

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES'
SERVICES
11th December, 2013**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahmed and Beaumont

D67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

**D68. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 13TH NOVEMBER,
2013.**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services held on 13th November, 2013, were considered.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as an accurate record.

**D69. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE REVENUE BUDGET
MONITORING REPORT TO 31ST OCTOBER, 2013.**

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Finance Manager (Financial Services, Resources Directorate), which provided a financial forecast to 31st March, 2014, based on actual income and expenditure to 31st October, 2013.

Overall, the Directorate was projecting a £1.345million over-spend outturn position at the end of the 2013/2014 financial year. This overspend represented an increase of 2.9% on the total revenue budget allocation. The projected overspend had improved by £88,000 since the September Budget Monitoring report.

The forecast overspend was largely due to the continuing pressures in Safeguarding Children and Families' Services due to the needs-led nature of the budget relating to out-of-authority residential and fostering placements. The report provided an update on the main areas of variance and outlined the main pressures and areas of underspend and/or underspend for each Service.

The management actions taken for the Services for Looked After Children included a drive to recruit more in-house foster carers, prevention and early intervention strategies including an increased use of Special Guardianship Orders, and the Invest to Save Programme in Fostering and Adoption Services.

A number of continuing budget management actions were being taken to avoid costs: -

- Proactive management actions continued to concentrate on avoiding costs relating to placements for looked after children, the fostering framework and through block commissioning of placements;
- The Multi-Agency Support Panel was continuing to make efficient multi-agency management actions and decisions, and continuing to avoid costs wherever possible;
- Agency costs had increased compared to the same period in the previous year;
- Non-contractual overtime for Children and Young People's Services had increased compared to the same period in the previous year;
- Consultancy costs had decreased compared to the same period in the previous year.

Discussion ensued and the following issues were raised: -

- The Adoption Reform Grant received in 2013/2014 would cease at the end of this financial year, currently there had been no announcement about whether it would be continued. This was a risk to the Service as the Grant had been used to achieve service improvements and efficiencies.

Resolved: - That the latest financial projection against the budget for the year based on actual income and expenditure to the 31st October, 2013, be noted.

D70. PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE BADSLEY MOOR INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS BY THE CLOSURE OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND EXPANSION AND CHANGE OF AGE-RANGE OF THE INFANT SCHOOL TO CREATE A 'THROUGH' PRIMARY SCHOOL - FINAL DETERMINATION.

Further to Minute No. D42 (Proposal to amalgamate Badsley Moor Junior and Infant Schools by the closure of the Junior School and the expansion of the age-range at the Infant School) of 18th September, 2013, where permission was given to enter into statutory consultation, a report had now been submitted outlining the outcome of that process.

The Principal School Organisation and Risk Management Officer (School Admissions, Organisation and Special Educational Needs Assessment Service, Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services) reported that the proposal had been subject to a public notice and consultation period. No formal objections had been received. It was therefore recommended that the proposal be approved by the Cabinet Member and notified to the Department for Education.

The leadership arrangements in place for the amalgamated school had been secured and had been endorsed by Her Majesty's Inspectors working with the School relating to the Ofsted category at the Junior School.

The new amalgamated school would be known as Badsley Primary School with effect from 1st January, 2014.

Resolved: - (1) That, in the absence of any formal objections, the proposal to amalgamate Badsley Moor Infant and Junior Schools by the closure of the Junior School and the expansion and change of age-range of the Infant School be approved.

(2) That the Secretary of State for Education be informed accordingly of this decision.

D71. LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS.

Pursuant to Minute Number C50 of January, 2000, consideration was given to nominations received to fill Local Authority vacancies on school governing bodies.

Resolved:- (1) That, with the effective date of appointment as shown, the following appointments and reappointments be made to school governing bodies, subject to satisfactory checks being undertaken:-

New Appointments: -

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Mrs. S. Hudson	Anston Park Junior School	11/12/13
Mr. R. Slack	Blackburn Primary School	11/12/13
Ms. K. Rudman	Bramley Sunnyside Infant School	11/12/13
Mrs. C. Kirkman	Brinsworth Howarth Primary School	11/12/13
Mr. J. Coe	Brinsworth Manor Junior School	11/12/13
Mrs. S. Mahmood	Broom Valley Community Primary School	11/12/13
Ms. J. Blaker	Kilnhurst Primary School	11/12/13
Mr. L. Adams	Maltby Lilly Hall Primary School	11/12/13
Mr. K. Wright	Rawmarsh Ryecroft Infant School	11/12/13
Mr. R. Slack	Rockingham Junior and Infant School	11/12/13
Miss F. England	Wickersley Northfield Primary School	11/12/13

Re-appointments: -

Cllr. K. Sims	Meadow View Primary School	06/10/13
Mr. M. Sherwood	Brampton The Ellis CE Infant School	06/10/13
Mr. B. Cottam	Saint Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Dinnington)	07/10/13
Cllr. A. Buckley	Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School	09/10/13
Mrs. M. Wesley	Swinton Queen Primary School	29/10/13
Mr. G. Allan	Herringthorpe Infant School	29/10/13
Cllr. G. Whelbourn	Rawmarsh Ashwood Primary School	17/11/13
Mrs. H. Whitworth	Thorpe Hesley Junior School	24/11/13
Cllr. C. Read	Swinton Queen Primary School	24/11/13
Mr.D. Moorhouse	Kiveton Park Meadows Junior School	24/11/13
Mr. I. Jones	Blackburn Primary School	24/11/13
Mrs. E. Cummins	The Willows School	24/11/13
Mr. M. Beech	Anston Brook Primary School	06/12/13
Mr. M. Beech	Thurcroft Infant School	06/12/13

D72. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

Resolved: - That the following item be considered in the absence of the press and the public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act (1972) (as amended March, 2006) (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the Council)).

D73. APPROVAL OF TENDER FOR THE WATH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL'S CLASSROOM EXTENSION.

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Principal Capital Projects Manager (Corporate Property Unit, Internal Audit and Asset Management, Environment and Development Services Directorate) that outlined the outcomes of the competitive Your Build tender exercise that had taken place in relation to the extension of Wath Church of England Primary School (Minute No. D63 of 13th November, 2013, refers).

The extension project related to the addition of four classrooms, internal refurbishment works, asbestos removal and refurbishment of the School's library. The additions would be carried out in a sympathetic manner to the existing building, which was 150 years old.

The Cabinet Member requested a break-down of the structure of the management and professional fees within the overall cost.

Resolved: - That the tender submitted by George Hurst & Sons Ltd. dated 11th November, 2013, be accepted.

D74. 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 15th January, 2014, to start at 9.00 a.m. in the Rotherham Town Hall.