

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR CHILDRENS SERVICES AND ADVISORY PANEL

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive Members for Children's Services and Advisory Panel held on Thursday, 6 December 2007. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a key decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Tracy Wallis.

4. **CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL POST-16 PROVISION**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Approve the school's proposals (subject to clarifications as stated in paragraphs 46-48 and 64 of the report).

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON:

- This recognises the strength of the school and its ambition to take a lead as a high performing specialist school with a vocational specialism.
- The school meets all the criteria as described in paragraph 33 of the report.
- It provides a framework for development and opportunity in line with City of York Lifelong Learning Partnership (CYLLP) 14-19 strategy. This strategy and partnership recognises the strengths of existing 16-19 providers and seeks to ensure that Archbishop Holgate's School (AHS) plans help the city to improve provision for those young people who currently tend to opt out of education at the age of 16 and to help and to help meet the needs of learners across the City by offering extended choice and diversity.

- It is an opportunity to develop existing partnership work and provide additional facilities for learners.
- It allows for further debate about the detail of this proposal. We propose that the school is asked to amend its proposal (appendix 6 to the report) to clarify how its proposals fit within the new funding regime. In particular, Members need to be assured about:
 - Which programmes are core, definitely needed and therefore certain to be funded
 - Which programmes the school wishes to offer and will seek access funding through a commissioning process
 - The school's contingency plans to manage the costs of running the new building: in the short term as curriculum provision is gradually scaled up; in the long term if expected learner numbers are not secured

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

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

6. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN PLACEMENT STRATEGY ANNUAL REVIEW

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Acknowledge the information relating to progress in the placement strategy for looked after children relating to adoption, fostering and children's homes.
- Agree the further development of the specialist fostering scheme in line with the stated principles of the strategy.
- Acknowledge the annual adoption report

- Note that further reports will be forthcoming in 2008 on short breaks for disabled children, adoption support and Care Matters.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: To comply with the requirements to receive an annual report, to reduce both independent fostering agency placements and achieve cost savings and to ensure knowledge on future information.

7. CHILDREN'S FUND - IMPLICATIONS ON COMMISSIONING OF SERVICES AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT IN YORK

Advice of the advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Adopt Option A, as set out below
 - Development of a coherent multi-agency commissioning process be developed for and piloted by Children's Fund which can be utilised for wider commissioning.
 - Transitional arrangements put in place for a 6 month period to ensure that the legacy of the Children's Fund can be preserved and then built upon and developed.
 - To reinforce the fact that these are transitional arrangements a slight change in name from Children's Fund to Children's Early Intervention Fund be introduced. Cost of transition arrangements would be a maximum of £177k for the 6 months with an additional funding for Nurture groups over the year of £25,000.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: This option will ensure an effective commissioning process for Children's Fund monies. It will utilise this process to develop a wider more coherent commissioning process. It will ensure that the legacy of the Children's Fund can be built upon. It will facilitate the development of services under the new funding arrangement.

8. CHILDREN'S SERVICES PERFORMANCE AND

FINANCE MONITORING REPORT 2

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Note the performance of services within the directorate funded through the Children's Services budget.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: To meet the agreed service planning reporting arrangements for the service.

9. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT 2

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

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

10. PREPARATION FOR JOINT AREA REVIEW

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- To note and comment on the outcome of the 2007 annual Performance Assessment of children and young people's services in York and to the note the preparations underway for the forthcoming Joint Area Review.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: To provide Members with Ofsted feedback of local services and to brief Members on the forthcoming inspection of children and young people's services.

