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

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Cabinet Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests she may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 25 October 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

10. PROPOSED RELOCATION OF APPLEFIELDS SCHOOL SATELLITE PROVISION

The Cabinet Member considered a report that detailed the proposed arrangements to transfer the current Applefields School Satellite provision from Burnholme Community College to a new host school by September 2013.

Following the decision by the Local Authority to close Burnholme Community College by July 2014, discussions had taken place with Local Authority officers and the head teachers of mainstream secondary schools to identify a new partner to host the Satellite provision. Following a period of informal consultation, formal expressions of interest had been sought from secondary schools across the city. Strong submissions of interest had been received, and the bid from Manor CE

Academy had been identified as representing the best transfer option for the existing Satellite Provision. The reasons for this were detailed in paragraph 22 of the report.

The Cabinet Member noted that the Local Authority had committed a capital budget of £100k to support the relocation of the Satellite provision and that monitoring of this expenditure would be included as part of the Capital Monitoring reports.

In response to questions from the Cabinet Member, confirmation was received that the school had held regular consultation meetings with the parents and carers of the children who attend the Satellite provision.

The Cabinet Member stated that she was pleased to note that the proposed arrangements would also allow increased opportunities for staff development. There was also the possibility of developing the model to provide further partnership working in the future.

Officers paid tribute to the commitment of Applefields School and Manor CE Academy to ensuring that the proposed new arrangements would be successful.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That, to support the continuation of this valued resource, the transfer of the Applefields School Satellite Provision to Manor CE Academy be approved.
 - (ii) That the allocation of the agreed £100k capital resource to the Manor Scheme be approved.

REASON: To enable the retention for the city of a respected and valued model of inclusive education.

Councillor Looker, Cabinet Member
[The meeting started at 3.30 pm and finished at 3.45 pm].