

THE EXECUTIVE
MEETING, 18TH APRIL, 2011

Councillor Morris	Strategy and External Relations
Councillor Mrs Thomas	Corporate Resources and Health
Councillor Bashir–Ismail	Cleaner, Greener, Safer
Councillor Kay	Human Resources, Organisational Development and Diversity
Councillor Sherrington	Adults Services
Councillor Murray	Looked After Children and Safeguarding
Councillor Peel	Housing, Neighbourhoods and Regulation
Councillor Zaman	Environmental Services

Non-Voting Members

Councillor A. Connell
Councillor J. Walsh
Councillor Ashcroft
Councillor Mrs Brierley
Councillor Mrs Fairclough
Councillor Morgan
Councillor Hayes
Councillor Mrs Swarbrick

Officers

Mr. S. Harriss	Chief Executive
Mr. S. Arnfield	Director of Corporate Resources
Ms. M. Asquith	Director of Children's Services
Ms. K. Smith	Development Manager
Mr. G. Kelly	Deputy Unit Manager

Mr A. Morris	Lawyer
Mrs. S. Bailey	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Councillor Morris in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Adia, Chadwick, Ibrahim, Shaw and D.A Wilkinson.

72. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Executive held on 28th March, 2011 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

74. PROPOSED REBUILDING OF CLARENDON SCHOOL

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report which provided an update on the progress around developing plans to rebuild Clarendon CP School and to seek approval to the appointment of Technical Advisors.

The Executive at its meeting in January, 2011 agreed that the Director of Children's Services explore the possibility of rebuilding Clarendon CP School within the nearby Bobby Heywood Park.

It was understood that part of the site was subject to Charitable Status and that Counsel's advice would be required as to whether it would be possible to amend the objects of the charitable status to allow a new school to be built within the park.

Information had confirmed the area of the park that was subject to the objects of the charitable status and Counsel's advice had confirmed that these objects precluded the building of a new school on the land that had been previously identified, adjacent to High Street.

Consequently, the report requested the Executive's agreement for the Director to pursue an alternative location for the new school within the park, based upon this recent information.

It was also proposed to appoint Navigant Consulting to act as the Council's design consultant with regard to the delivery of the project.

The original project budget was reduced to £6.5M when it was agreed to consider rebuilding the school in the park, rather than retain it on the existing Clarendon site. The budget was reduced because the proposal to build in the park removed the need to undertake expensive land remediation and highway works at the existing site.

However, the proposal to build on the existing astro turf pitch, and to provide a new facility elsewhere, including replacement bowling greens etc, would increase the overall expected cost of the project. It was therefore suggested that the project budget be amended to £6.75M to reflect these additional works. This remained lower than the original expected cost of developing on the existing school site, which was estimated at £7.25M.

Resolved – (i) That the progress being made in respect of the proposal to build a new school within Heyward Park be noted.

(ii) That standing orders relating to contracts be waived to allow Navigant Consulting to be appointed as the Council's Lead and Technical Adviser for the procurement and delivery of the new Clarendon School.

(iii) That the Director of the Chief Executives Department be authorised to commence and comply with the procedure as set out in section 122(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to agree that the open space land which is to be used for the purposes of the new Clarendon Street Primary School is no longer required for the purpose for which it is currently held and to appropriate the land for education purposes; to consider any

objections made to the appropriation and to implement the appropriation unless the objections are, in his opinion, significant objections.

**75. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO THE PLANNED
ADMISSION NUMBER AT SMITHILLS SCHOOL**

The Director of Children's Services informed the meeting that this item had been withdrawn.

Resolved – That it is agreed that the item is withdrawn.

**76. PRIMARY SCHOOL EXPANSION PROGRAMME 2011-
2015**

Councillors Ashcroft and Peel declared personal interests in the following matter as governors of schools involved.

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report which provided an update on proposals to expand primary schools in response to the rising demand for pupil places.

The Executive Member for Children's Services at his meeting in January, 2011 had approved a report that outlined the proposed Capital Programme for 2011-2015.

The report included a list of primary schools that had been identified for possible expansion in response to the rising demand for pupil places, and the Executive had authorised the Director to discuss proposals with the individual schools concerned and their Governing Bodies.

The report now submitted provided an update on these discussions and sought approval to progress the projects further, including the appointment of consultants to develop the proposals and for Officers to undertake the appropriate formal public consultation that was required as part of the legislative Statutory Proposals process.

It was reported that, in order to commence work on site for the initial phase of work at the start of the summer vacation period, a prompt appointment of the design team for each of the schemes would be required. The fees liability of each project was in excess of the single tender criteria of standing orders, which would require Corporate Property Services to invite competitive fee tenders for each of the schemes. This would have a material effect on the delivery programme for the works on site and would not allow the appointment of contractors following competitive tendering at the start of the school summer vacation.

The Executive was therefore requested to waive the Council's Financial Standing Order for competitive tender of works in excess of £15,000 with respect to the design team appointments as detailed in the report.

Resolved – (i) That the progress made to date be noted.

(ii) That the Council's Financial Standing Order for competitive tender of works in excess of £15,000 be waived with respect to the design team appointments detailed below;

Castle Hill CP School	- James and Hague
Gaskell C P School	- Bradshaw Gas and Hope
Highfield C P School	- Good and Tillotson
High Lawn C P School	- James and Hague
Ladybridge C P School	- Bradshaw Gas and Hope
Plodder Lane C P School	- James and Hague
Oxford Grove C P School	- Good and Tillotson
Tong Moor C P School	- James and Hague
St Mary's CE Deane C P School	- Bradshaw Gas and Hope
Washacre C P School	- Good and Tillotson

(iii) That the Director of Children's Services be authorised to undertake the appropriate consultation exercise during the Summer Term as part of the initial process of securing

Statutory Proposals to formally expand and enlarge the schools identified in the programme.

77. CHILDREN'S SERVICES VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH SECTOR FUNDING PROPOSALS 2011/12

Councillor Bashir Ismail declared a personal and prejudicial interest with respect to her associations with Home Start and left the meeting during consideration of the matter.

Further to Minute 55 of the meetings of the Executive Member Strategy and External Relations held on 10th March, 2011 the Director of Children's Services submitted a report that outlined the results of consultation undertaken with respect to the proposals for the future funding of the children's services voluntary, community and faith sector in 2011/12.

The Executive was reminded that the Council needed to find significant savings over the next few years due to reductions in the main revenue funding and the withdrawal of specific grants provided by Government. As much of the funding provided to the voluntary sector came from grants that no longer existed the Council had undertaken a fundamental review of current funding to the voluntary sector.

Appendix 3 set out the Departmental response to each of the issues raised during consultation. Where appropriate, the proposals had been amended to incorporate the outcomes of the consultation.

Appendix 5 presented a final report taking account of the consultation feedback and the proposed Departmental response.

The key changes incorporated into the final proposals included:

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- minor amendments to category for one provider following receipt of further details and clarification of the services they provided; and

- minor amendments to the description of the functions provided by some organisations. This did not result in those organisations shifting to a different funding category or to any change in the proposed funding for 2011/12.

With the exception of the minor changes to the proposed programme of 2011/12 funding outlined above, there were no financial implications arising from the consultation.

Consequently, the projected savings remained broadly the same as those set out in the original proposals.

Resolved – (i) That the final proposals for children’s services voluntary, community and faith sector funding, as detailed in Appendix 5, be approved.

(ii) That the Chief Executive and Director of Children’s Services be authorised to implement the proposals.