

CABINET MEMBER (EDUCATION)

27th February 2013

Cabinet Member

Present: Councillor Kershaw

Employees Present: S. Durkin (Children, Learning & Young People Directorate)
C. Green (Children, Learning & Young People Directorate)
D. Haley (Children, Learning & Young People Directorate)
S. Heawood (Children, Learning & Young People Directorate)
M. Salmon (Customer & Workforce Services Directorate)
D. Wallis (Children, Learning & Young People Directorate)

Apologies: Councillor Williams

Public Business

41. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

42. Minutes

(a) The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.

(b) The minutes of the Joint Meeting of Cabinet Member (City Development) and Cabinet Member (Education) held on 29 November 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.

(c) There were no matters arising.

43. Post-16 Transport Policy – Support to Access Education and Training

Further to minute 32/12, the Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Children, Learning and Young People that detailed the update of the current Post-16 Transport Policy to ensure accuracy in meeting statutory requirements. The report also sought approval of the publication of the Policy for the academic year 2013/2014 (attached as an appendix to the report) on the City Council's website by 31 May 2103.

Local Authorities (LA) had a duty to prepare and publish an annual Transport Policy Statement by 31 May each year which specified the arrangements that the LA considered necessary to 'facilitate the attendance of all persons of sixth form age receiving education or training'. From 1 April 2010 this duty was extended to require a Transport Policy Statement covering young people aged 19-24 who were continuing in learning and had learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

Following further work in collaboration with the Council's Community Services Directorate, a public consultation would be carried out on the Policy for future years. As part of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Fundamental Services Review, proposals for the consultation would be submitted to a future meeting of Cabinet Member (Education).

RESOLVED that, after due consideration of the report and matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member (Education) approves the publication of the updated Post-16 Transport Policy on the City Council website by the 31st May 2013.

44. Co-ordinated School Admissions Schemes for 2014 and Community and Voluntary Controlled School Admissions Policies for 2014

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Children, Learning and Young People that sought approval of the co-ordinated admissions scheme for primary, infant and junior schools in Coventry, the admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled primary, infant and junior schools (attached as an appendix to the report), and the co-ordinated admissions scheme for secondary schools in Coventry, and the admissions policy for community schools, for 2014/15 (attached as a further appendix to the report).

The Department for Education required Local Authorities to determine the co-ordination schemes for school admissions in their areas and the admissions policies for community and voluntary controlled schools which are the responsibility of the local authority by 15 April annually. In April 2006, Cabinet (their minute 196/06 refers) approved the delegation of consideration of reports on school admission arrangements the relevant Cabinet Member in years where there were no significant changes to admission arrangements.

The School Admissions Code 2012 made changes to the consultation requirements for admission arrangements from 2013. Admissions authorities were required to consult on admission arrangements every seven years or more frequently where any significant changes were proposed. No significant changes were proposed to the scheme or the admissions policies for community and voluntary controlled schools since the last consultation for admission in September 2013. Therefore no consultation has been required for 2014. The increased admission numbers for primary schools had been subject to separate consultation arrangements the outcome and determination of which were considered by Cabinet.

The Cabinet Member noted that during September 2013, in addition to all maintained primary, junior and infant schools in Coventry receiving information for parents who wished to apply for admission to a Coventry primary, junior or infant school at the normal age of entry in 2014/15, information would also be made available in nurseries and other early years provision, and in other general community settings such as libraries and GP surgeries.

The Cabinet Member thanked Admissions staff for their dedicated work, often carried out in difficult circumstances, to ensure all children had a place in education through school admission arrangements and asked that his thanks be passed onto the officers concerned.

RESOLVED that, after due consideration of the report and matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member (Education) approves:

- (1) the co-ordinated admissions scheme for primary, infant and junior schools in Coventry for 2014/15 and the admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled primary, infant and junior schools for 2014/15.**

(2) the co-ordinated admissions scheme for secondary schools in Coventry for 2014/15 and the admissions policy for community schools for 2014/15.

45. **Appointment of Authority Governors**

RESOLVED that, having met the Local Authority criteria for the appointment of Local Authority school governors, 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 A Walmsley	Grangehurst Primary	26 February 2017
Councillor Ahktar	John Gulson Primary	26 February 2017
Miss K Jennings	Moathouse Primary	26 February 2015

Authority Governor: Re-Appointments

Name	School	Term of Office
Tom Ruddy	Potters Green Primary	25 May 2017
Gareth McNab	Stoke Primary School	21 April 2017

46. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

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

There were no other items of public business.

Private Business

Nil

(Meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.)