

# **SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday 26 January 2005 at 6.00 pm**

**in a Conference Room, Council House, Walsall**

## **Present**

Mr. M. Quinn (Chairman)  
Councillor M. A. Bird (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Cassidy  
Councillor Micklewright  
Councillor Rowley  
Councillor Worley  
Mr. D. Tonks  
Mr. B. Lycett  
Mr. K. Myatt  
Mr. C. Payton  
Mr. J. Minister  
Ms. J. Cosgrove  
Mr. A. Gray

## **Changes in membership**

The Committee noted the resignation of Miss A. Bradford and noted that Mrs Melvyn-Gifford and Mr. Swain were no longer eligible to serve on the Committee as they had resigned their governorships of primary schools.

## **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Munir, Councillor E. E. Pitt and Mr. M. Edge.

## **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **Minutes – 12 July 2004**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2004, were submitted:-

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2004, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

At this point, the Chairman informed the Committee that he would not stand for re-election as Chairman at the end of his current term of office.

## **Late items to be introduced by the Chairman**

There were no late items for introduction by the Chairman.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

The Committee was informed that there were no items for consideration in the private session.

## **Procedure for the approval of the draft school organisation plan 2004/05 – 2008/09**

The report of the Head of Democratic Services was submitted:-

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

That the Committee consider the draft school organisation plan in line with the procedure set out in paragraph 4.0 of the report.

## **Draft school organisation plan 2004/05 – 2008/09**

The report of the Managing Director, Education Walsall was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The Committee was advised that the plan had been published in the autumn and observations received together with responses were attached to the report together with details of changes proposed to the plan. The issues raised by the Learning and Skills Council had been included in the plan, but the suggestion from a school governor had not been included as it was not appropriate.

In response to points raised, Mr. Edinborough advised that the strategy for special educational needs was now the subject of wide consultation and to date there appeared to be a considerable level of support for the strategy.

The Committee was advised that pupils without a statement were assessed on the scale leading upto but not including statementing.

**Resolved**

That the School Organisation Plan 2004/05 – 2008/09 be approved subject to the amendment referred to therein.

**Termination of meeting**

The meeting terminated at 6.30 pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....