

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR CHILDRENS SERVICES AND ADVISORY PANEL

MONDAY, 21 JANUARY 2008

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 Monday, 21 January 2008. 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.

5. HOME TO SCHOOL TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT POLICY

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

1. Approve the Home to School Transport Policy as set out in Annex A of this report.
2. Note that the Authority is required to develop a strategy that promotes a sustainable travel and transport infrastructure meeting the needs of children and young people (paragraph 6 and 7 of the report). Progress will be reported to EMAP later this year.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: To implement new statutory duties arising from the Education and Inspections Act (2006).

6. PURCHASING FROM VOLUNTARY SECTOR OF PLAY SERVICES

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Agree Option 1 and award amounts for the three organisations referred to for a one year period until a full review of the commissioning process is completed and an appropriate system is adopted.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: To continue funding quality play provision across the city in line with the Taking Play Forward policy recommendations without restricting opportunities to locate play funding within wider future commissioning arrangements.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Appoint or 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.

8. ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED YOUTH SERVICE FOR YORK

Advice of the Advisory Panel:

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Note the detailed work that has been undertaken to plan for the new integrated service for young people in York since the decision in principle to bring the Connexions service in-house, including wide consultation with stakeholders, staff and young people, and intensive negotiations with the current service provider.
- Note the financial and other risks that exist, particularly around the TUPE matters that are still a matter of dispute with the current provider, the actions taken to minimise such risks, and to approve the actions and remit described in Annex B to the report.
- Bring the Connexions service in-house from 1 April 2008 and the necessary steps be taken to effect a smooth transfer of staff and functions from that date.
- Approve the proposed structure for the new service that is set out at Annex B.
- Note the IT and property implications and the proposed upgrades to accommodation at Kingswater, Fulford and Moor Lane; and to approve in principle the expenditure of the one-off costs set out in Annex A, subject to reasonable Officer discretion over the detailed works schedules and the priorities within them.

- Agree that three minor but significant contracts with third parties that are currently held by Connexions (described in Annex D) be rolled over for a further year pending a fuller impact assessment.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: To ensure that the Council discharges its statutory obligations in the most efficient and effective manner, consistent with the vision of a professional, holistic, locality-based service for young people and to ensure that continuity of service is provided.

9. REVENUE BUDGETS 2008/9

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Consider whether the budget proposals are in line with the Council's priorities.
- Note the comments made on the budget proposals for savings and growth which have been prepared by Officers and are contained in the report and are intended to form part of the Council's budget to be considered on 12 February 2008.
- Note the comments made on the areas for consultation for the revenue budget contained in this report, which may form part of the Council's budget to be considered on 12 February 2008.
- Note the comments made on the capital proposals which have been prepared by Officers and are contained in this report which are intended to form part of the Council's budget to be considered on 12 February 2008.
- Note the budget proposals for consultation for Children's Services for 2008/09 contained in the report.
- Note and welcome additional areas of Government funding in relation to the personal learning agenda and tackling pockets of deprivation.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: As part of the consultation on the Children's Services budget for 2008/09.

10. CAPITAL BUDGET 2008/9

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Consider whether the budget proposals are in line with the Council's priorities.
- Note the comments made on the budget proposals for savings and growth which have been prepared by Officers and are contained in the report and are intended to form part of the Council's budget to be considered on 12 February 2008.
- Note the comments made on the areas for consultation for the revenue budget contained in this report, which may form part of the Council's budget to be considered on 12 February 2008.
- Note the comments made on the capital proposals which have been prepared by Officers and are contained in this report which are intended to form part of the Council's budget to be considered on 12 February 2008.
- Note the budget proposals for consultation for Children's Services for 2008/09 contained in the report.
- Note and welcome additional areas of Government funding in relation to the personal learning agenda and tackling pockets of deprivation.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: As part of the consultation on the Children's Services budget for 2008/09.

11. CHANGE TO THE SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Agree the following in relation to the Local Management of Schools (LMS) Funding Formula for implementation from April 2008:
 - (a) That the current balance of primary to secondary funding (on a per pupil basis) be maintained throughout the 3-year budget period 2008-11. The only exceptions to this would be additional national allocations specifically targeted at a particular sector, or new delegations that are already being allocated to a specific sector or group of schools outside of the formula funding. Within these parameters it is further recommended that any above inflation headroom available within the primary sector be allocated in the first instance to the Reception Age Weighted Pupil Units (AWPU), with the aim of lowering the assumed ration of pupil to teachers to 1 teacher and 1 teaching assistant for

- every 26 pupils over a period of time.
- (b) Transfer School Improvement funding in to the LMS Funding Formula on the following basis:
- Nursery, primary, secondary and special school lumps sums are increased by £3,356 plus any normal inflationary increase.
 - Reception, key stage 1,2,3 and 4 AWPU's are each increased by £10.41 plus any normal inflationary increase.
 - Nursery unit factors (based on multiples of 13 part-time places) are each increased by £67.67 (i.e. £10.41 x 13/2) plus any normal inflationary increase.
 - Special school place values are each increased by £20.82 plus any normal inflationary increase (and then subject to any further changes that are agreed as part of the review of special school funding).
- (c) Transfer Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) funding in the LMS Funding Formula with an additional LMS Funding Formula factor being established for NQTs at a rate of £700 per NQT per term, plus the standard teacher's pay inflationary uplift applied to all other areas of the funding formula. Payment will be made on actual basis termly in arrears.
- (d) Redistribution per pupil and lump sum funding with the Additional Education Needs (AEN), Non-statemented and Statemented Special Educational Needs (SEN) factors on the following basis.
- A 10% redistribution of per pupil and lump sum funding in to the Free School Meal (FSM) deprivation indicator.
 - A 10% redistribution of per pupil and lump sum funding in to the Low Prior Attainment indicators.
 - Establishing separate SEN Contingencies for the primary and secondary sectors of £50k each, to be allocated annually by the Schools Forum.
 - Including Looked After Children (LAC) as an additional indicator within the AEN factor.
- (e) That no further changes be made to the secondary personalisation factor for the period 2008-11.
- (f) That the primary personalisation factor should be changed so that funding is allocated in the same basis as the existing secondary allocations, i.e:
- 15% based on pupil numbers
 - 15% based a lump sum for each school
 - 50% based on low prior attainment
 - 20% based on high prior attainment
- (g) That further research be undertaken before any move to using the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) measure is considered again. The IMD indicator will not be used within the funding formula during the 2008-11 budget period.
- (h) Secondary Social Inclusion funding be merged into the Non-Statemented SEN factor
- (i) Prior attainment data within the Statemented SEN factor should be presented on the basis of absolute number of pupils rather than percentages.
- (j) That the current formula for Infant Class Size (ICS) funding be

- retained for the 2008-11 funding period.
- (k) That a Small Secondary School factor should be introduced as set out at paragraphs 74 and 75 of the consultation document.
 - (l) The introduction of an age weighted element to the Special School and Enhanced Resource Centre formula funded by reductions in the place values and a redirection of £100k from the centrally held SEN Recoupment budget.
 - (m) That the existing ceilings and floors mechanism should continue to be used to smooth the transition to revised funding levels for individual schools.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: To ensure that the LMS Funding Formula is reviewed and updated prior to being fixed for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2011.

**12. THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY OF YORK
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)**

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to:

- Note the Annual Report of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
- Note the role SACRE plays in enhancing children's understanding of moral, social, spiritual and cultural development.

Decision of the Executive Member

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

REASON: Members of SACRE have requested that the annual report be presented to the Executive Members for Children's Services and Advisory Panel meeting.

