

CHILDREN'S SERVICES POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 12TH OCTOBER, 2009

Present – Councillors Adia (Chairman), Iqbal (as deputy for Councillor Ayub), Murray, Mrs. Rothwell, Rushton, R. Silvester, Mrs. Swarbrick, Mrs. Thomas, J. Walsh (as deputy for Councillor Mrs. Brierley) and Wild.

Also in Attendance

Ms. M. Asquith	-	Director of Children's Services
Mr. B. Wilson	-	Head teacher Thomasson Memorial School
Mr. T. Sinkinson	-	Strategic Services Manager
Mr. S. Fazal	-	Assistant Director Access and Inclusion
Mr. C. Chisholm	-	Sen Strategy and Development

Mrs. V. Ridge	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer
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Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ashcroft, Ayub and Mrs. Brierley.

Councillor Adia in the Chair.

12. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Policy Development Group held on 17th August, 2009 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

13. THOMASSON MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Mr. B. Wilson, Head teacher of Thomasson Memorial School gave a presentation to members which provided details relating to a request from the Governing Body of Thomasson Memorial School to look at the possibility of seeking Trust Status.

Information was provided in relation to the following areas, viz:-

- Background to the school;
- The sensory support service;
- Evidence to support the success of the service provision;
- The reasons for wanting to move forward to Trust Status;
- Current partnerships;

- New partnerships;
- The desire to enhance the regional role; and
- Current difficulties in relation to employing staff.

In terms of the current situation, it was stated that the Governing Body had asked for the proposal to move towards Trust Status to be looked at. This was currently being undertaken and proposals were being drawn up and an interest had been expressed.

It was agreed that the presentation be noted.

(The meeting started at 3.00 p.m. and finished at 4.00 p.m.)