

EXTRACT

DEPUTY LEADER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Health and Wellbeing, Adult Social Care, Public Health and Children's Services including Looked After Children and Schools and Early Years:-

MONDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 2015

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

Councillor Mrs Thomas	-	Executive Cabinet Member – Deputy Leader
Councillor McKeon	-	Executive Member (Education and Schools)
Councillor Cunliffe	-	Executive Member (Public Health)
Councillor Mrs Fairclough	-	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Swarbrick	-	Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Ms M. Asquith	-	Director of Children's and Adult Services
Mr A. Crook	-	Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services
Ms D. Malone	-	Consultant – Social Inclusion
Ms N. Lomax		Consultant in Public Health
Mr D. Smith		Head of Finance – Children's and Adult Services
Mrs S. Bailey	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

49. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Deputy Chief Executive 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.

52. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT BUDGET REPORT – 2015/16

A joint report of the Director of Children's and Adult Services and the Borough Treasurer was submitted which sought agreement to the allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2015/16 which had been proposed by the Schools Forum at its meeting on 16th January, 2015.

The report outlined the changes in Schools Funding and sought agreement to the allocation of the Dedicated Schools Budget in line with the recommendations of the Schools Forum.

Appended to the report were the reports considered by the Schools Forum when making its recommendations in relation to the DSG Budget. The reports referred to:

- changes to the DSG since 2014/15;
- the impact of pupil number changes and other cost pressures facing schools;
- De-delegation of Services;
- allocation of the DSG;
- the Schools Funding Formula for 2015/16 for submission to the Education Funding Agency; and
- changes to the Early Years Funding Formula for 2015/16.

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

The allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant as proposed by the Schools Forum at its meeting on 16th January, 2015, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

53. TRANSFER OF 0-5 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Director of Public Health submitted a report which sought approval for proposals regarding the transfer of commissioning of 0-5 public health services to the Local Authority.

The report updated the Executive Member on the national process for transferring the commissioning responsibilities for 0-5 Public Health services to local authorities in October, 2015, advised on the contractual and financial aspects of the transfer and sought approval for the proposed contractual arrangements for Bolton Council from 1st October, 2015.

The report advised that notification of the proposed allocations to local authorities was made in December, 2014. The Bolton contract would transfer at the full current contract value held by NHS England for both the Health Visiting and the Family Nurse Partnership Services including a 2.5% CQUIN and an additional recurrent £30,000 for commissioning support. Bolton's funding amounted to £5,670,000 per annum.

It was proposed that local authorities accept novation of the standard NHS Contract from 1st October, 2015. Given the high performance of the current services, extensive transformation agenda and current pressures on commissioning capacity, the Public Health Management Team proposed that the transferred contract should run from 1st October, 2015 to 31st March, 2017. This was consistent with the current contract term with the provider.

Details of the service specification were also provided in the report.

In order to ensure stability for the provider and give assurances regarding contract continuation beyond 1st October, 2015, it

was expected that each Local Authority would sign the contact and deed of novation agreement by mid-February, 2015.

**Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Public Health, the Executive Cabinet Member
APPROVED –**

- (i) The adoption of the 2015/16 NHS Standard Contract for 0-5 Public Health Services, including a Deed of Novation to the Local Authority from 1st October, 2015;**
- (ii) The signing of the Contract by the Council before the end of March, 2015 in line with the NHS Standard Contracting procedures, adopting the approach agreed across Greater Manchester; and**
- (iii) The proposed Contract term from 1st October, 2015 to March, 2017.**

**54. CHILDREN'S AND ADULT SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT
QUARTER THREE 2014/15**

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which updated the Executive Cabinet Member on the latest performance regarding Children's and Adult Services and Public Health.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

**55. CHILDREN'S, ADULTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES – FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT
QUARTER THREE – 2014/15**

A joint report of the Director of Children's and Adult Services and the Borough Treasurer was submitted which outlined the latest financial position relating to the Children's and Adult Services and Public Health Services as at Quarter Three of the 2014/15 Financial Year.

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With regard to revenue expenditure, the revenue outturn position for the Local Authority Block was expected to be greater than the available budget by £465,000.

Revenue expenditure for the Dedicated Schools Grant was projected to be £382,000 greater than the grant available.

Public Health expenditure was expected to be £18.6m at 31st March, 2015 which was less than the grant expected to be received by £160,000.

Capital expenditure at the end of March, 2015 was estimated to be £12.7m against a programme of £16.4m. The change was due primarily to slippage of schemes into 2016/17. Expenditure at Quarter Three was £7.5m.

Balances were expected to be £40m at 31st March, 2015 which was a reduction of £9.2m due to use of schools balances, funding of the current years capital programme and the estimated revenue outturn position.

The Executive Member NOTED the financial position as at 31st December, 2014.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and reports in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 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.

56. INDEPENDENT TRAVEL TRAINING SCHEME REVIEW

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which provided an update on the progress of the Independent Travel Training Scheme for children with special educational needs and put forward proposals for its future continuation.

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The report reminded the Executive Cabinet Member that the scheme had been introduced in November, 2011 as a pilot scheme for three years to provide Independent Travel Training for children with special educational needs.

In this regard, the report provided an update on activity over the period of the pilot and put forward suggestions for its future continuation due to its success. To date, over 48 children had completed the programme and a further 16 were currently either being trained or on the waiting list.

The report proposed the continued operation of the Scheme and outlined the arrangements for re-letting the Contract for a further three years.

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

The continuation of the Scheme for a further three years on the basis outlined in Paragraph 4 of the report now submitted.