

EXTRACT

DEPUTY LEADER

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

MONDAY, 6TH JULY, 2015

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

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| Councillor Mrs Thomas | - | Executive Cabinet Member – Deputy Leader |
| Councillor McKeon | - | Executive Member (Education and Schools) |
| Councillor Cunliffe | - | Executive Member (Public Health and Safeguarding Children) |
| Councillor A. Ibrahim | - | Executive Member (Adult Safeguarding and Adults Social Care) |
| Councillor Greenhalgh | - | Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Mrs Fairclough | - | Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Martin | - | Minor Opposition Spokesperson |

Officers

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| Mr J. Livesey | - | Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Ms W. Meredith | - | Director of Public Health |

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| Ms R. Tanner | - Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Mr T. Birch | - Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Mr D. Smith | Acting Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Ms J. Edwards | - Schools Finance Manager |
| Mrs S. Bailey | - Principal Democratic Services Officer |

8. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE 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.

9. PROPOSED EDUCATION PROVISION FOR HORWICH LOCO WORKS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (RIVINGTON CHASE)

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which sought approval to the proposed expansion and rebuilding of Chorley New Road CP School as part of the initial provision of extra school places in Horwich.

The report advised the Executive Cabinet Member that the extra school places in Horwich would be required as a result of the proposed residential development of the Horwich Loco Works site.

The report outlined various options to create additional places including:

- Expansion of an existing school;
- Building of a new school with 2 form entry and Planned Admission Number of 60;

- Building a replacement school larger in lieu of an existing smaller school and the expansion of existing schools where possible.

The report discussed the advantages and disadvantages of all options and discussed the existing schools in the area and the practicalities and options for each. The report concluded that Chorley New Road Primary School offered the only possibility of being rebuilt on its existing site at a larger size, creating additional pupil places. In addition, it was located almost adjacent to the proposed Horwich Loco Works residential development site which would make it suitably convenient for access to families and their children from the development.

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

- (i) The instruction of consultants to investigate and report on the possibility of building a new 2 form entry primary school on the site of the existing Chorley New Road CP School; and
- (ii) That officers begin a consultation process to increase the Planned Admission Number at Chorley New Road CP School from 45 to 60 to offer 2 form entry provision.

11. CHILDREN’S, ADULTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER FOUR 2014/15

A joint report of the Acting Director of Children’s and Adult Services, the Director of Public Health and the Borough Treasurer was submitted which updated the Executive Cabinet Member on the latest performance information in relation to the Children’s, Adults and Public Health Department, as at Quarter Four 2014/15.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

16. PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF NURSERY SCHOOLS AND PROVISION FOR EARLY YEARS CHILDREN WITH HIGH NEEDS SEN AND DISABILITY

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which outlined proposals to review the future of nursery schools and provision for Early Years children with high needs SEN and disability.

The report outlined the current challenges being faced by nurseries since the national school funding reforms and outlined proposals to review current provision in Bolton to ensure there was a sustainable model in place.

The report went on to provide details of the review of mainstream nursery school provision and an additional review of resourced places for pre-school children with SEND. This included a review of the organisation and funding for those places and the proposed development of a separately funded school-led specialist pre-school Hub and Spoke model.

In this regard, the report went on to put forward a set of proposals which had been developed to ensure a future sustainable model for nursery schools in Bolton and a clear role for the nursery schools in the future provision of Early Years SEND support.

Details of proposed timescales and for the formal consultation process on the proposals were also provided in the report.

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

The proposals for the future of nursery schools and provision for Early Years children with SEN and disability on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

**17. PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL TEACHING
ACCOMMODATION AT BOLTON ST CATHERINE'S
CE ACADEMY**

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which sought approval for the provision of additional teaching accommodation at Bolton St Catherine's CE Academy.

The report reminded the Executive Cabinet Member that following requests from the Local Authority in September, 2013 and September, 2014, Bolton St Catherine's CE Academy had admitted an extra reception class group in each of these years due to the high demand for intake of places in the Brightmet area. The School has been able to accommodate the extra class in 2013 utilising its recently created extra teaching space but as a consequence lost its specialist teaching room. In 2014, it had accommodated the additional class because of the way it was incorporated into the School's Foundation Stage Unit which operated across both nursery and reception classes.

In this regard, the report advised that whilst the situation had been satisfactorily maintained for the present academic year 2014/15, it could not be sustained.

The report went on to outline options to enable two new classrooms to be provided which would enable the school to return to its original position. A full evaluation of each option was provided in the report.

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

The authorisation of officers to continue to develop options 2 and 3 detailed in the report now submitted with the School and, depending on further detailed design work, to agree to the funding of the preferred solution using the Local Authority's Basic Need Allocation.

**18. SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES PROPOSALS –
INTEGRATION OF SPORTS AND ACTIVE LIVING AND
OUTDOOR LEARNING AND ADVENTURE TEAMS**

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which put forward proposals to integrate the Sports and Active Living and Outdoor Learning and Adventure Teams in order to achieve more joined up service delivery and to achieve savings.

The report provided details in relation to the existing and proposed structures and outlined the associated timescales for consultation.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Resources at his meeting on 6th July, 2015.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED, subject to the approval of the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Resources –

The report now submitted, for consultation purposes with trades unions, staff and stakeholders.

**19. YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM AND TARGETED YOUTH
SUPPORT – SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES
PROPOSALS**

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which outlined proposals to integrate the Youth Offending and Targeted Youth Support Teams in order to achieve a more joined up service delivery and achieve savings.

The report provided details in relation to the existing staffing structure and associated budgets and outlined the proposed timescales for consultation.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Resources at his meeting on 6th July, 2015.

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The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED, subject to the approval of the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Resources –

The report now submitted, for consultation purposes with trades unions, staff and stakeholders.