

CABINET MEMBER (EDUCATION)

5th September 2012

Cabinet Member

Present: Councillor Kershaw

Employees Present: S. Brake (Community Services Directorate)
J. Newman (Finance & Legal Services Directorate)
M. Salmon (Customer & Workforce Services Directorate)
D. Wallis (Children, Learning & Young People's Directorate)

In Attendance: M. Cecile (Work Experience)

Apologies: Councillor Williams

Public Business

16. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17. Minutes

(a) The minutes of the meetings held on 18th July and 9th August 2012 were signed as a true record.

(b) Matters Arising

Further to minute 9/12 headed 'Library Service Strategy and Facilities Strategy, the Cabinet Member received an update on the progress of the improvements to facilities at the Jubilee Crescent Library, Radford. He was informed that improvements had been agreed for updating the staff facilities, including redecoration works, and new staff toilet facilities were now in place. A further property services meeting had been arranged for 6th September 2012.

The Cabinet Member requested that Radford Ward Councillors be kept informed of progress on this matter and that a copy of the report be circulated to them for their information.

18. Adult Education Service Strategy

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Community Services that informed him that the Adult Education Service (AES) delivered accredited and non-accredited learning opportunities to adults in a wide range of venues across Coventry, with a particular focus on working in priority neighbourhoods and supporting learners who had not yet achieved a first level two qualification. The AES Strategy, a copy of which was attached as an appendix to the report, highlighted service delivery to date and included key actions for to be undertaken over a three year period to improve performance and delivery. The improvements were required to ensure AES continued to meet learner expectations, as well as the requirements of Ofsted, and to support it in meeting funding body targets and its on-going sustainability.

The Strategy detailed the service provided to communities and the positive impacts associated with educational improvements such as increasing employment opportunities and health and well-being benefits. It gave an overview of the service and detailed the funding, monitoring the quality of services, accommodation and future developments in Adult Learning. The document provided illustrative case studies with information provided by users of the service. The Three Year Strategic Development Plan identified the following key priority areas:

- Equality and Diversity
- Safeguarding
- Strategic Involvement of Learners
- Assessment of Learning
- Accommodation and Resources
- E-Learning
- Family Learning
- Staff Development

The Cabinet Member expressed his support for this valuable service provision to communities and referred to an Adult Education Celebration Event at the Muslim Resource Centre, Foleshill, he had recently attended and described as inspirational. The event had been attended by some 300 people and the positive impacts associated with educational improvements and the excellent Tutor-Student relationships were evident. The Cabinet Member outlined his concerns should the service be affected by any financial cuts and was given assurance that provision had been made to protect the service as much as possible in such circumstances.

RESOLVED that after due consideration of the report and matters raised at the meeting, Cabinet Member (Education) approved the Adult Education Service Strategy.

19. Appointment to the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

The Cabinet Member (Education) considered a report of the Director of Children, Learning and Young People that sought confirmation of the appointment of a representative of the Free Churches to the Coventry Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

The Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) was established under the Education Reform Act 1988 and comprised four Groups which the City Council was responsible for appointing Members to:

A Church of England group (Group 1);

A group representing other Christian denominations and other Faiths which reflect the principal religious traditions in the area (Group 2);

A group representing teachers (Group 3); and,

A group representing the City Council (Group 4)

The purpose of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education was to advise the Local Authority on matters concerning religious education in community schools and the religious education provision to be made in accordance with an agreed Syllabus. These matters may include methods of teaching, training for teachers; and, choice of materials and resources.

The membership of Group 2 of SACRE was currently undersubscribed and as a member of the West Orchard United Reform Church, Ms. Pauline Luckett had been nominated to serve on this Group to represent Free Churches. Ms Luckett was previously a representative for NUT on Group 3 of SACRE.

RESOLVED that after due consideration of the report and matters raised at the meeting, Cabinet Member (Education) approved the appointment of Ms Pauline Luckett to the Group representing other Christian denominations and other Faiths which reflected the principal religious traditions in the area (Group 2) of the Coventry Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education for a period of four years as the representative of the Free Church.

20. Appointment of Authority Governors

RESOLVED that, having met the Local Authority criteria for the appointment of Local Authority school governors, Cabinet Member (Education) approved 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 Robert Griffiths	Allesley Primary	4 September 2016
Cllr P Townshend	Allesley Hall Primary	4 September 2016
Mrs P Burton	Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School	4 September 2016
Mr T Sharman	Gosford Park Primary	4 September 2016
Mrs M Cantillon	St John Fisher Catholic Primary	4 September 2016
Mr R Drew	Whitmore Park Primary	4 September 2016

Authority Governor: Re-Appointments

Name	School	Term of Office
Mrs Haley Short	Alderman's Green Primary	21 October 2016
Mrs Gill Browett	Charter Primary	21 October 2016
Mrs Pauline Davies	Ernesford Grange Community School	21 October 2016
Cllr J O'Boyle	Gosford Park Primary	21 October 2016
Mr Muneeb Mirza	St Augustine's Catholic Primary	21 October 2016
Dr M Chappell	Sowe Valley Primary	21 October 2016
Mr A Guymer	Woodfield School	21 October 2016
Mrs D Sherwood	Wyken Croft Primary	21 October 2016

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

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 12.35pm)