

CHILDREN

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services, Looked after Children, Schools and Early Years:-

MONDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, 2018

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

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| Councillor Cunliffe | - Executive Cabinet Member – Children |
| Councillor C. Wild | - Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Wilkinson (as deputy for Councillor Bagnall) | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Hornby | - Minor Opposition Spokesman |
| Councillor Flitcroft | - Minor Opposition Spokesman |

Officers

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| Mr G. Rowney | - Interim Director of People |
| Mr T. Birch | - Assistant Director – Education and Learning |
| Mr P. Rankin | - Assistant Director, Performance, Planning and Resources |
| Mrs S. Bailey | - Principal Democratic Services Officer |

17. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET 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.

18. PROPOSED EXPANSION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Further to Minute 71 of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader held on 12th February, 2018, the Interim Director of People submitted a report which updated the Executive Cabinet Member on the outcome of a recent consultation exercise seeking expressions of interest to increase capacity in primary schools.

By way of background information, the report advised that, in recent years, Bolton had experienced an unprecedented increase in the demand for primary school places. Despite the significant increase in capacity that had been delivered, demand for primary school places remained high in some areas of the Borough and many schools in these areas were operating with class sizes in excess of their Planned Admission Numbers, particularly across Key Stage 2 where infant class limits did not apply.

In order to positively respond to the continuing demand for primary school places, especially the additional demand arising out of in year admission which affected all primary age groups, it was proposed to increase capacity at a number of schools in those areas where such demand was greatest. The proposed schools were:

- Gaskell CP;
- SS Osmund and Andrew RCP;
- Markland Hill CP;
- Bolton St Catherine's Academy;
- Gilnow CP;
- Moorgate CP; and
- Walmsley CEP.

The report sought approval for officers to progress the proposals within the report, including undertaking and developing feasibility and cost estimate exercises with a view to increasing capacity at those schools.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the responses to the recent consultation with schools to increase primary capacity and AUTHORISED officers to –

- (i) develop proposals and establish budget estimates to expand Gaskell CP School from 45 to 60 Planned Admission Number and SS Osmund and Andrew RCP from 50 to 60 Planned Admission Number with a view that additional places would be made available within the 2018/19 academic year, subject to available capital funding;**
- (ii) develop proposals and establish budget estimates to expand Markland Hill CP School from 45 to 60 Planned Admission Number and Bolton St Catherine's CE Academy from 30 to 60 Planned Admission Number with a view that additional places would be made available within the 2019/20 academic year or sooner if required, subject to available capital funding;**
- (iii) develop proposals and establish budget estimates to expand Gilnow CP School from 30 to 45 or 60 Planned Admission Number and Moorgate CP from 30 to 60 Planned Admission Number with a view that additional places will be made available within the 2010/21 academic year or sooner if required, subject to available capital funding; and AGREED -**
- (iv) that the future expansion of Walmsley CEP School to two form entry be supported once the approved housebuilding has commenced at the Last Drop site and the Local Authority has received the previously agreed Section 106 Agreement funding, subject to the future support of LCVAP funding to facilitate the cost of the expansion.**

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and reports in relation to the following item were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 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.

19. START WELL CAPITAL PROGRAMME – KING STREET, FARNWORTH

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which provided an update on the revised costs associated with the Farnworth King Street Scheme as part of the Start Well Capital Programme and the proposed procurement of the refurbishment works.

The report outlined the reasons for an increase in the budget, provided an estimate timescale for delivery of the works and detailed the funding available together with the additional Capital requirements and funding gap.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

- (i) The additional expenditure of £128,000 for essential works from the Asset Management – Urgent Works Budget; and AGREED -**
- (ii) That the Interim Director of Place be authorised to procure and enter into a direct award call-off contract for works required in respect of the Farnworth King Street Scheme (as part of the Start Well Capital Programme) under Lot 14 of the LHC SCB2 Schools and Community Buildings (England, Wales and Scotland Framework Agreement) and that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to carry out all the necessary legal formalities in this regard.**