
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
DATE	13 DECEMBER 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR LOOKER (CABINET MEMBER)

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Cabinet Member was invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests she may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 11 October 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Cabinet Member.

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

15. APPOINTMENTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY (LA) SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Cabinet Member considered a report that provided information about the current position with regard to vacancies for Local Authority seats on Governing Bodies, listed current nominations for those vacancies, as detailed in Annexes 1 and 2 of the report, and requested the appointment, or re-appointment, of the listed nominees.

In addition to the nominees listed in the annexes to the report, the Cabinet Member was asked to consider the following nominations that had been processed since the agenda papers were published:

- Emily Wood – Danesgate Management Committee
- Andrea Durston – St Paul's CE Primary School

Officers confirmed that the necessary checks had been carried out in respect of all nominations.

The Cabinet Member stated that she was delighted that the vacancy rates for LA governors was extremely low. Recognising that governance was a crucial aspect of school improvement, the Cabinet Member requested that a paper be presented to the Decision Session in March covering issues including vacancy rates on governing bodies (not only LA vacancies), new governance arrangements and the support offered to governors by the Governance Service¹.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the appointment or re-appointment of Local Authority Governors, as proposed in Annexes 1 and 2 of the report, be approved.
 - (ii) That, in addition to the nominations detailed in the annexes to the report, the following appointments be made:
 - Emily Wood – Danesgate Management Committee
 - Andrea Durston – St Paul’s CE Primary School

REASON: To ensure that Local Authority places on school governing bodies continue to be effectively filled.

Action Required

1. Arrange for item to be included on Forward Plan

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16. EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE: 2011/12 - 2013/14

The Cabinet Member considered a report that provided an update on recent progress on major schemes within the Education, Children and Young People’s Capital Programme. The report also detailed new schemes proposed for 2012/13 and gave details of revisions to the programme.

The Cabinet Member was pleased to note the progress that had been made on a number of schemes but recognised the challenges that would be faced because of the reduction in devolved formula capital.

The Cabinet Member noted the pressure on school places in the Southbank area of the city and in particular at Knavesmire Primary School. Details were given of the proposed scheme at the school which would, in time, allow it to accommodate two forms of entry. At the request of the Cabinet Member, officers detailed how the scheme would be funded.

- RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member recommend to Cabinet that the following be approved¹:
- The schemes to be developed from within the available resources of the approved capital programme, as detailed in the report.
 - The proposal to modernise and develop Knavesmire Primary School to enable the school to provide two forms of entry, meeting the local demand for places at the school.
 - The revised schemes and funding of the capital programme, as detailed in Annex A of the report.

REASON: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the capital programme.

Action Required

1. Include in report to Cabinet

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Councillor Looker, Cabinet Member

[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 5.00 pm].