

**CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFEGUARDING AND DEVELOPING LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, 9th March, 2011**

Present:- Councillor Lakin

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Currie, Havenhand and Sangster.

D125. RETIREMENT OF MRS. JULIE WESTWOOD

Members were informed that Mrs. Julie Westwood, Director of Resources, Planning and Performance, would be retiring on 31st March 2011. Members placed on record their appreciation of Mrs. Westwood's services to the Council and wished her a long and happy retirement.

D126. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 2011

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd February, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

D127. NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES CONFERENCE - 'TOUGH TIMES, GOOD DECISIONS' - ICC LONDON EXCEL - 19TH TO 21ST OCTOBER, 2011

Resolved:- That Councillor Lakin be authorised to attend the above conference.

D128. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES - CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12 TO 2013/14

Further to Minute No. 105 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Safeguarding and Developing Learning Opportunities for Children held on 19th January, 2011, consideration was given to a report presented by the Capital Projects Officer concerning the announcements of capital allocations, made by the Department for Education during December, 2010. There was a significant reduction in the allocation to Rotherham, when compared with previous years (ie: £17,400,863 for 2010/11 compared to £8,233,139 for 2011/12).

The report stated that the Department for Education has indicated that the level of funding will be comparable for the spending review period of three years and, with the carry forward of 2010/11 monies, there is a substantial allocation to be spent on Rotherham schools.

This report indicated the levels of funding and the proposed schools' capital projects from 2011/12 to 2013/14.

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

(2) That the schools' capital projects, as detailed in the report now

submitted, be supported.

**D129. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES - REVENUE BUDGET
MONITORING 2010/2011**

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Finance Manager providing details of expenditure, income and the net budget position for the Children and Young People's Services Directorate, compared to the profiled budgets for the period ending on 31st January 2011 and the projected year end outturn position for the 2010/11 financial year. Currently, the Directorate is forecasting a balanced outturn.

Members noted the continuing pressures upon the budget for Looked After Children.

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

D130. 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 Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended [information relating to financial or business affairs of both the Local Authority and private sector contractors].

D131. EDUCATION CATERING SERVICE

Consideration of this item was deferred pending receipt of further information.

D132. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FOSTER CARERS

Further to Minute No. 89 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Safeguarding and Developing Learning Opportunities for Children held on 1st December, 2010, consideration was given to a report concerning the Council's decision to provide financial support to a Rotherham couple who are guardians of a child, enabling them to alter their home and provide a bedroom for the child referred to in the report. The report stated that a further application has been received from the couple, because they have been advised that the originally-envisaged loft conversion is not possible and that a single storey bedroom extension is required.

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

(2) That consideration of this matter be deferred pending receipt of further details about the costs of the proposed construction project.