

CABINET MEMBER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND CULTURE
17th January, 2012

Present:- Councillor Rushforth (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews and Dalton.

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Sangster.

F45. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2011

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Lifelong Learning and Culture held on 20th December, 2011.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th December, 2011, be signed as a true record.

F46. EXPANSION OF THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Further to Minute No. 15 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Lifelong Learning and Culture held on 6th September, 2011, consideration was given to a report presented by the Service Leader of the School Admissions, Organisation and SEN Assessment Service concerning the proposals to expand the Thornhill Primary School. The report stated that the Statutory Notice Period had lasted from 18th November until 16th December 2011 and, in the absence of any objections, the matter could now be determined by the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture.

The report also included details of the funding of the proposed construction works.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and it's contents noted.

(2) That, in the absence of any formal objections, the proposal to expand the current admission number at Thornhill Primary School from 30 to 45 pupils per statutory year group (increasing the School's overall capacity from 210 to 315 pupils), with effect from 1st September, 2012, be approved.

(3) That the Secretary of State for Education be informed accordingly of this proposal, by the School Admissions, Organisation and SEN Assessment Service.

F47. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: - That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act (as amended March, 2006 - information relating to finance and business affairs).

F48. ROTHERHAM NHS FOUNDATION TRUST - HOSPITAL LIBRARY SERVICE

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Library and Information Service Manager, concerning the partnership arrangement between the

Borough Council's Library and Information Service and the Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, whereby the Council manages the Hospital Library staff on behalf of the Trust. The report stated that discussions had been taking place with the Trust about future options for the hospital library service. The Trust had now served formal notice to terminate the present arrangement on 31st March, 2012.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the Council agrees to terminate the present partnership arrangement for the Hospital Library with Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust on 31st March, 2012;

(3) That all staff currently covered by the partnership arrangement are TUPE transferred to Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust as of 1st April 2012;

(4) That appropriate action be taken to ensure that the Council continues to pursue future health partnerships around health information, reading and health issues, in line with the public health agenda and the Health and Well-Being Strategy.

F49. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Lifelong Learning and Culture be held on Tuesday, 7th February, 2012, at 10.00 a.m. at the Town Hall, Rotherham.