CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2010

Present: Councillor Allen

In attendance: Councillors Bolton and Williams

22/09 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

23/09 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no items.

24/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

25/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 March 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Non-Key Decisions

26/09 Merrill College

A report from the Corporate Director of Children and Young People was considered, seeking approval to commence consultation on the closure and reopening of Merrill College as a National Challenge Trust School.

It was reported that the Minister for Schools and Learners had approved the proposed conversion to a National Challenge Trust school, with Derby College acting as the lead educational partner, but that approval was conditional upon the closure and reopening. The Assistant Director for Learning clarified that the proposed commencement date for the consultation would be 19 April and not 26 April as stated in the report.

Attending members sought clarification on the scope of the consultation. It was explained that it would involve statutory and non-statutory consultees, including parents, governors, teachers and other school staff, Derby College, unions, ward members for all wards within the catchment and MPs as well as notification being placed in the Derby Telegraph.

Resolved to approve consultation on the re-launch of Merrill College as a National Challenge Trust school involving statutory closure and reopening, with the consultation to commence from 19 April 2010.

MINUTES END