

**CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFEGUARDING AND DEVELOPING LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN****15th March, 2011**

Present:- Councillor Lakin

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Currie and Havenhand.

D133. 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).

D134. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Further to Minute No. 132 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Safeguarding and Developing Learning Opportunities for Children held on 9th March, 2011, 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.

Details of the three quotations received for the proposed building work were appended to the report submitted.

During consideration of this item, it was noted that the local authority's procedures in respect of financial assistance for this type of building alteration were currently being reviewed and a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Safeguarding and Developing Learning Opportunities for Children.

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

(2) That, subject to the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services being satisfied with the further detailed scrutiny of the quotation from the company (now identified), the quotation now submitted be accepted in respect of this proposed construction project and the necessary financial assistance be provided to the family concerned, up to a maximum amount equivalent to the value of this tender.