

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
Wednesday, 28th April, 2010

Present:- Councillor S. Wright (in the Chair); and Councillor Havenhand.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Currie and Tweed.

D167. CABINET MEMBER

Councillor Shaun Wright informed everyone that this was his last meeting as Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services. Councillor Wright paid tribute to the support he had received from Councillor Jane Havenhand (Senior Adviser), Councillor Simon Currie (Adviser) and Councillor Simon Tweed (Adviser) during his time as Cabinet Member.

In addition, Councillor Wright paid tribute to the support provided by Mrs Joyce Thacker (Strategic Director) and all staff of the Children and Young People's Services' Directorate during the past five years.

The Councillors and Officers present also expressed their appreciation of Councillor Wright's work as Cabinet Member and wished him well in his future roles with the Council.

D168. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7TH APRIL, 2010 AND ON 20TH APRIL, 2010

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meetings held on 7th April, 2010 and on 20th April, 2010 be approved as correct records.

D169. PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF THE MALTBY CRAGS INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

Further to Minute No. 132 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services held on 24th February, 2010, consideration was given to a report presented by the School Organisation, Planning and Development Manager detailing the outcome of the pre-statutory consultation process on the proposed amalgamation of the Maltby Craggs Infant School and the Maltby Craggs Junior School. The report stated that the amalgamation would be achieved by the closure of the Junior School and the expansion and change of age range of the Infant School from 3 - 7 years to 3 – 11 years. The new School would have 420 places (Reception to Year 6) with a Nursery Unit of up to 78 places, which is the same as the combined number of the two existing schools and an admission number of 60 pupils. The School also incorporates the 'Stepping Stones' Children Centre. It was proposed that the amalgamation would take effect at the beginning of the 2010/2011 academic year in September, 2010.

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

(2) That the statutory consultation take place on the proposal to amalgamate the Maltby Craggs Infant School and the Maltby Craggs Junior School, as described and in accordance with timetable contained in the report now submitted.

(3) That a further report, detailing the outcome of the formal statutory consultation process, be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services.

D170. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE PROJECT BOARD HELD ON 23RD MARCH, 2010

Consideration was given to the contents of the minutes of the meeting of the Building Schools for the Future Project Board, held on 23rd March, 2010.

Resolved:- That the contents of the minutes be noted.

D171. 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 1972 as amended (information relating to financial or business affairs).

D172. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ADOPTIVE PARENTS TO ALLOW SIBLINGS TO BE PLACED TOGETHER

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Looked After Children Service Manager concerning an application from a couple who are adoptive parents, for financial assistance from the Council to enable them to be considered as prospective adopters for the younger sibling of their adopted daughter. The application was being made and considered in accordance with the provisions of the Adoption Support Services (Local Authority) (England) Regulations 2003.

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

(2) That the application be approved and financial support be provided to the prospective adopters as detailed in the report now submitted.