

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, 11th JANUARY, 2021

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

Councillor Galloway	- Executive Cabinet Member – Children's Services
Councillor Donaghy	- Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor McGeown	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Sanders	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hornby	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Wright	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Ms B. Brown	- Director of Children's Services
Mr P. Rankin	- Assistant Director of Children's Services – Performance, Planning and Resources
Ms T. Minshull	- Assistant Director of Children's Services - Commissioning
Ms L. Butcher	- Head of Finance
Mrs. S. Bailey	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

24. 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.

25. PROPOSED INCREASE TO PUPIL NUMBERS AT RUMWORTH SPECIAL SCHOOL

Further to Minute 15 of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet Member held on 5th October, 2020, the Director of Children's Services submitted a report which set out the results of the consultation process on proposals to increase pupil numbers at Rumworth Special School.

The proposals to increase pupil numbers at the School were in response to increased demand for places and approval had been given to undertake a statutory consultation process in this regard.

The report advised that the consultation exercise had taken place between 18th October and 4th December, 2020, with staff, Governors, parents and carers of pupils attending the School, Ward Councillors, Trades Unions neighbouring local authorities, local MPs, Manchester and Salford Diocesan colleagues and head teachers at other Bolton Schools.

Details of the responses were outlined in the report and included on statement of support. A letter from the NHS, Integrated Community Paediatric Service had been received after the consultation period had ended advising that the capacity of current Paediatric Nursing support within the School would need to be considered to meet the increased pupil demand.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the responses received from the consultation exercise; and AUTHORISED

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Officers to publish a Statutory Notice to expand provision at Rumworth School by permanently raising the pupil numbers from 240 Year 7-Year 14 to 400 Year 7- Year 14 pupil places overall with effect from 1st September, 2021.