843m.

This overspend would be supported by the use of £9.599m of additional Covid-19 funding which had been allocated to the Council to support the costs incurred as a result of the pandemic. After the use of this funding, the forecast position was an overspend of £4.244m.

In addition to any use of earmarked reserves, the forecast outturn position included the following significant items of one-off income: £1.390m - Dedicated Schools Grant income transferred to contribute to costs incurred within Children's Services supporting Early Help services and children with additional needs.

**RESOLVED** to note the report and the actions undertaken to improve the budget position and performance

**11/21      DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT MONITORING 2020-21 - QUARTER 3 (AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020)**      The Cabinet Member had been 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 December 2020 (Quarter 3).

The expected Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and 6th form grant income due to the Authority in 2020-21 was £371.665m.

The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at quarter 2 showed projected year-end expenditure of £373.639m. The expected overspend compared to income was £1.994m, however this included an underspend of £0.622m which was ring-fenced to schools, the overspend falling to the Authority was therefore £2.616m.

This overspend 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 £3.941m.

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 DfE had included provisions in the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2020 - which came into force in February 2020 - that a DSG deficit must be carried forward to be dealt with from future DSG income, unless the Secretary of State authorised the LA not to do this.

The Authority would continue to seek opportunities to make reductions in DSG spend in 2020-21 where possible. Proposals for 2021-22 had recently been considered at Schools Forum and at Cabinet and contributions of £0.012m from Pupil Growth Fund and £0.209m had been approved by School Forum.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**12/21**      **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**      **RESOLVED** that under Regulation 4 (2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

**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 of Children's Services on Donut Creative Arts Studio (DCAS)  
(contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual)