

Special Cabinet minutes

Monday 3 August 2009 at 6.00 p.m.

in Conference Room 2 at the Council House Walsall

Present

Councillor Bird	Leader of the Council
Councillor Andrew	Deputy Leader and regeneration
Councillor Arif	Business support services
Councillor Flower	Children's services
Councillor Perry	Communities and partnerships
Councillor Walker	Environment
Councillor Towe	Finance and personnel
Councillor Sanders	Leisure and culture
Councillor Ansell	Transport

2253 Apology

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor McCracken.

2254 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

2255 Sneyd Community – A Specialist Maths and Computing College

The following reports were submitted:

- (a) Children and Young People Scrutiny and Performance Panel
- (b) Portfolio holder
- (c) Cabinet – 15 July 2009

(see annexed)

Councillor Walker presented a report which responded to the recommendations of the Children and Young People Scrutiny and Performance Panel following a call-in of the Cabinet decision on 15 July 2009.

The Leader also responded to representations raised at the previous meeting relating to the practical difficulties of the transfer of pupils to other schools; the ability of those other schools to cope with the extra capacity; management of other surplus places; and the effect of closing Sneyd on the local economy.

A brief discussion took place, following which it was:

Resolved

That the following decisions taken at the meeting on 15 July 2009 be confirmed.

- (a) That Cabinet note that an 11-19 academy is not a viable proposal for the future of Sneyd.
- (b) That Cabinet approves a short consultation, as advised by the DCSF, on option A, that current education provision at Sneyd ceases on 31 August 2012. No pupils would be admitted to Year 7 or the sixth form in September 2010 and subsequent years. Pupils already in the school would transfer on a year on year basis at the end of the key stage to places at other schools in the Borough as set out in the Cabinet report of 22 April 2009. For new Year 7 pupils, who would otherwise have gone to Sneyd, the other local schools will, of course, apply their agreed admission policies ensuring these pupils will get priority with regard to entering their preferred school in line with these policies.
- (c) That Cabinet delegates to the Executive Director, Children's Services in consultation with the portfolio holder for Children's Services, the approval of the consultation document. Consultation on Option A will commence at the beginning of the Autumn Term, September 2009.
- (d) That officers be requested to pursue an Expression of Interest for a University Technical College.

The meeting terminated at 6.10 p.m.

Leader:

Date: