

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, 14TH MARCH, 2016

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

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

Officers

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| Mr. J. Daly | - | Acting Director of People |
| Mr. T. Birch | - | Assistant Director, Education and Learning |
| Mr. D. Smith | - | Head of Finance |
| Mr. D. Herne | - | Director of Public Health |
| Ms. R. Tanner | - | Assistant Director, Children's and Adult Services |
| Ms J. Robinson | - | Strategic Lead for Early Years |

Mrs V. Ridge

- Democratic Services Manger

82. 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.

83. CHILDREN'S AND ADULT SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAMME: CARERS GRANT 2015/16 – ROUND 2

A report of the Director of People was submitted which updated the Executive Cabinet Member on the applications received for the Carers Grant 2015/16 – Round 2 and sought approval to award contracts.

The report advised that the Carers Grant contributed to the delivery of the priority outcomes for local carers identified in the Bolton Carer's Strategy 2013/15 and local providers had been invited to bid for funding.

In this regard, the report outlined the applications received together with the outcome of the evaluation of each and put forward recommendations for approval of funding, full details of which were provided in the report.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

The recommendations with regard to the Carers Grant in respect of the Carers Grant 2015/16 Round 2 totalling £118,000, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

84. PROPOSED INCREASE IN PUPIL PLACES AT RUMWORTH, LADYWOOD AND GREEN FOLD SPECIAL SCHOOLS

A report of the Director of People was submitted which sought approval to increase the number of pupil places at Rumworth, Ladywood and Green Fold Special Schools.

The report advised that a notice had been published outlining the intention of the Local Authority to increase the number of pupil places at the Schools as from 1st September, 2016. There had been no representations received during the four week consultation period.

The report therefore recommended the increase in pupil places on the basis now detailed.

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

The increase in pupil numbers at Rumworth, Ladywood and Green Fold Special Schools as from 1st September, 2016, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

85. PROPOSED EXPANSION AND REBUILDING OF CHORLEY NEW ROAD CP SCHOOL

A report of the Director of People was submitted which provided details of the initial response from consultants in respect of the possible expansion of Chorley New Road CP School and sought approval to establish a project group with the School to further develop the proposals with Willmott Dixon Construction.

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

The establishment of a project group with Chorley New Road CP School to further develop the expansion proposals with Wilmott Dixon Construction.

86. LOCAL AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES SERVING ON GOVERNING BOARDS

The Director of People submitted a report which put forward guidance for employees and managers regarding how to avoid possible conflicts of interest which may arise from local authority employees serving on governing boards of schools in Bolton.

The report sought approval for its distribution to new and existing employees on the basis detailed in the report in the report.

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

The guidance document for employees and managers and its dissemination on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

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.

**88. PROPOSALS FOR REVISED LOCAL AUTHORITY
PROVISION FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH SEN
AND DISABILITY**

The Director of People submitted a report which sought approval to implement proposals for revised arrangements for provision and funding for pre-school age children with Special Educational Needs and Disability.

The report reminded the Executive Cabinet Member that approval had been given in September, 2013 to review Bolton's Early Years Special Educational Needs and Disability referral processes and funding arrangements for pre-school children with SEND to ensure that they remained fit for purpose and met current legislative requirements. Subsequent approval was given to extend the scope of the review to include Early Years SEND support services that were provided or commissioned by the Local Authority and resourced nursery places for children with high needs SEN and Disability.

In this regard, the report outlined the progress to date on the review and detailed various recommendations arising therefrom, as outlined in Section 10, for consideration and approval.

An Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken in respect of the proposals and was included in the report.

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

The recommendations for revised Local Authority provision for pre-school children with SEN and disability contained in Section 10 of the report now submitted.