

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES'
SERVICES
22nd May, 2013**

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

D1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest to record.

D2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 24TH APRIL, 2013.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services held on 24th April, 2013, were considered.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record for signature by the Cabinet Member.

D3. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES' PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 20TH MARCH, 2013.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Children, Young People and Families' Partnership held on 20th March, 2013, were considered.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting be noted.

D4. PROPOSED EXPANSION OF DALTON LISTERDALE JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL.

Minute No. D91 (Proposal to increase the Admission Number on a temporary basis at Dalton Listerdale Junior and Infant School until 31st August, 2016) of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services held on 13th March, 2013 gave permission to increase the Published Admission Number in the School's Foundation Stage 2 Class from September, 2013, and in each subsequent Foundation Stage 2 Class thereafter until August, 2016. Consideration was now given to the report that provided an update on this position.

The Principal Officer for the School Organisation, Admissions and Special Educational Needs Assessment Services (Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services) reported that the planning application related to the expansion had not been unsuccessful as it impacted on Green Belt designated land. The report requested that the decision recorded at Minute No. D91 be rescinded as the proposal was no longer viable.

The report submitted contained a new proposal to permanently increase the Published Admission Number at Dalton Listerdale Junior and Infant

School from September, 2014, in the Foundation Stage 2 Class from 30 to 45 children, and in each Foundation Stage 2 Class thereafter, and to enter into the pre-statutory consultation phase with stakeholders on this.

The school's current net capacity would be increased from 210 to 315 by the addition of 4 additional permanent teaching and learning spaces. The school would be expanded in order to accommodate an eventual 45 children per statutory year group ($45 \times 7 = 315$ places) rather than its current capacity of $30 \times 7 = 210$ places.

The school currently accommodated 30 Foundation Stage 1 (nursery) part-time places (15 full-time equivalent places) and it is proposed to increase the number to 46 Foundation Stage 1 part-time places (23 full-time equivalent places). The local impact had been assessed by the Early Years' Service within Children and Young People's Services.

The report noted that a full consultation process would be required to be undertaken with stakeholders in relation to the permanent increase in Published Admission Number. The likely timetable for this process was included in the submitted report.

It was noted that the capital cost of the building project was estimated to be £650,000 for the creation of four additional teaching and learning spaces, and other associated space requirements at the School. Funding would be provided through the Department for Education's Basic Need funding, which existed to ensure the provision of sufficient school places.

There would be a requirement for the School to recruit additional teaching and non-teaching staff. Funding for this would come from the additional pupils on roll and be part of the School's annual budget. However, during the first year of operation, 2014/15, the School's budget would be allocated for the 2013/14 financial year and would not be based on the additional numbers that would be on roll from September, 2014. Therefore, additional funding would be requested from the Rotherham Schools' Forum, from the Contingency for Pupil Growth Fund, for 7/12th funding from the pupil growth budget until the School's 2015/16 funding allocation was received in April, 2015.

Discussion ensued on the proposal. The Cabinet Member asked questions and received information in relation to the Admission process for children joining the School from September, 2013. It was noted that where all catchment area children had expressed a preference for Dalton Listerdale they had secured a place.

Resolved: - (1) That the decision recorded at Minute No. D91 of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services held on 13th March, 2013, in relation to temporarily increasing the Published Admission Number at Dalton Listerdale Junior and Infant School from 30 to 45 in the Foundation Stage 2 Class until 31st August, 2016, be rescinded.

(2) That the proposal to increase the Published Admission Number at Dalton Listerdale Junior and Infant School on a permanent basis from 30 to 45 in the Foundation Stage Two Class on 1st September, 2014, and in each Foundation Stage 2 Class thereafter through the addition of four classrooms be approved and pre-statutory consultation be entered into.

(3) That a further report be presented to the Cabinet Member outlining the outcomes of the pre-statutory consultation phase.

D5. PROPOSED EXPANSION OF WATH C OF E JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL.

The Principal Officer for the School Organisation, Admissions and Special Educational Needs Assessment Services (Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services) introduced a report that outlined rising pupil numbers in the Wath and surrounding areas of the Borough. Wath Church of England Junior and Infant School was a popular and over-subscribed School that regularly operated a Waiting List of 15-20 pupils for entry into Foundation Stage 2 each Autumn Term.

The report submitted contained a new proposal to permanently increase the Published Admission Number at Wath Church of England Junior and Infant School from September, 2014, in the Foundation Stage 2 Class from 30 to 45 children, and in each Foundation Stage 2 Class thereafter. The report outlined the need to enter into the pre-statutory consultation phase with stakeholders on the proposal.

The school's current net capacity would be increased from 210 to 315 by the addition of 4 additional permanent teaching and learning spaces. The school would be expanded in order to accommodate an eventual 45 children per statutory year group ($45 \times 7 = 315$ places) rather than its current capacity of $30 \times 7 = 210$ places.

The report noted that a full consultation process would be required to be undertaken with stakeholders in relation to the permanent increase in Published Admission Number. The likely timetable for this process was included in the submitted report.

It was noted that the capital cost of the building project was estimated to be £1, 000,000 for the creation of four additional teaching and learning spaces, and other associated space requirements at the School. Funding would be provided through the Department for Education's Basic Need funding, which existed to ensure the provision of sufficient school places.

There would be a requirement for the School to recruit additional teaching and non-teaching staff. Funding for this would come from the additional pupils on roll and be part of the School's annual budget. However, during the first year of operation, 2014/15, the School's budget would be allocated for the 2013/14 financial year and would not be based on the

additional numbers that would be on roll from September, 2014. Therefore, additional funding would be requested from the Rotherham Schools' Forum, from the Contingency for Pupil Growth Fund, for 7/12th funding from the pupil growth budget until the School's 2015/16 funding allocation was received in April, 2015.

Discussion ensued on the proposal. The Cabinet Member asked for an update to be provided in relation to the school place capacity and demand for places in the 2014/15 academic year and where pressure points could exist for places across the Borough.

Resolved: - (1) That the proposal to increase the Published Admission Number at Wath Church of England Junior and Infant School on a permanent basis from 30 to 45 in the Foundation Stage Two Class on 1st September, 2014, and in each Foundation Stage 2 Class thereafter through the addition of four classrooms be approved.

(2) That a further report be presented to the Cabinet Member outlining the outcomes of the pre-statutory consultation phase.

D6. CYPS COMMISSIONING PRIORITIES.

Consideration was given to the report of the Strategic Commissioning Manager, Neighbourhood and Adult Services, and presented by the Operational Commissioner, that provided an outturn position in relation to commissioning activities undertaken during 2012/13, and outlined commissioning priorities for 2013/14.

Priorities for the coming year had been set in accordance with the Corporate Plan and Children and Young People's Services Directorate requirements, and the Children, Young People and Families' Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The submitted report noted the commissioning programmes that were due to be undertaken, the levels of budget that were associated with the areas, and the levels of efficiencies that the commissioning programme would seek to achieve.

Discussion followed on the information presented within the submitted report. The completion of the White Rose Contract was noted. A further report was requested to be submitted to the Cabinet that outlined the contract and the budget position relating to residential care provision for looked after children.

Resolved: - (1) That the outturn achieved against the Commissioning Priorities for 2013/14 be noted.

(2) That the proposals set out for the forthcoming commissioning year, 2013/14, be noted.

(3) That further reports be presented to the Cabinet Member in relation to progress throughout 2013/14.

D7. FURTHER EXTENSION TO MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS CONTRACT.

Minute No. D93 (Extension to Mental Health Support in Schools Contract) of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services held on 13th March, 2013, gave permission for the Exemption to the Council's Standing Orders so that the existing contract in respect to the provision of Mental Health Support in Schools could be extended for three-months to allow decisions in relation to the funding streams to be confirmed and the long-term future of the contract could be decided after the funding streams were known.

Consideration was given to the report of the Strategic Commissioning Manager and presented by the Operational Commissioner, Commissioning, Policy and Performance, Neighbourhood and Adult Services, that provided an update on the financial streams relating to the contract. The report requested an Exemption to Standing Order 48.1 (requirement to invite between 3 and 6 external quotations for contracts valued at £50,000 or more) so that the existing contract could be extended with Rotherham MIND for a further nine-month period to 31st March, 2014.

The submitted report noted that a budget allocation of £60, 000 had been made during 2013/14 for the service. The nine-month contract extension would cost £36, 250. The three-month extension had cost £23,750, which brought the contract's annual total to £60,000.

The submitted report noted the types of mental health provision provided by Rotherham MIND to young people through the contract.

Resolved: - That Standing Order 48.1 (requirement to invite between 3 and 6 external quotations for contracts valued at £50,000 or more) be agreed and the existing contract for the provision of Mental Health Support in Schools delivered by Rotherham MIND be extended for a period of nine-months to 31st March, 2014.

D8. RECEIPT OF A PETITION: ADDITIONAL RECEPTION CLASS AT WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The Cabinet Member received six letters that had been submitted by parents requesting that the Local Authority give consideration to providing a second Foundation Stage 2 Class at Wales Primary School. The letters were being treated as a petition and had been received at the Council meeting held on 17th May, 2013,

The Cabinet Member noted the concerns presented by the parents who had not secured a place at Wales Primary School during the normal

admissions round. He also noted that the families had the option of following the School Admission Appeal process, which was an independent process and was separate to the petition that had been received.

The Principal School Organisation, Admissions and Special Educational Needs Assessment Services Officer (Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services) provided an update in relation to the initial investigations that had followed receipt of the petition. Discussions had taken place with the School's Governing Body and the Private Sector Nursery provider on site to investigate possible options to respond to high parental preference for Wales Primary School.

Resolved: - (1) That receipt of 6 letters requesting that an additional Foundation Stage 2 Classroom be provided at Wales Primary School be noted.

(2) That the School Organisation, Admissions and Special Educational Needs Assessment Service investigate the request and report back to a future meeting of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services.

D9. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: -

Resolved: - That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services take place on Wednesday 19th June, 2013, to start at 9.00 am in the Rotherham Town Hall.