

SCHOOLS

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Schools on:-

TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 2007

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

Councillor Kay	Executive Member for Schools
Councillor Mrs. Thomas	Executive Member for Children's Services
Councillor A. Wilkinson	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Ms. M. Asquith	Director of Children's Services
Ms. L. Jones	Assistant Director, Children and Families
Ms. C. Davies	Head of Finance, Children's Services
Miss K. Treadwell	Democratic Services Officer

35. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which contained information related to decisions taken at previous Executive Member meetings.

The Executive Member for Schools NOTED the progress on the decisions previously taken, as detailed in the Appendix.

URGENT ITEMS

In accordance with the Local Authority's (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information Regulations 2000), the Chair of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee agreed that the following two items were urgent and could

not reasonably await consideration until the next meeting of the Executive Member for Schools.

36. EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report which gave details of the Education Capital Programme and provided the details behind the figures relating to schools.

The report included the recommendations of the Project Prioritisation Panel to the funding of the projects through the Asset Management Priorities Programme (AMP) and the increased allocation of Local Authority funding of £1.27 million. In addition, major kitchen refurbishment and other improvement schemes had been identified by the School Meals Service and agreed with Children's Services.

The report went on to outline the proposed extension to St Saviours CE Primary School. The proposed extension was intended to provide improved accommodation for existing children but not to allow an increase in pupil numbers. An estimated £150,000 would be contributed to this scheme (estimated to cost a total of £400,000) from Section 106 funding. In addition to this, it was also proposed that Harper Green School would receive the remaining £300,000 from the funding towards an extension for improved accommodation.

The report informed the Executive Member that two bids for the Targeted Capital Funds for Federations (TCF) had been made in December, 2006. The bid for funding towards the new build at The Orchards Primary School was not successful, but the bid for ICT equipment for The Brook Learning Partnership was successful providing £185,000 towards a £265,000 project.

Furthermore, the £15 million project to partially replace Hayward Secondary School, was progressing with work underway on the design which would provide a new building on what was currently the college site. The rest of the school building would be demolished.

The Executive Member for Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Schools NOTED the new Targeted Capital Funds for Federations and the progress made with the development at Hayward School and APPROVED:-

- (i) The Education Capital Programme for 2007/08 as now detailed, including the use of the Capital Advance;**
- (ii) The funding of projects included in the included in the Asset Management Priorities Programme and the increased allocation of Local Authority funding of £1.27 million;**
- (iii) The part funding of the extension to St Saviour CE Primary by the Local Authority, in the sum of £150,000; and**
- (iv) The allocation of Section 106 funding for education to extensions at St Saviours CE Primary School and Harper Green Secondary School.**

37. YOUTH OPPORTUNITY CARD PILOT SCHEME

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report which updated the Executive Member with respect to the Youth Opportunity Pilot and sought reconfirmation of Bolton's commitment to the scheme.

The Executive Member for Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Schools NOTED that the item was withdrawn.