

**THE CABINET**  
**3rd October, 2012**

Present:- Councillor Stone (in the Chair); Councillors Akhtar, Lakin, McNeely, R. S. Russell and Smith.

Also in attendance Councillor Whelbourn (Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Doyle, Hussain, Rushforth and Wyatt.

**C65            QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**C66            MEMBERS' TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL**

Councillor Akhtar, Deputy Leader, introduced the minutes of the Members' Training and Development Panel held on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2012.

Reference was made to the positive evaluation feedback following the induction programme for newly elected Members and the arrangements being made for the media skills and awareness training as part of the wider Member Development Programme.

Resolved:- That the minutes be received and the contents noted.

**C67            PROPOSAL FOR A STRATEGIC APPROACH IN RESPONSE TO THE DfE SEN GREEN PAPER 'SUPPORT AND ASPIRATIONS: A NEW APPROACH TO SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY'**

Further to Minute No. 33 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young people and Families Services,, held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, Councillor Lakin, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families Services, introduced a report by the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services, which detailed how a Children and Families Bill was to be introduced early in 2013. This Bill followed the biggest Special Educational Needs (SEN) reforms for thirty years as set out in the DfE SEN Green Paper, 'Support and Aspirations; a New Approach to Special Educational Needs and Disability'.

The proposal was to have a change management programme and project management approach to deliver the requirements of the Act with a project group being set up as an overarching body to take forward the work. Membership would be drawn from key stakeholders including parents and carers. The group would report into the Children, Young People and Families Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The key areas for change were set out in detail as part of the report and it was noted that there were a number of pathfinder pilots to take forward the proposed changes and test the core elements of reform.

The key risks to the Council relating to this response centred around the

requirements of the Green Paper and subsequent Children and Families Bill not being delivered unless a robust change management programme and project management approach was adopted, that unless the key issues of capacity, financial implications, workforce training and cultural shift, market stimulation and joint commissioning were included in a change management approach there was a risk that Rotherham's disabled children and families would not receive the highest quality of service along with improved outcomes and that the introduction of personal budgets for disabled children and their families may mean that service users choose not to use in-house provision and long term commissioned services resulting in reduced sustainability.

Cabinet Members noted the report and suggested that reporting lines into the Children, Young People and Families Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board to avoid any duplication.

Resolved:- (1) That the proposal for a change management programme and project management approach to respond to the requirements of the DfE SEN Green Paper, 'Support and Aspirations; a New Approach to Special Educational Needs and Disability' be approved.

(2) That further reports be submitted on the progress and outcomes of the change management project.

**[THE CHAIRMAN AUTHORISED CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO PROCESS THE URGENT MATTERS REFERRED TO]**

**C68 INTERIM WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT WITH STERECYCLE**

Councillor R. S. Russell, Cabinet Member for Waste and Emergency Planning, introduced a report by the Strategic Director of Environment and Development Services, which provided an update on the current position with regards to the interim waste management contract with Sterecycle.

The report set out in detail the current position and the continuation of information discussions with a number of parties. A report would be submitted to the Cabinet to consider an interim solution in due course.

Resolved:- That the position regarding the interim waste management contact with Sterecycle be noted.

**C69 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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 relates to finance and business affairs).

**C70 USE OF RESOURCES AT ULLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE**

Further to Minute No. 37 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families Services, held on 19th September, 2012, Councillor Lakin, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families Services, introduced a report by the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services, which detailed a request for an agreement be entered in to with Wickersley School and Sports College in relation to the use of resources located at Ulley Activity Centre. The agreement would enable the provision to be retained for the benefit of young people within Rotherham.

The financial information and risks and uncertainties associated with this lease request were set out in detail as part of the report.

Cabinet Members were mindful that the agreement with Wickersley School would reduce the financial burden on the Council and suggested that consideration be given to extending more community use of the facility and that all Head Teachers be asked to consider using other watersports facilities such as the one at Rother Valley Country Park.

Resolved:- That the request for the water sports equipment (to be specified in an agreed inventory) currently kept at Ulley Activity Centre be used by Wickersley School and Sports College, as part of an agreement Wickersley School wish to enter in to with Environment and Development Services regarding leasing the building as outlined in the report, be approved.

**C71 YORBUILD EMPLOYMENT AND YORFUTURE**

Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development, introduced a report by the Strategic Director of Environment and Development Services, which described the success of providing employment and skills outputs by using the YORbuild contractors' framework and referred to proposals for the creation of the YORfuture Shared Apprenticeship Service to work with projects procured through YORbuild, YORcivil and YORConsult frameworks.

Further information was provided on the current proposal to set up a YORfuture, a demand-led Shared Apprenticeship Service and how it was proposed that the operating model would work.

The financial information and risks and uncertainties associated with this proposal were set out in detail as part of the report.

Cabinet Members sought clarification on the project management and the current remuneration packages available to those people on apprenticeship schemes and assurances sought that health and safety practices were in line with those adopted by the Council.

Resolved:- (1) That the success of delivering employment and skills outputs by using YORbuild be noted.

(2) That Rotherham continue to take part in YORfuture and the entering into appropriate legal agreements be approved.