

**Report to:** Executive Member For  
Children's Services

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2008

**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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**Non Confidential:** This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press and members of the public,

**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:**

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Leader/Executive Member

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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**

<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>ITEM AND DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION/ PROGRESS</b>
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>	The consultation process is underway and options have been identified. Proposals for the preferred options are being developed.
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.	Advice on land issues is being sought from Counsel.
1 <sup>st</sup> September, 2008	Head of Service Pathfinder	

	The Executive Member AGREED -	
	The establishment of a temporary Head of Service for Service Innovation, now detailed, subject to the approval of the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity.	Approved at the Executive Member for Human Resources on 03/09/08 subject to successful evaluation of the post. Awaiting evaluation.
1 <sup>st</sup> 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 on going
1 <sup>st</sup> September, 2008	Early Start – Report on Community Cafes in Phase One Children’s Centres	
	The Executive Member AGREED -	
	That Children’s Services continued to run the community cafes (Option B) with a Service Level Agreement in place with the school meals service.	The recruitment process is now underway

1st 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>	<p>Agreed, following consultation with Unison that this is to be progressed in two phases. The first phase will be to seek expressions of interest for the Adolescent support unit and for the management teams in the children's homes. Approved at the Executive Member for Human Resources on 6.10.08</p>
22nd 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.	<p>Approved at the Executive Member for Human Resources on 6.10.08</p>

21 <sup>st</sup> October, 2008	Choice Adviser Service	
	The Executive Member APPROVED -	
	The service delivery option of a Choice Adviser through the Bolton Family Information Service, as detailed in Appendix A to the report.	
21 <sup>st</sup> October, 2008	Play Pathfinder	
	The Executive Member APPROVED -	
	(i) The implementation of the schemes identified in the Playbuilder Project Plan; and  (ii) The submission of a bid to the DCSF to obtain Pathfinder status on the basis outlined in the report.	
21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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> <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 <sup>st</sup> 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</p>	

	<p>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>(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 <sup>st</sup> 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.	
21 <sup>st</sup> October, 2008	Bolton Extended Family Pathfinder	
	The Executive Member AGREED-	
	The proposed model of delivery for the Bolton Extended Family Pathfinder.	

21st 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2009 in order to allow a new Academy to open in September, 2009.</p>	
17 <sup>th</sup> 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>	
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