
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
DATE	13 MARCH 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR LOOKER (CABINET MEMBER)

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Cabinet Member was invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests she may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

18. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 13 December 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Cabinet Member.

19. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there were no registrations to speak at the meeting under the council's Public Participation Scheme.

20. APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY (LA) SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Cabinet Member considered a report that provided information about the current position with regard to vacancies for Local Authority seats on Governing Bodies, listed current nominations for those vacancies, as detailed in Annex 1 of the report, and requested the appointment, or reappointment, of the listed nominees.

The Cabinet Member was pleased to note that there were currently only four vacancies for Local Authority Governors. She congratulated officers on the work that they were carrying out in recruiting governors, including supporting schools that were experiencing difficulties in appointing community and parent governors.

The Cabinet Member's attention was drawn to changes in legislation and the implications for school governance. A briefing on these issues would be arranged in due course¹.

RESOLVED: That the appointment or re-appointment of Local Authority Governors, as proposed in Annex 1 of the report, be approved².

REASON: To ensure that Local Authority places on school governing bodies continue to be effectively filled.

Action Required

1. Notify nominees and governing bodies of the appointments SP

21. TRANSFORMING YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES - PROGRESS REPORT

The Cabinet Member considered a report that provided an update on progress in implementing the new strategic approach and Youth Support Services restructure agreed at the Cabinet Member Decision Session on 11 July 2011.

Officers explained that, although the intended timescales had not been achieved, good progress was now being made. Details were given of the consultation that had taken place, including a statutory 90 day consultation with the trade unions and employees and a meeting with the voluntary sector. Staff were continuing to deliver great services in spite of the process that was taking place.

The Cabinet Member stated that, in due course, she would welcome a more detailed briefing from officers regarding the York Youth Offer. The Cabinet Member requested that the briefing also include details of the arrangements that schools had put in place in respect of careers guidance¹.

RESOLVED: That the update on Transforming Youth Support Services be noted.

REASON: To ensure that the Cabinet Member is updated on progress.

Action Required

1. Arrange briefing for Cabinet Member

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22. CO-ORDINATED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS AND ADMISSION LIMITS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN YORK FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

The Cabinet Member considered a report that sought approval for the City of York Council co-ordinated schemes and admissions policies for both primary and secondary schools for the 2013/14 academic year. The report also sought approval of the proposed individual school maximum admission limits for the academic year beginning in September 2013.

Officers confirmed that there had been no material change to the admissions policies that were presented, other than to reflect the requirement of the Education Act 2011 in respect of the oversubscription criteria being extended to include “previously looked after” children.

Consideration was given to the proposals for changes to school admission limits, as detailed in paragraph 15 of the report. At the request of the Cabinet Member, officers detailed the reasons and implications of the proposed changes.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the City of York co-ordinated schemes and admissions policies for primary and secondary schools for the 2013/14 academic year, as set out in Annexes B-E and R-T of the report, be approved.
 - (ii) That the proposed individual school maximum admission limits for the academic year beginning in September 2013, as set out in Annex A of the report, be approved¹.

REASON: To meet the statutory requirements of the School Admissions Code of Practice.

Action Required

1. Notify schools concerned. Implement policies and admission numbers from Sept 2013 ME

Cllr Looker – Cabinet Member

[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 4.55 pm].