

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
7th July, 2010

Present:- Councillor Lakin (in the Chair) and Councillor Currie.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Havenhand, License and G. A. Russell.

D24. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 22ND JUNE, 2010 AND ON 23RD JUNE, 2010

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meetings held on 22nd and 23rd June, 2010 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

D25. AMALGAMATION OF THE MALTBY CRAGS INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

Further to Minute No. 169 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Young People's Services held on 28th April, 2010, consideration was given to a report presented by the Programme Director (BSF) stating that there have been no objections to the proposed amalgamation of the Maltby Craggs Infant School and the Maltby Craggs Junior School.

Discussion ensued on the proposed leadership of the amalgamated schools and the potential timeline of inspections by Ofsted.

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

(2) That, in the absence of any formal objections, the Borough Council determines the proposal to amalgamate the Maltby Craggs Infant and the Maltby Craggs Junior Schools by the closure of the Junior School and the expansion and change of age range of the Infant School.

(3) That the Secretary of State for Education be informed accordingly.

D26. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2007-2010 - PROGRESS UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Policy and Planning Research Manager, which summarised progress against the commitments within the Children and Young People's Plan 2007-2010. Quarterly progress reports were collated for each commitment outlined in the Children and Young People's Plan 2007-2010. Previous progress reports showed significant progress having been achieved across the Children and Young People's Service and with the Council's partners in relation to the commitments agreed within the Children and Young People's Plan.

It was noted that the report provided the details of the current progress, supporting data and the status of each of the outstanding commitments within the Children and Young People's Plan as at the end of March ,2010, but with previously completed commitments not being included.

In summary the status of all the Children and Young People's Plan commitments showed five as Green, eleven as Amber, four as Red with sixty-one commitments completed.

Commitments that remained at red status were:-

- Continue to reduce the rate of under 18 conceptions by implementing of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy.
- Reduce the incidence of offending of Looked After Children by monitoring protocols of behaviour intervention in Children's Units and improve timeliness of multi-agency risk assessments.
- Target service to enable families to develop effective communication and integration into the community.
- Establish a data set to plan future resources and support (linked to above point).

It was also noted that this was the final update on the commitments contained within the Children and Young People's Plan 2007-2010 and that commitments that were still relevant had been included in the Action Plan for the new Children and Young People's Plan 2010-2013.

The importance of monitoring the relevant areas in the ongoing plan was emphasised to ensure the high priorities for children and young people were delivered.

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

D27. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES - RISK MANAGEMENT

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Risk and Regulation Manager which set out details of the comprehensive review of risks within Children and Young People's Services undertaken during January, 2010 following on from the Department for Education's Notice to Improve and the subsequent review of the Directorate and restructuring.

All Children and Young People's Services' risks were evaluated on RisGen (the Council's current risk management monitoring system) and reviewed and realigned during a workshop to reflect the new structure within the Directorate, the Business Plan and its priorities. It was noted, however, that a new risk management monitoring system would come on stream from September, 2010 onwards.

Risks at Strategic Leadership Team level were reviewed quarterly and a progress report was provided to them and the relevant Scrutiny Panel.

Risks at Children and Young People's Services level were reviewed quarterly with the appropriate Action Managers and information updated on RisGen to reflect the latest position. Action Managers were asked to provide details of any new or emerging risks for inclusion on the system. This was reported to the Directorate Leadership Team also on a quarterly basis.

Discussion ensued on various elements of risks particularly those related to Machinery of Government in relation to planning and funding for 14-19 year olds, mitigation of the red risks and their ongoing management action to improve their status, the need for a direction of travel of risk to be identified on future reports, plans for a workshop before the next Children's Board and the risks associated with the news about the BSF Programme.

It was suggested that further information be sought on the impacts and risks associated with the funding withdrawal for the BSF Programme and the effects this may have in the medium to longer term with consideration as to whether this formed part of the business case and how this may affect the proposed academy provision at Maltby.

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

(2) That the current position with regard to risk management activity within Children and Young People's Services, as now reported, be noted.

(3) That the frequency of formal reporting to this meeting continue to be on a quarterly basis in line with that done corporately.

D28. MEMBERSHIP OF SUB-GROUPS, WORKING PARTIES, PANELS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES ETC. FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010-2011

Consideration was given to the appointment of Councillors to represent the Council on various sub-groups, panels and forums for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

Resolved:- That the following appointments for 2010/2011 be approved, together with attendance at relevant meetings, seminars and conferences pertaining to the work of the committee/group/organisation shown:-

- (i) Adoption Panel
Councillors Falvey, Havenhand and Sharman
- (ii) Fostering Panel

- VACANT (New representative required)
- (iii) Redbarn Rowan Management Group
Councillor Burton and Falvey
 - (iv) Rotherham Partnership (Lifelong Learning Partnership Spoke)
Councillor Lakin
 - (v) Rotherham Partnership (Lifelong Learning Theme Board)
Councillor Currie
 - (vi) Rotherham Schools Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Partnership Board
VACANT (New representative required)
 - (vii) Rotherham Holiday Aid
Councillors Havenhand and Tweed
 - (viii) Rotherham Children and Young People's Board
Councillor Lakin
 - (ix) Safeguarding Children Board
Councillor Lakin
 - (x) Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Councillors Burton and Lakin
 - (xi) Local Admissions Forum
Councillors Barron, Havenhand and VACANT (New representative required)
 - (xii) Visits to Children's Establishments
Evenings at 6.00 p.m. – dates to be confirmed
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services together with Advisers, who attend in rotation
Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel
Ward Councillor
 - (xiii) Education Consultative Committee
Leader and Deputy Leader
Cabinet Member and Advisers, Children and Young People's Services - Councillor Lakin
Chairman of the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee - Councillor Whelbourn
Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel – Councillor G. A. Russell
 - (xiv) Rotherham Schools Forum
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services –

- Councillor Lakin
Chairman of Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel –
Councillor G. A. Russell
- (xv) Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
Councillors Sharman, Ali, Hussain and Littleboy (substitute
Councillor Tweed)
- (xvi) Hospital Teaching and Home Tuition Service
VACANT (New representative required)
- (xvii) Transport (Education) Appeals Panel
Councillors Dodson, Gosling, Hodgkiss, Rushforth and
Whelbourn
- (xviii) Rotherham College of Arts and Technology Board
Councillor License and Mrs. Joyce Thacker
- (xix) Thomas Rotherham College Board
Councillor Barron
- (xx) Children's Locality Safeguarding Champions
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| Rotherham North | Councillor Barron |
| Rotherham South | Councillor McNeely |
| Rother Valley South | Councillor Havenhand |
| Rother Valley West | Councillor Austen |
| Wentworth North | Councillor Doyle |
| Wentworth South | Councillor G. A. Russell |
| Wentworth Valley | Councillor Rushforth |
- (xxi) Recycling Group
Councillors Falvey and Havenhand
- (xxii) Local Authority Governors Panel
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services –
Councillor Lakin
and Councillors Currie, Havenhand, Littleboy and Tweed
- (xxiii) 14 to 19 Board
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services –
Councillor Lakin
- (xxiv) Imagination Library Board
Councillors Lakin and Rushforth
Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services
Director of Learning Services
- (xxv) Inspire Rotherham Board

- Councillor Lakin
- (xxvi) 2012 Legacy Project Board
Councillor Lakin
 - (xxvii) Building Schools for the Future Project Board
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services –
Councillor Lakin
Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and
Transportation – Councillor Smith
Chair of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel –
Councillor G. A. Russell
 - (xxviii) Yorkshire and Humberside Children and Young People Lead
Member Network
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services –
Councillor Lakin
(substitute: Chair of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny
Panel – Councillor G. A. Russell)
 - (xxix) ABLE Project Steering Group
Councillors Pickering, McNeely, Whelbourn and Wyatt
 - (xxx) Family Intervention Project Steering Group
Councillor Burton
 - (xxxi) Yorkshire and Humberside Grid For Learning – Foundation
Committee
Mrs Sue Wilson, Performance and Quality Manager, Children and
Young People's Services
 - (xxxii) Wales Education Foundation
Councillors Sharp and Whysall

**(THE CHAIRMAN AUTHORISED CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM
IN ORDER TO PROGRESS A TIMETABLE FOR VISITS.)**

D29. CHILDREN'S HOMES

Consideration was given to reports that detailed the statement and purpose of the residential children's homes in Rotherham and the provision.

It was anticipated that the visiting arrangements for the children's homes would continue at dates/times to be agreed by the Cabinet Member. However, in light of forthcoming inspections it was suggested that visits be expedited in the next week to the two venues on the Orchard Centre site and Goodwin Crescent mainstream establishment and that the Operations Manager (Provider Services) be responsible for contacting the

relevant Members.

The Cabinet Member pointed out the importance of Corporate Parenting and that all Members needed to take responsibility in this area. It was his intention to involve newly appointed Members to the Corporate Parenting Board in the visiting process whilst maintaining sensitivity to the needs of the young people whose homes would be visited.

It was also noted that every effort was being made to benchmark performance on inspection outcomes with statistical neighbours and this would continue to be managed once neighbouring authorities replied.

Resolved:- (1) That the arrangements for the visits to the children's homes identified for the following week be arranged.

(2) That a proposed monthly timetable be developed in conjunction with the Cabinet Member.

D30. 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 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended (information relating to consultations about labour relations matters).

D31. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH JUNE, 2010 (COPY ATTACHED)

Resolved:- That the contents of the minutes of the meeting of the Education Consultative Committee, held on 17th June, 2010, be noted.