

Special Cabinet minutes

Wednesday 21 November 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

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| Councillor Bird | Leader of the Council |
| Councillor Andrew | Deputy Leader and Regeneration |
| Councillor Martin | Adult social care |
| Councillor Wilson | Children's and health and wellbeing |
| Councillor Harrison | Clean and green |
| Councillor Towe | Education and skills |
| Councillor Harris | Personnel and business support |

3879 Apology

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

3880 Declarations of interest

Councillor Andrew declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 5(b) – Future of the Community Alarm service and withdrew from the room during consideration of the item.

3881 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

3882 Petitions

A petition relating to the installation of an ATM machine at Willenhall Post Office was submitted by Mr. J. Whitehouse.

3883 **School place planning and expansions**

The report to Cabinet on 24 October 2018 together with a supplementary report which highlighted the subsequent engagement with schools on the proposals was submitted:

(see annexed)

Councillor Towe presented the report and confirmed that following the meetings with schools, no changes to the recommendations were proposed although further discussions were taking place about some short term measures in response to specific issues raised.

In supporting the recommendations, the Leader was concerned about the poor condition of school buildings generally. Accordingly, he added the following recommendation:

- (10) That officers write to the Department for Education seeking investment to address poor conditions evident across the school estate generally but also specifically, a new school to address the conditions of the existing Salisbury school buildings.

It was **moved** by Councillor Towe, duly seconded and:

Resolved

- (a) That the report be noted
- (b) That the following recommendations set out in the report to Cabinet on 24 October 2018 be approved:

2018 School Expansions

- (1) That progress and challenges in relation to the delivery of 2018 school expansion schemes approved by Cabinet be noted.
- (2) That a modification to the decision to expand The Jane Lane School, be approved by Cabinet, changing the implementation date from September 2019 to September 2020.

2019 School Expansions

- (3) That the continued expansion of Old Church CE (C) Primary School, approved by Cabinet, be noted.
- (4) That the commencement of a statutory process to revoke the decisions to expand Leighswood School and Salisbury Primary School is approved by Cabinet. This is as a result in changes of circumstances that would make the implementation of these proposals inappropriate.

- (5) That a modification to the decisions to expand of Manor Primary School, St Michael's CE (C) Primary School, Short Heath Federation, Mary Elliot and Oakwood be approved by Cabinet, changing the implementation date from September 2019 to September 2020, in order to allow the Authority to respond to changing trends in demand for pupil places and the Education and Skills Funding Agency's (ESFA) expectation that the Authority will deliver school places more efficiently and effectively and improve value for money.
- (6) That authority to consult on options to meet the new and emerging need for pupil places from September 2019 be delegated to the Executive Director of Children's Services in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.
- (7) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to award a contract for a strategic partner to develop and deliver proposals relating to the 2019 school expansion modifications set out above; develop and deliver proposals relating to any new and emerging need for pupil places in 2019 and to develop proposals relating to the longer term need for pupil places as part of the Authority's longer term education capital strategy.
- (8) That authority to refurbish existing space and / or provide temporary solutions to create the places required by September 2019, where this is required, be delegated to the Executive Director of Children's Services in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.
- (9) That a further report be received by Cabinet to determine the proposed revocations and approve proposals to meet new need for pupil places, following consultation.
- (10) That officers write to the Department for Education seeking investment to address poor conditions evident across the school estate generally but also specifically, a new school to address the conditions of the existing Salisbury school buildings.

3884 **Call-in of Cabinet decisions**

(a) **Financial penalties policy**

The report to the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13 November 2018 was submitted, together with the report to Cabinet on 24 October 2018:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the report of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

(b) **Future of Community Alarm service**

At this point, Councillor Andrew left the meeting for this item having declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

The report to the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14 November 2018 was submitted, together with the report to Cabinet on 24 October 2018:

(see annexed)

Councillor Martin presented the report. The Cabinet was assured that Adult Social Care officers would work closely with individuals to source an alternative Service and that there was an intention to organise an event at which alternative providers in the market would be available to show their service to customers. In addition Members noted that a briefing note would be sent to all elected members to explaining the position, timetable and the proposed provider event.

Resolved

That the report of the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

The meeting terminated at 6.10 p.m.

Chair:

Date: