
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
DATE	13 JULY 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR RUNCIMAN (EXECUTIVE MEMBER)

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Executive Member was invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests she might have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services Decision Session held on 8 June 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

10. ANNUAL REVIEW OF YORK'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2009-12

The Executive Member received a report that provided an overview of the first annual review of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 and invited the Executive Member to note and comment on the outcome of the review.

Attention was drawn to paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report, which detailed the highlights and challenges. The challenges that remained were not ones which the Authority could address on its own and would involve close partnership working. It was noted that the number of children who were looked after by the Authority had now reached a plateau.

RESOLVED: That the process, content and outcome of the first annual review of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 be noted.

REASON: To ensure that the Executive Member is informed of progress on implementing the Children and Young People's Plan.

11. AMALGAMATION OF OUR LADY'S AND ENGLISH MARTYRS RC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The Executive Member received a report that sought approval for the amalgamation of Our Lady's and English Martyrs' RC Primary Schools proposed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Middlesbrough.

It was noted that there had been no objections raised during the consultation period and that the proposal had the support of the school communities.

The Executive Member expressed her appreciation of the support that had been received from the Diocese and of the work that officers had carried out.

RESOLVED: That the amalgamation of Our Lady's and English Martyrs' RC Primary Schools, as proposed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Middlesbrough, be approved.

REASON: To enable the Primary Capital Programme to progress.

Action Required

1. Notify all parties and progress Primary Capital Programme MT

12. SCHOOL TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2011/2012

The Executive Member received a report that:

- Requested that term dates and holidays for the school year, 2011/2012 be formally approved.
- Reported on action taken by the Local Authority to align the dates with those of neighbouring authorities.

RESOLVED: That the pattern of school terms and holidays for 2011/12, as proposed in Annex 1 of the report, be approved.

REASON: To provide clarity for parents, schools and pupils on term dates in City of York.

Action Required

1. Circulate agreed term dates ME

13. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESTRUCTURE OF THE CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICE

The Executive Member received a report that provided an update on progress towards the full implementation of the new service structure arrangements following the Executive's approval of the proposals to restructure Children's Social Care services.

Officers went through the key issues in the report and gave details of the implementation arrangements.

The Executive Member was pleased to note that a partnership programme had been agreed with York University. This programme established a new framework to support joint working and training opportunities between the social work teams and the university. The framework would also include an overall evaluation of the effectiveness of the new service arrangements against some key practice outcomes. It was noted that a national review would be taking place around safeguarding issues and the work of social workers and that the findings of this research would also need to be taken into consideration.

The Executive Member expressed her appreciation of the work that had taken place in preparation for the implementation of the new structure and was pleased to note the commitment that staff were demonstrating to ensure that the structure would deliver the best outcomes for children and young people.

RESOLVED: (i) That the progress on implementation of the new service structure arrangements for Children's Social Care services be noted.

(ii) That the results of the evaluation of the effectiveness of the new service arrangements be reported to the Executive Member.

REASONS: (i) To further the Council's strategic objectives in relation to safeguarding children and young people and to ensure organisational resilience at a time of financial challenges.

(ii) To ensure that the Executive Member is kept informed of the progress and effectiveness of the new arrangements.

Action Required

1. Prepare report for Executive Member following the results of the evaluation ER

Cllr Runciman – Executive Member Children and Young People's Services
[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.25 pm].