

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member (Education) held at 2.00 pm on
Tuesday, 21 January 2014

Present:

Members: Councillor Chater (Acting Cabinet Member)
Councillor Lepoidevin (Substitute - Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

People R Adams, K Ireland, R Lickfold, K Rossiter, C Shearsby,
D Wallis, P Weston

Resources E Atkins, M Salmon

Apologies: Councillor Blundell (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Public Business

24. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

25. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 1st October and 19th December 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

26. Report on Pupil Behaviour in Coventry Schools and Educational Settings in 2012/2013

The Acting Cabinet Member (Education) considered a report of the Executive Director, People, that summarised the data on pupil behaviour in schools and other educational settings in Coventry and sought approval of the further development of strategies to further improve pupil behaviour.

National data for 2011/12 released in July 2013, showed the incidence of fixed term and permanent exclusions in Coventry continued to be below that for England and low in relation to statistical neighbours. Local data for 2012/13 indicated that while the incidence of fixed term exclusion of 5 days or less had risen by 5% there had been significant reductions in fixed term exclusion of more than 5 days and in permanent exclusions.

RESOLVED that the Acting Cabinet Member (Education) approves the report and the further development of the identified strategies to further improve pupil behaviour.

27. **The Standards, Progress and Achievement of Coventry Children by Ages 5, 7, 11, 16 and 18 in 2013**

The Acting Cabinet Member (Education) considered a report of the Executive Director, People, that provided details of the Standards, Progress and Achievement of Coventry Children at the end of each Key Stage: The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS); Key Stage 1 (KS1)-Aged 7; Key Stage 2 (KS2)-Aged 11; Key Stage 4 (KS4)-Aged 16; and Key Stage 5 (KS5)-Aged 18. It reported on the most recent comparative data, as at December 2013, about the performance of pupils at the five Key Stages and recommended priorities for improvements at each Key Stage.

RESOLVED that the Acting Cabinet Member (Education):

- 1) Endorses the evaluation of the outcomes of the 2013 standards, progress and achievements of Coventry children at EYFS, KS1, KS2, KS4 and KS5.**
- 2) Approves the key priorities for the 2013-14 school improvement cycle detailed in the report for each key stage.**

28. **Racist Incident Monitoring 2012-2013**

The Acting Cabinet Member (Education) considered a report of the Executive Director, People, that provided details of the number of racist incidents recorded by Coventry schools during 2012/13 and subsequently reported to the local authority, the number of schools that did not make a return; the need to modify the method of reporting to the Cabinet Member, and the on-going measures to support schools in combating racism.

The importance and value of recording and reporting racist incidents by the Local Authority and schools was identified in the 2010 Equality Act and the 2012 Ofsted Framework. The City Council and Coventry schools had made considerable efforts to improve systems of the recording and reporting, enabling more reliable comparisons and conclusions to be made, thus supporting the development of evidence based strategies for combating racism.

RESOLVED that the Acting Cabinet Member (Education):

- (1) Notes the information provided in respect of the number of racist incidents for 2012/13.**
- (2) Recognises the need to 'challenge' schools that fail to provide a timely racial incident return.**
- (3) Approves the modifications to the method of presentation and the support available to schools in respect of racist incident monitoring, recording and reporting.**

- (4) Requests that he be advised, through the annual Racist Incident Monitoring Report, of those schools that have not provided termly racial incident returns.**

29. Services to Schools Pricing Strategy 2014/2015

The Acting Cabinet Member (Education) considered a report of the Executive Director, People, that detailed the pricing strategies of those Council services that provided services to schools and provided an update on whether these services were achieving full cost recovery.

The on-going financial situation presented significant challenges to the Council in balancing the revenue budget. Setting the appropriate level for fees and charges was an important element in raising revenue to meet the medium term financial pressures. It was essential that the Council maximised its income to ensure that, wherever possible, it at least recovered its costs for the services that were provided. Any Council service which provided a service to schools was required to adopting a consistent charging policy for the delivery of services to all schools, the starting point of which was that services recovered the full cost of service delivery. The Council service was required to complete the Full Cost Recovery Tool on an annual basis to identify whether full cost recovery was achieved and if not, develop a pricing strategy or cost reduction strategy to move towards full cost recovery.

In identifying any shortfall between forecast income and expenditure, consideration needed to be given to the impact on school buy back if services increased charges by more than inflation. In cases such as this action plans needed to include phased increases and/or cost reduction strategies to move towards full cost recovery. It was recognised that there may be exceptions where there may be a valid reason why a service should not recover full cost, which would require approval. Appendix 1 to the report set out details of those services which were forecast to require a subsidy and did not have an action plan to move towards full cost recovery.

RESOLVED that the Acting Cabinet Member (Education):

- (1) Agrees the proposed Service Level Agreement charge increases as set out in appendix 1 to the report.**
- (2) Requires services that are not achieving full cost recovery to set out a plan and timescale for moving towards full cost recovery.**
- (3) Meets with the Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources) and the Executive Director, People, to give further consideration to apportionment in respect of Work Related Learning.**

30. Appointment of Authority Governors

RESOLVED that, having met the Local Authority criteria for the appointment of Local Authority school governors, the Acting Cabinet Member (Education) approves the appointment and re-appointment of the persons listed below for the schools and terms of office indicated:-

Authority Governor: New Appointments

Name	School	Term of Office
Mr Chris Jones	Eastern Green Junior	20 January 2018
Mrs Sylvia Peak	Gosford Park Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs Pauline Davies	Keresley Grange Primary	20 January 2018
Mr David Simpson	Joseph Cash Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs Jane Barker	Moathouse Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs Jane Jones	Park Hill Primary	20 January 2018
Mr Carl Christon	Ravensdale Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs C Connolly	Sowe Valley Primary	20 January 2018

Authority Governor: Re-Appointments

Name	School	Term of Office
Councillor K Mulhall	Aldermoor Farm Primary	14 January 2018
Mr M Hoyland	Aldermoor Farm Primary	14 January 2018
Mr B Ricketts	Barrs Hill School	10 March 2018
Mr Roger Buckle	Coundon Primary	10 March 2018
Councillor J O'Boyle	Frederick Bird Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs Brinder Sehmi	Hillfields Nursery	10 March 2018
Shaheen Ashfaq	Holbrook Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs Patricia Liggins	Keresley Grange Primary	10 March 2018
Mr Robert Dowey	Little Heath Primary	10 March 2018
Mr Rick Leigh	Little Heath Primary	6 February 2018
Mrs Carol Wright	St Osburgs Catholic Primary	10 March 2018
Mrs S Burton	Sowe Valley Primary	10 March 2018
Mrs S Rixon	Stanton Bridge Primary	10 March 2018

31. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

32. **Any Other Items of Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 3.05 pm)