
MEETING	EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	30 JULY 2008
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ASPDEN (CHAIR), BROOKS (VICE-CHAIR), BOWGETT (AS SUBSTITUTE FOR BLANCHARD), FUNNELL AND MORLEY, DR D SELICK (CO-OPTED STATUTORY MEMBER) AND MR W SCHOFIELD (CO-OPTED STATUTORY MEMBER)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS BLANCHARD, HYMAN AND MERRETT, AND MRS L BRANTON

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda, in addition to the list of general personal interests circulated with the agenda.

Councillor Funnell declared a personal interest in the business generally, as a governor of Burnholme Community College.

Councillor Bowgett declared a personal interest in the business generally, as a governor of St Paul's Nursery and a parent of children at St Paul's Primary School and Millthorpe School.

Mr Bill Schofield declared a personal interest in the business generally, as a governor at Knavesmire Primary School and a parent of children at Knavesmire Primary School and Millthorpe School.

16. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 17 June 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

18. UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS RISING FROM A PREVIOUS SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICE

Members received a report which provided an update on the implementation status of the recommendations arising from a previously

completed scrutiny review of the 'Provision of Facilities for Young People in the City'.

A verbal update was provided regarding the implementation of recommendations 16 b) and c). Recommendation 16 b) had not been implemented as the costs of extending the YoZone card to all young people aged 11-19 could not be met from the existing budget. In relation to recommendation 16 c), it was advised that a review of home to school transport would be reported to the Executive Member and Advisory Panel (EMAP) in autumn 2008. However Members clarified that this recommendation related to transport to the city centre and youth facilities for young people living in rural areas, rather than home to school transport.

The Assistant Director (Partnerships & Early Intervention) agreed to circulate the attachments referred to in Annex A to the Committee in due course and also to provide the full wording of the update relating to recommendation 12 c), which was not included owing to a document formatting error.

Members were particularly keen to see recommendation 4 a) implemented, so that processes could be put in place to ensure they had the opportunity to attend school lessons on a regular basis. With regards to recommendation 4 d), they requested one further review by the Committee to focus on increasing the participation of children from deprived backgrounds. In relation to recommendations 3 a) and b), a further review was suggested to look at the extent to which young people's views were taken into account outside of the Learning, Culture & Children's Services (LCCS) Directorate.

With regards to recommendation 6, it was requested that a policy should be drawn up for the provision of young people's services in new developments and Members suggested that this should be submitted as a possible future scrutiny topic.

The Assistant Director (Partnerships & Early Intervention) agreed to bring recommendation 18 to the attention of the Children & Young People's Champion and the Young People's Working Group, and Members suggested that the Champion and Working Group Chair should be invited to attend when the Committee next reviewed the outstanding recommendations.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That recommendations 3 a), 3 b), 4 a), 4 c), 4 d), 6, 15, 16 b), 16 c) and 18 be brought back for further review in March 2009;¹
 - (ii) That the remaining recommendations be signed off.

REASON: To raise awareness of those recommendations which still have to be implemented.

Action Required

1 - To review the outstanding recommendations.

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19. SCHOOL GOVERNORS REVIEW

Members received a report which presented the draft final report for the School Governors Review incorporating the changes requested at the last meeting. These were shown as tracked changes for ease of viewing.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the draft final report and recommendations be agreed, with the following revisions:¹
 - a) To rephrase the second sentence of paragraph 5 of the report to read, “Members acknowledged that there was no issue around current clerking arrangements in extended schools and therefore agreed not to proceed with Part B of the review”;
 - b) To amend the end of recommendation b) at paragraph 8 of the report and recommendation iii) (a) at paragraph 28 of the report to read, “and monitor diversity”;
 - c) To add the word “and” before the wording, “it ran the risk of duplicating the existing profile”, at paragraph 17 of the report;
 - d) To amend the first sentence of paragraph 18 to refer to “local parish council’s and church newsletters”;
 - e) To adjust the paragraph numbering of the report.

REASON: To finalise the report and recommendations.

Action Required

1 - To submit the report to Scrutiny Management Committee GR for consideration.

20. EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2008-09

Members considered and agreed the updated workplan for the work of the Education Scrutiny Committee.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the workplan be agreed, with the addition of an informal meeting to be held on 13 August

at 5.30 pm to discuss and raise questions on the suggested topics on Extended Schools Provision (Community Use) and 14-19 Specialised Diplomas.

REASON: To progress the Committee's work.

K ASPDEN, Chair

[The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 7.35 pm].