

Report to: Executive Member For
Children's Services

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Report of: Director Of Legal And
Democratic Services

Report No:

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Report Title: **Monitoring of Executive Member Decisions**

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Purpose: To provide the Executive Member with an up to date report relating to previously taken decisions by the Executive Member.

Recommendations: The Executive Member is requested to note the report.

Decision:

Signed:

Leader/Executive Member

Monitoring Officer

Date:

Summary: This Report contains up to date monitoring information relating to previously taken decisions by the Executive Member.

**DECISION MONITORING
EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM AND DECISION	ACTION/ PROGRESS
7th July, 2008	Phase Three Children's Centres: Reach Areas and Consultation	
	The Executive Member AGREED -	
	<p>(i) that a model of phase three Children's Centres is adopted;</p> <p>(ii) that permission is granted for consultation to be held with appropriate stakeholders, regarding possible locations for the phase three centres, local service requirements and the best means of achieving universal children's centres coverage across Bolton, as per the attached action plan; and</p> <p>(iii) that options for the locations of the centres are generated and submitted for decision in October 2008, along with the results of the consultation.</p>	<p>The consultation process has been completed. Feasibility studies are due for completion in January and these will be submitted to the Executive Member for consideration.</p>
7th July, 2008	Development of Roscow Fold as premises for Pupil Referral Units and Outdoor Education Team	
	The Executive Member APPROVED -	
	The funding for necessary upgrade work at Roscow Fold, once the land issues are resolved and that a decision be made about the temporary premises for Premier Training is made.	<p>Advice obtained from Counsel – Legal Services working to resolve reverter issues.</p>

1 st September, 2008	Review of Speech and Language Unit at Lever Edge School	
	The Executive Member APPROVED -	
	<p>(i) The changes to Speech and Language Therapy in Bolton, as detailed in the report; and AGREED –</p> <p>(ii) That a further report updating the Executive Member on progress regarding changes to provision for children with speech and language needs be brought to a future meeting.</p>	Consultation process is complete. Further report being complied
1 st September, 2008	Proposals for Service Re-design of Bolton's Children's Services Residential Homes	
	The Executive Member AGREED -	
	<p>(i) That three four bed children's homes provide the core of internal residential services for looked after children and that 20 Mayor Street has one emergency bed facility;</p> <p>(ii) That an Adolescent Support Unit (with a weekend respite facility) is developed at the site of a former children's home, 6 Boundary Gardens, to assist in services to young people at risk of family breakdown; and</p> <p>(iii) That a process of change for the staff which includes the reduction in staffing, detailed in the report, is undertaken.</p>	The recruitment process is underway. Managers are in place and Deputy posts are due to be filled in the near future. Residential staff are currently involved in an "expressions of interest" process in order to minimise disruption. This process has been undertaken in close consultation with Unison.

22 nd September, 2008	Increase of Staffing to Support the Delivery of Eighteen Children's Centres	
	The Executive Member AGREED -	
	To the establishment of six new Deputy Heads of Children's Centres, two full time family workers, one full time Senior Early Years Worker, six Information Assistants, two Centre Assistants and one Administrative Assistants as now detailed, subject to the approval of the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity.	Recruitment to these posts is ongoing.
21 st October, 2008	Care Matter Implementation Plan	
	The Executive Member NOTED the progress towards implementation of Care Matters and AGREED -	
	That a further report would be brought to the Executive Member for Children's Services at his meeting in January, 2009.	
21 st October, 2008	Reconfiguration of Behaviour Support Service	
	The Executive Member AGREED –	
	<p>(i) The proposed re-structure as detailed in Appendix A and the option for the secondary school offer as detailed in Appendix B</p> <p>(ii) The establishment of the Support and Development Manager, Senior Support and Engagement Mentor and Support and Engagement Mentor positions, subject to the approval of the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity;</p>	Consultation process complete. 1-1 meetings with staff is underway.

	<p>(iii) The funding of the costs associated with redundancies including the provision of premature pensions; and</p> <p>(iv) The provisional grades and associated staff costs of the proposed new structure.</p>	
21 st October, 2008	Reconfiguration of BEMAS Service Management	
	The Executive Member AGREED -	
	<p>(i) The deletion of the existing posts of Strategic Manager of Ethnic Minority Support and Race Equality and the Assistant Manager, subject to the approval of the Executive member for Human Resources and Diversity;</p> <p>(ii) The creation of an English as a Second Language consultant post to work in partnership with other Inclusion and Engagement staff and with the Teaching and Learning Consultants in school improvement, subject to the approval of the Executive member for Human Resources and Diversity;</p> <p>(iii) The change in the designation of the post of Assistant Manager (Head of Starting Point) to Teacher in Charge (Starting Point), subject to the approval of the Executive member for Human Resources and Diversity;</p> <p>(iv) The relocation of Race Equality and Community Cohesion responsibilities to Assistant Manager (Traveller Education Service and EHE) and redesignation of that post to Senior Manager, subject to the approval of the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity;</p>	<p>Reallocation of responsibilities agreed and implemented. Recruitment process commencing re EAL consultants.</p>

	<p>(v) The move of BEMAS outreach support to Starting Point with the appointment of an additional Deputy post to Starting Point, subject to the approval of the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity; and</p> <p>(vi) The deletion of 1.2 Team Leader posts in the BEMAS structure, subject to the approval of the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity.</p>	
21 st October, 2008	Think Family Pathfinder	
	The Executive Member AGREED-	
	To the establishment of one Think Family Manager and ten Family Support Workers, subject to successful job evaluations and the approval of the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity.	The Think Family team will be operational in January
21 st October, 2008	Bolton Extended Family Pathfinder	
	The Executive Member AGREED-	
	The proposed model of delivery for the Bolton Extended Family Pathfinder.	The Extended Pathfinder is now delivering services to Young Carers
21 st October, 2008	Proposed School Closures for Hayward, Withins and Top o' Brow	

	The Executive Member, after taking into consideration the matters raised from the consultation and being satisfied that the DCSF criteria regarding the consultation process had been met, AGREED –	
	<p>(i) To publish a formal statutory notice to close Hayward Community School with effect from 31st December, 2008, in order to allow a new Academy to open in January, 2009;</p> <p>(ii) To publish a formal statutory notice to close Withins Community Secondary School with effect from 31st August, 2009, in order to allow a new Academy school to open in September, 2009; and</p> <p>(iii) To publish a formal statutory notice to close Top o'th' Brow Community Primary School with effect from 31st August, 2009 in order to allow a new Academy to open in September, 2009.</p>	Formal approval to close approved by Exec on 16 th December 2008. Essa Academy opened on the 5 th January
17 th November, 2008	Children's Services Big Issues 2009-12	
	The Executive Member AGREED-	
	<p>The Children's Services Big Issues Report and NOTED;</p> <p>That further work be done on the Big Issues leading up to the Strategic Resources Option reports.</p>	

15 th December, 2008	Children's Services Strategic Resource Options 2009/10 to 2011/12	
	The Executive Member AGREED-	
	The budget options and that they be submitted as part of the Corporate Business Planning Process now detailed subject to the receipt of the final guidance.	