

## EXTRACT

### DEPUTY LEADER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Health and Wellbeing, Adult Social Care, Adult Safeguarding, Public Health and Children's Services including Looked After Children and Schools and Early Years:-

**MONDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016**

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Mrs. Thomas	-	Executive Cabinet Member – Deputy Leaders Portfolio
Councillor Cunliffe	-	Cabinet Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked After Children
Councillor Greenhalgh	-	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Mrs Fairclough	-	Major Opposition Spokesperson

### **Officers**

Mr. J. Daly	-	Acting Director of People
Mr. D. Hearne	-	Director of Public Health
Mr T. Birch	-	Assistant Director
Ms S. Gatenby	-	Acting Assistant Director
Ms L. Butcher	-	Head of Finance
Mrs S. Bailey	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

## **1. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS**

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

**The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.**

## **2. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEGRATION AND IMPROVEMENT MANAGER**

A report of the Director of People was submitted which sought approval to establish a post of Integration and Improvement Manager within the Children's and Adult Services Directorate Team in order to assist in the development and integration programmes across Children's and Adult Health and Care Services.

Full details of the post together with a relevant job description and person specification were provided in the report.

The report would also be submitted for approval to the Executive Member for Regeneration and Resources at his meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

**The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED, subject to the approval of the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Resources –**

**The establishment of a post of Children's and Adults Health and Care Integration and Improvement Manager, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.**

## **3. CHILDREN'S, ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER FOUR 2015/16**

The Director of People submitted a report which gave an updated the Executive Cabinet Member on the latest

performance for 2015/16 in respect of the Children's, Adult and Public Health Department as at Quarter Four.

**The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report**

**4. CHILDREN'S AND ADULT SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH – FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT OUTTURN 2015/16**

The Director of People submitted a report which summarised the financial position of the Children's and Adult Services and Public Health portfolio for the 2015 -16 Financial Year as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016.

With regard to revenue expenditure, the revenue outturn position for the Local Authority block was in line with budget after the transfer to reserves of £61,000.

Revenue expenditure for the Dedicated Schools Grant was greater than the grant available by £1,483,000.

Public Health expenditure grant had been received and spend was £20,287,000.

With regard to capital expenditure, the report advised that the original capital programme approved at Council in February 2015 totalled £12.3m. Expenditure at 31st March 2016 was £8.8m against a programme of £13.2m. The change was primarily due to slippage of schemes into 2016/17.

Balances, including schools, were £56.4m at 31 March 2016. This was an increase of £5.4 million due to Schools Capital Grants received but slippage on the programme plus additional capital grants from Health.

**The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.**

## **5. CHILDREN'S AND ADULT SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAMME – 2016/18**

The Director of People submitted a report which provided an update on the applications received in respect of the Children and Young People's Grant for Positive Activities SEND and Positive Activities 5-19 and put forward recommendations for funding.

The report advised that evaluation of the grants received had been completed and various recommendations for the award of funding were outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

**The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

**The award of Children's and Adult Services Grants funding to the applicants detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.**

## **6. EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE – REQUEST TO CHANGE STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT**

The Director of People submitted a report which sought approval to establish an additional post of Educational Psychologist within the Educational Psychology Service in order to undertake strategic SEND work associated with the introduction of Local Area SEND Inspections.

The report advised that the additional post was needed to ensure the successful management of SEND across the Authority, to coordinate the implementation of the SEND reforms, to ensure the allocation of sufficient time to undertake a number of key tasks that were potential risks during any Local Area SEND inspection and to deliver an efficient and effective Educational Psychology Service.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Resources at his meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

**Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked after Children, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED, subject to the approval of the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Resources –**

**The establishment of a post of Educational Psychologist within the Educational Psychology Service to reflect the strategic SEND work, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.**

## **7. PRIMARY RECEPTION PRESSURES IN THE WEST OF THE BOROUGH – SEPTEMBER, 2016**

The Director of People submitted a report which outlined the pressures being experienced in the west of the Borough in terms of primary reception places and put forward a proposal to increase the capacity at Blackrod County Primary School to 45 places for the September, 2016 intake.

The proposal involved the increase in Planned Admission Number from 30 to 45 in order to assist in easing the pressures being experienced in the west of the Borough.

To assist with future pressures, the report sought approval to commence a formal consultation exercise to permanently increase capacity to the level for future years.

**Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked after Children, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

- (i) The temporary increase in the Planned Admission Number at Blackrod County Primary School from 30 to 45 primary pupil Reception places for September, 2016; and**
- (ii) The authorisation of officer to undertake a formal Statutory Proposal, including a formal public consultation exercise, to permanently increase the Planned Admission Number at Blackrod County Primary School from 30 to 45.**

## **8. SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES**

The Director of People submitted a report which provided an update on the development of a new School Term and Holiday Pattern for Bolton schools and put forward recommendations for 2017/18 term dates based on the new Bolton model.

The report outlined the consultation that had taken place with head teachers on a proposed new calendar of dates which had been broadly based on the standard school year.

Both primary and secondary head teachers had given broad support to the dates, with an amended week long February holiday and a set annual Easter holiday over the first two weeks in April.

Accordingly, the report put forward proposed new Term Dates for 2017/18, full details of which were provided.

The report further proposed that, given the special circumstances that some schools may face, governing bodies should be given the discretion to vary the schools pattern slightly to meet local need. Governing bodies would be given authority to determine a closure of up to 2 days in duration provided that the closure met a clear need for either the school or its community and the time when the school was closed would be made up elsewhere in the year.

**Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked after Children, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

**The new dates for school term and holidays for 2017/18, as detailed in the report now submitted, together with the principle of a new Bolton model for School Term and Holiday Dates on this basis.**

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**The background papers and reports in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.**

### **9. PROPOSED SCHOOLS ICT UNIT SERVICE REVIEW**

The Director of People submitted a report which sought approval to undertake a service review of the Schools ICT Unit in order to ensure that the structure and operation of the unit were suitable and sustainable for future service delivery and that the trading position remained viable.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Resources at his meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

**Following a recommendation by the Executive Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked after Children, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED, subject to the approval of the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Resources, the report now submitted for consultation purposes with trades unions, staff and stakeholders.**