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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING 15 JANUARY 2008

Present: Councillor Bolton

In attendance: Councillors Poulter and Rawson

26/07 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Allen.

27/07 Late Items Introduced by the Cabinet Member

There were no late items.

28/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

29/07 Cabinet Member Update

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People provided an update on the following:

Children's Centres

The Cabinet Member reported that three new children's centres would be opening in Boulton, Chaddesden and Littleover/Mickleover by Easter.

Foster Carers

An event would be held on ? January 2008 to thank foster carers for their much valued work.

Alvaston Junior School

It was reported that Alvaston Junior School had recently been removed from special measures. Out of 105 schools in the city only three were still in a category.

Non-Key Decisions

30/07 Sustainability of Childcare

The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People regarding a funding grant application for sustainability of childcare to Y-Play for holiday play schemes and childcare for disabled children and an after school club – grant requested £19,759.

Resolved to agree to the funding grant application for sustainability funding for £19,759 to Y-Play.

31/07 Maintenance Issues for Children's Homes

The Cabinet Member considered a minute extract from the Corporate Parenting Sub-Commission from its meeting on 11 December 2007 regarding maintenance issues for children's homes, which asked the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and the Cabinet Member for Personnel, Performance Management and Economic Development to consider its recommendations.

Resolved in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Personnel, Performance Management and Economic Development (if agreed)

- 1. To commission a full condition survey of the five children's homes operated by Derby City Council, consider suitability and sufficiency issues, carry out an option appraisal and recommend proposals to bring them to a suitable standard, or replace them.**
- 2. To develop a robust and realistic service level agreement for the delivery of reactive maintenance repairs within the constraints of the Council's limited maintenance revenue budget and increasing maintenance backlog.**
- 3. To investigate the options of devolving some of the budget for the maintenance of children's homes to home managers and of employing a dedicated handyperson for the five children's homes.**
- 4. To develop a system of checks to ensure that feedback forms are left.**

Consultation Arrangements

32/07 Proposed Schools Federation

The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People detailing the outcome of the consultation on the proposed federation of St James' Church of England (Aided) Junior School (SJJ), St James' Church of England (Aided) Infant and Nursery School (SJI) and Rosehill Infant and Nursery School (RI).

The proposed federation was subject to wide consultation, followed by a decision by each school's governing body. Each governing body met on 10 December 2007. The governors of SJJ and SJI both voted in favour of federation. The governors of RI voted against federation. As the original proposal was for a federation of all three schools the overall outcome was, therefore, not to proceed with federation.

The governing bodies of SJI and SJJ will meet in early January 2008 in order to decide whether to re-consult on a two-way federation between their two

schools. If this is the case the schools will need to conduct a new consultation which will conclude in March 2008.

Resolved to note the outcome of the consultation on the proposed federation of St James' Church of England (Aided) Junior School, St James' Church of England (Aided) Infant and Nursery School and Rosehill Infant and Nursery school.

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