

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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

MONDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 2019

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

Councillor C. Wild	- Executive Cabinet Member – Children
Councillor Cunliffe	- Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor McGeown	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Flitcroft	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hornby	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Wright	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Ms B. Brown	- Director of People
Ms R. Tanner	- Deputy Director of People
Mr P. Rankin	- Assistant Director - Performance, Planning and Resources
Ms L. Butcher	- Head of Finance
Ms C. Owen	- Principal Lawyer
Mrs S. Bailey	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

23. 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.

24. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT QUARTER TWO – 2019/20

A joint report of the Directors of Corporate Resources and People was submitted which provided information relating to the financial position for the People Department as at Quarter Two of the 2019/20 Financial Year.

The key issues were highlighted in the report.

In relation to Revenue expenditure, the revenue outturn position for the Local Authority block was expected to be in line with budget following use of reserves of £10.601m. Revenue expenditure for the Dedicated Schools Grant was projected to be £2.972m greater than the grant available.

With regard to Capital Expenditure, the report advised that the original Programme approved at Council in February, 2019 totalled £22.6m. The Programme had now decreased to £20.65m which was a reduction of £2.438m due to reprogramming of schemes and an increase of £0.487m due to a new scheme.

Reserves were expected to be £25.49m at 31st March, 2020. £19.45m of this related to capital monies held for future work on schools and £3.566m related to schools' balances and other Dedicated Schools Grant reserves.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report and the changes within the Capital Programme as detailed; and AGREED –

That the Director of People be given delegated authority to call off on the frameworks for the Capital Programme as detailed in Section 3 of the report now submitted.

25. DETERMINATION OF ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS TO COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2021

The Director of People submitted a report which put forward the proposed admission criteria for community and voluntary controlled primary and secondary schools' admission for the 2021/2022 school year for consideration and approval.

The Executive Cabinet Member was reminded that the School Admission Code required admission authorities for all schools and academies to determine their proposed admission arrangements by 28th February each year.

Bolton Council's policy had been consulted on for admission in 2018 and, as there were no proposals to amend the existing policy, there was no requirement to further consult on the admission arrangements for September, 2021. The only changes had been to reflect the revised dates prescribed in the current Regulations.

The Local Authority currently had an arrangement with the majority of primary and secondary schools and academies to manage applications for mid-term admission.

The proposed updated arrangements for September 2021/22 academic year would be circulated to all schools, academies and neighbouring local authorities. A copy of each proposed scheme was set out in the appendices attached to the report now submitted.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

- (i) The admission criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled primary and secondary schools' admission for the 2021/22 school year; and**

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(ii) The coordinated admissions schemes for schools' admission, including in-year admissions for the 2021/22 School Year.