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MEETING	EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR CHILDRENS SERVICES AND ADVISORY PANEL
DATE	6 SEPTEMBER 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ASPDEN, FIRTH, RUNCIMAN (EXECUTIVE MEMBER), GUNNELL, MERRETT, BROOKS (VICE-CHAIR), D'AGORNE  STATUTORY CO-OPTED MEMBERS MR J BAILEY, DR D SELICK  NON STATUTORY CO-OPTED MEMBERS MS B REAGAN
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR ALEXANDER MS F BARCLAY, MRS A BURN, MRS J ELLIS, THOMAS AND GALLOWAY

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## 21. Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda. Councillor D'Agorne declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6 (Establishment of a Management Committee for the Pupil Referral Service) as he was Ward Member for Fishergate.

The following general personal non-prejudicial interests were declared.

Councillor Runciman	Governor of Joseph Rowntree School Trustee of the Theatre Royal
Councillor Aspden	Governor of Knavesmire Primary School Member of National Union of Teachers Teacher at Norton College, Malton, North Yorkshire
Councillor Firth	Governor of Wigginton Primary School Wife is Member of National Association of National Association of Head Teachers
Councillor Gunnell	Son at York College
Councillor Merrett	Child at St Paul's Primary School
Councillor D'Agorne	Governor of Fishergate School Employee of York College Student Services (Information Advice & Guidance for Young People) Daughter at All Saints School

Councillor Brooks	Member of Association of Teachers and Lecturers Lecturer employed by City College, Manchester
Councillor Alexander	Is an employee at York St John's University
Mr J Bailey	Governor of Huntington Secondary School LEA Governor of Huntington Primary School
Dr D Sellick	Governor of Derwent Infant and Junior School
Ms F Barclay	Teacher at All Saints School and ATL Branch Secretary for City of York
Mrs J Ellis	Governor of Burton Green Primary School Governor of Canon Lee School
Mrs A Burn School	Headteacher & Governor of Yearsley Grove School Secretary of the York Branch of NAHT
Ms B Reagan	Teacher at Joseph Rowntree School SENCO, Secretary of York Association of the National Union of Teachers
Mr M Thomas	Secretary of York Association of NASUWT

## 22. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 be approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendment to Minute 19.

*That the Executive Member be advised:*

- (i) *That the Children and Young People's Champion remain an elected Member **but it be recommended that it should not be a Member of the Executive or the Shadow Executive.***

## 23. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation scheme.

**24. Service Plan Performance Monitoring Period 1 (1 April - 31 July 2007)  
- Children's Services**

Members considered a report that analysed performance by reference to the service plan, the budget and the performance indicators for all of the services funded through the Children's Services budget.

It was noted that the monitoring reports demonstrated particularly encouraging progress against the following themes:

- **Integrated Services**
  - The planned children's centre development remained on timescale
  - Official opening events at the city centre one stop shop had taken place
- **New Provision**
  - Plans were on track for an additional new Enhanced resource Centre for pupils with Autism
  - The planned Danesgate Skill Centre would be operational from late October 2007
  - Duke of Edinburgh schemes had been extended
- **Organisational Effectiveness**
  - The recently published Accessibility Strategy and the Access to the Curriculum documents were particularly noteworthy
- **Specific Performance Outcomes**
  - It was specifically encouraging to note that there had been an increase in assessments of children in need completed within timescales, the completion of all statutory assessments of children's special educational needs within timescales and in increase in looked after children with a personal education plan in place.
- **Challenges**
  - The scale of the looked after children population in the city continues to pressurise existing resources and as a result creates financial pressures through the greater use of independent fostering agency placements.
- **Staff Survey results**
  - The findings see the Learning, Culture and Children's Services Department scoring with 80% of staff having overall job satisfaction and 92% of staff believing they achieve something useful.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- Note the performance of services within the directorate funded through the Children's Services budget and agree the budget virements set out at Table 1 in the report

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To enable the corporate service plan monitoring requirements to be fulfilled and to facilitate effective budget management.

## **25. Capital Programme Monitoring 2007/08 - Report 1**

Members considered a report that informed them of the likely out-turn position of the 2007/08 Capital Programme based on the spend profile and information to the end of July 2007. It also advised Members of changes to existing schemes and reprofiling of expenditure to allow the more effective management and monitoring of the Capital Programme as well as informing them of any new schemes and seeking their approval for their addition to the Capital Programme.

Officers updated that the overspend on the Teaching and Performing Arts block at Huntington Secondary School was now £379k and not £420k as stated in the report.

Members discussed the sustainability of the new Danesgate Skills Centre and it was noted that every planning application needed to have a sustainability statement.

Members discussed the surveys that had been undertaken at Canon Lee School and Officers confirmed that three good samples of ground had been taken and extensive surveys had been carried out before building commenced.

It was noted that a tremendous amount of consultation had taken place with the local community regarding the Joseph Rowntree One School Pathfinder.

### Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- Note the capital programme forecast outturn for 2007/08 as shown in Annex A of the report
- Approve the additions and amendments to the capital programme reported and summarised in Annex A of the report
- Approve the scheme reprofiling and slippage reported and summarised in Annex A of the report
- Agree the revised capital programme as shown at Annex A of the report, subject to the approval of the Executive

### Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the capital programme.

## **26. Establishment of a Management Committee for the Pupil Referral Service**

Members considered a report that informed Members of new regulations on the establishment of Management Committees for Pupil Referral Units (PRU). The regulations will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007. The report also outlined the composition of Management Committees and proposed options for the number of members of the Management Committee to be established in the City of York.

Members felt that for everyone to be fairly represented then 2 people should be nominated in the following categories:

- Parents
- Staff
- Local Authority

This would then mean that if one person could not attend the meeting then all categories would still be represented.

### Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- To adopt an alternative model with a 2 parent, 2 staff, 2 Local Authority, and 8 community format for membership
- That there be a link with local businesses through the North Yorkshire Business & Education Partnership (NYBEP)

### Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To enable the Authority to fulfil statutory regulations on the establishment of Management Committees for Pupil Referral Units (PRU) in line with the Education (Governance of Pupil Referral Units) (England) Regulations 2007.

## **27. Local Authority School Governor Appointments**

Members considered a report that provided information about the current position with regard to vacancies for Local Authority seats on governing bodies, lists current nominations for those vacancies, as detailed in Annex 1 of the report, and requests the appointment, or re-appointment, of the listed nominees.

### Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised:

- Appoint and re-appoint Local Authority Governors to fill vacant seats as proposed in Annex 1 of the report.

### Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

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

Cllr C Runciman  
Executive Member for Children's Services

Cllr K Aspden  
Executive Member for Youth & Social Inclusion

Cllr J Brooks Vice -Chair of Advisory Panel  
The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 7.05 pm.