

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, 8TH JUNE, 2015

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

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| Councillor Mrs Thomas | - | Executive Cabinet Member – Deputy Leader |
| Councillor McKeon | - | Executive Member (Education and Schools) |
| Councillor Cunliffe | - | Executive Member (Public Health and Safeguarding Children) |
| Councillor A. Ibrahim | - | Executive Member (Adult Safeguarding and Adults Social Care) |
| Councillor Dean
(as deputy for Councillor Greenhalgh) | - | Major Opposition Spokesperson |

Officers

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| Mr J. Livesey | - | Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Ms R. Tanner | - | Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Mr J. Daly | - | Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services |

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Mr D. Smith	Acting Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services
Ms J. Edwards	- Schools Finance Manager
Ms J. Robinson	- Strategic Lead for Early Years
Mrs S. Bailey	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

1. 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.

2. FREE PLACES FOR 2 YEAR OLDS – IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which:

- provided a position statement on the implementation of the free early education places for disadvantaged 2 year olds during 2013/15; and
- set out proposals to further increase the take up of places by eligible children and families in 2015/16.

The report provided details regarding the numbers of eligible children and actual take up figures for spring 2015 which were approximately 62%. Analysis of the current cohort, including details of where children were accessing their free place and sufficiency information was also included.

The report went on to outline proposals to work with voluntary sector partners to target the families of eligible children who were not yet accessing their free entitlement. Full details of the recommendations were outlined in Section 9 of the report and

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in summary, included proposals to utilise £614, 500 of 2 year old trajectory funding for the 2015-16 priorities of:

- working in partnership with Bolton at Home Community Researchers between June and September, 2015 in order to promote the offer of free 2 year old places - £4,500;
- the allocation of £500,000 to be capitalised , subject to DfE approval in order to fund 3-4 year projects in specific shortage areas within Crompton, Farnworth, Great Lever and Tonge with the Haulgh. Capital bids would need to meet certain criteria and a grant application process would be developed and managed through the Council's procurement process – applications that would be subject to business rates would receive a 50% reduction in business rates for the first 12 months of operation - £510,000;
- the offer of a new programme of quality improvement grants for good and outstanding 2 year old providers to support improved outcomes through partnerships between school and private and voluntary sector providers – to award grants of up to £10,000 with a total cost of £100,000.

Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Education and Schools, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

The proposals contained in Section 9 of the report to utilise £614,000 of 2 year old trajectory funding for the 2015-16 priorities.

3. STARTING TOGETHER – EARLY ADOPTION OF THE GM NEW DELIVERY MODEL

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which:

- provided a position statement on the implementation of Starting Together, the Greater Manchester Early Years New Delivery Model in Bolton; and

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- set out short term proposals for priorities for 2015-16 for the Starting Together Early Adopter Programme as part of the GM Public Service Reform of Early Years.

The report summarised the learning from the 12 months of activity in the Oxford Grove area and set out short term proposals to increase the reach of the early adopter area within existing resources to align with the revised health visiting team. Full details were provided at Appendix 1 to the report. The report went on to outline proposals to continue to test the Early Years New Delivery Model within the early adopter area whilst also scoping and piloting some Borough wide early intervention services.

Proposals included reconfiguration of some of the resources for the New Delivery Model in 2015-16 to increase capacity within the Early Years Team for further scoping and piloting of an early communication and language development team within the early adopter area, as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report.

This would be a communication and language promotion service with a focus on early identification and preventative services and reducing later demand on the speech and language therapy service.

The development team would deliver parent and child interaction groups, WELLCOMM language screening and other interventions, training and development activities, plus a suite of additional traded services that could be offered to early years settings and schools for children in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium.

Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Education and Schools, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

The short term proposals for the 2015-16 priorities for the Starting Together Early Adopter Programme, as follows:

- (i) **proposals to deliver the Starting Together Programme to an increased number of families in the early**

adopter reach area, within existing resources, aligning the reach area with the revised Health Visiting Team covering part of the wards of Halliwell, Crompton, Smithills, Heaton and Lostock and Westhoughton North and Chew Moor;

(ii) developing and piloting for 12 months of an early communication and language development service using existing resources in the Early Years and Childcare Team and reconfiguration of additional investment already committed for the Starting Together Early Adopter area to provide targeted communication and interventions and a part-traded service for early years providers in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium; and

(iii) working in partnership with Bolton Together 3rd Sector Consortium to use GM Further Faster Funding to coordinate the work around improving parental aspirations and pathways into training and employment and increasing volunteering opportunities and the universal offer within the early adopter area.

4. CHILDREN'S, ADULTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES – FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT FINAL OUTTURN – 2014/15

A joint report of the Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services, the Director of Public Health and the Borough Treasurer was submitted which outlined the financial position of the Children's, Adults and Public Health Services portfolio as at 31st March, 2015.

The revenue outturn position for the Local Authority block was in line with the budget after the transfer to reserves of £130,300.

Revenue expenditure for the Dedicated Schools Grant was greater than the grant available by £299,000.

Public Health grant of £18,906,000 had been received. A reserve of £1,000,000 had been created for preventative services.

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With regard to Capital, it was reported that expenditure at the end of March, 2015 was £11.8m against a programme of £13.5m. The change was due primarily to slippage of schemes into 2016-17.

Balances were £51m at 31st March, 2015 which was an increase of £2m and due to increases in schools balances, creation of reserves for High Cost Places in Adults and preventative services in Public Health.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

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.

6. PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS – PREPARATORY WORKS SUMMER 2015

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which sought approval to undertake necessary preparatory works to expand Ladywood, Green Fold and Rumworth Special Schools.

Full details of the proposed works together with the associated costings were provided in the report.

Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Education and Schools, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

The proposed preparatory expansion works to Ladywood, Green Fold and Rumworth Special Schools, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted, and agreement to the allocation of appropriate funds to enable the works.

7. PRIMARY PROVISION FOR CHILDREN WITH SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which outlined proposals to build a Reception/Key Stage One provision at the Forwards Centre for children with social, emotional and mental health needs in order to meet increasing needs within the Borough.

The report outlined proposals on how the new unit would operate together with details on the staffing arrangements and costings.

It was anticipated that the new unit would open in January, 2016.

An Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken in respect of the proposals and was attached to the report at Appendix C.

Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Education and Schools, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

The proposals to build a Reception/Key Stage 1 Unit at the Forwards Centre for children with social, emotional and mental health needs to be opened in January, 2016, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.