

EXTRACT

DEPUTY LEADER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adults, Public Health, Looked After Children, Safeguarding, Early Years, Schools and Skills:-

MONDAY, 8th JULY, 2013

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

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| Councillor Mrs Thomas | - | Executive Cabinet Member – Deputy Leader |
| Councillor Morgan | - | Major Opposition Spokesperson |

Looked After Children, Safeguarding and Early Years Portfolio

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| Councillor Murray | - | Cabinet Member |
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School and Skills

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| Councillor McKeon | - | Cabinet Member |
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Adults Portfolio

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| Councillor Peacock | - | Cabinet Member |
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Public Health

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| Councillor Bashir-Ismail | - | Cabinet Member |
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Officers

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| Ms M. Asquith | - | Director of Children's and Adult Services |
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Mr J. Livesey	- Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services
Mr J. Daly	- Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services
Mr D. Smith	- Head of Finance (Adults and Children's Services)
Ms J. Robinson	- Early Years and Childcare Lead
Mrs S. Bailey	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

10. CHILDREN'S SERVICES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER FOUR 2012/13

A report of the Director of Children's and Adults was submitted which provided an update on performance of the Children's Department for Quarter Four of 2012/13.

The report highlighted areas of good performance together with areas causing concern and actions presented to address them.

**The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report and
ENDORSED –**

**The improvement actions identified within the report now
submitted.**

12. CHILDREN'S SERVICES – FINANCIAL OUTTURN REPORT 2012/13

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which detailed the final outturn position for the Children's Services portfolio for the 2012/13 financial year.

With regard to Revenue expenditure, the outturn position for the Local Authority Block was £587,600 less than the available budget of £54,945,700.

Revenue expenditure for the Centrally Held Block was £516,400 more than the grant available of £18.4m.

Revenue expenditure for the delegated Dedicated Schools Grant underspent the resources available of £198m by £0.488 due to schools with deficit balances repaying amounts due and schools planned expenditure not being realised.

Capital expenditure at the end of March, 2013 amounted to £29.5m against a programme of £33.9m. The slippage, which amounted to £5.6m, would be transferred into the 2013/14 Financial Year. There were additional school funded schemes of £1.2m.

Balances at the end of the year totalled £42.9m which was a reduction of £7m from the opening balances at April, 2012.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the financial position of the Department as at the end of the 2012/13 Financial Year.

14. BLACKROD PRIMARY SCHOOL – REVISED INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which sought approval for a revised Instrument of Government for Blackrod Primary School.

The report advised that the Governing Body had recently undertaken a review of its constitution following the resignation of two governors to allow more flexibility in recruitment of new governors through the new co-opted governor category. It was hoped that the new model of governance could potentially allow the opportunity to recruit governors from a variety of backgrounds with a wide range of abilities.

In accordance with the School Governance (Constitution) Regulations 2012, the Governing Body had requested that the Instrument of Government be revised to follow the new constitutional arrangements.

The proposed revised Constitution would maintain the proportions for each category of governor required, namely:

- 4 parent governors
- 1 Local Authority governor
- 1 staff governor
- 1 head teacher
- 7 co-opted governors

Full details of the proposed changes were provided and a copy of the revised constitution was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

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

The revised Instrument of Government for Blackrod Primary School, as now submitted.

15. TURTON HIGH SCHOOL – REVISED INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNANCE

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which sought approval for a revised Instrument of Government for Turton High School.

The report advised that the Governing Body recently reviewed its constitution as it wanted to change the name of the school to Turton School.

The membership of the Governing Body would remain the same but would reflect representation under the School Governance (Constitution) Regulations 2012.

Full details of the proposed changes were provided and a copy of the revised constitution was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

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

The revised Instrument of Government for Turton School, as now submitted.

16. TWO YEAR OLD CAPITAL FUNDING - 2013

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which outlined proposals to provide additional places for 2 year olds using capital expenditure as part of the Local Authority statutory duty from September, 2013.

The report summarised the statutory duty placed on local authorities to provide free places for 20% of the most disadvantaged 2 year olds by September, 2013 and outlined proposals to use 2 year olds programme capital funding to improve the facilities in 7 children's centres and 3 Local Authority maintained schools to provide places from September, 2013.

The Local Authority had received the following funding allocations:

- £2,412,733 within DSG for places;
- £947,189 within DSG for trajectory building (to work towards 2014 places);
- £623,904 capital funding to be used to support the creation of places in areas where there was insufficient provision for 2 year olds.

The report went on to provide details in respect of capital funding priorities, a sufficiency assessment which had identified areas of likely shortage of high quality places in 2013 and costs.

Full details of the proposals were outlined in the report.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Looked after Children and Early Years, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

- (i) The Capital Programme identified in the report now submitted to create 214 additional two year old places in high needs areas and AGREED –**
- (ii) The allocation of the capital grant on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.**