

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 8.40pm

EDUCATION COMMISSION 23 FEBRUARY 2004

Present: Councillor Wynn (in the Chair)
Councillors Ahern, Chera, J Hickson, Hird,
Latham, MacDonald and Winter

Co-opted Members: Mr Ian Samways
Mr Balwant Bubber
Mr John Honey
Mr David Edwards
Mr Tom Johnston

In Attendance Mr D Wilkinson (NASUWT)
Mr C Holmes (UNISON)

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

Late Items Introduced by the Chair

The Chair reported that this was the last meeting of the Commission that Lynn Senior, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator would be attending, as she was leaving the authority to take up a post of Head of Scrutiny at Nottinghamshire County Council. The Commission wished Lynn all the best in her new job.

Declarations of Interest

Name	Type of interest	Reason
Councillor Ahern	Personal	Governor – Becket School
Councillor Chera	Personal	Governor – Sinfin Secondary Community School
	Personal	Member of UNISON
	Personal	Member of the Sikh temple
Councillor J Hickson	Personal	Governor – Etwall Primary School

Councillor Latham	Personal and prejudicial	In all matters connected to the Education PFI Grouped Schools bid, by virtue of her husband's professional interest.
Councillor MacDonald	Personal Personal	Governor – Lees Brook Community Sports College Member of National Union of Teachers
Councillor Wynn	Personal	Chair Governor – Beckett School Chair Governor – Bemrose School Wife a teacher employed by the LEA
Mr BR Bubber	Personal	Governor – Peartree Infant School Trustee at the Hindu temple
Mr D Edwards	Personal	Chair Governor – St James Infants and Vice Chair Governor - St James Junior Schools
Mr J Honey	Personal	Head teacher and Governor St Georges Catholic Primary School
Mr T Johnston	Personal	Vice Chair Governor – Murray Park School Chair Governor – St. Clare's School
Councillor Winter	Personal	Governor – Mickelover Primary School

51/03 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Education Commission held on 19 January 2004 were accepted as a true record.

Items For Discussion

52/03 Update on School Place Planning Topic Review

Lynn Senior, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator reported that interviews had taken place and that notes of these interviews would be circulated to witnesses for comments. A meeting to discuss the recommendations had been arranged for 22 March 2004 at 10am at The Council House. Anyone who was unable to attend that meeting should submit comments to Lynn Senior.

53/03 Changes to the Formula for Funding Schools

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Education, which stated that Council Cabinet would be considering a report on formula funding for schools at its meeting on 24 February 2004. Schools would be informed of their provisional budgets on 25 February 2004.

Resolved

- 1 To endorse the recommendations set out in the report which would be considered by Council Cabinet on 24 February 2004.**
- 2 To include an item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Commission relating to teaching assistants.**

54/03 High View Collaborative Re-start

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Education, which stated that Council Cabinet, at its meeting on 13 January 2004, had approved a report on High View School Collaborative Re-start and the publication of a statutory notice.

Resolved to note the report.

55/03 Education Service Capital Project – Phase One 2004/05

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Education, which stated that Council Cabinet, at its meeting on 24 February 2004, would consider the Education Service Capital Programme.

Resolved

- 1 To note the report.**
- 2 To consider procurement as a possible topic review of the Commission at a future date.**

Matters referred to the Commission by the Council Cabinet

56/03 Education Asset Management Plan

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Education which stated that Council Cabinet, at its meeting on 3 February 2004, had approved the Education Asset Management Plan.

Resolved

- 1 To note the report.**
- 2 To consider Building Schools for the Future at a future meeting of the Commission.**
- 3 To consider an item on Special Schools at a future meeting of the Commission.**
- 4 To recommend that the Education Service review the Asset Management Plan once the results of the Derby City Education Service - Expression of Interest for Building Schools for the Future is known.**

57/03 Best Value Review of Education and Social Inclusion – Terms of Reference Report

The commission considered a report from the Director of Education, which stated that Council Cabinet, at its meeting on 3 February 2004, had endorsed Terms of Reference for the Best Value Review of Social and Education Inclusion and referred it to this Commission for comment.

Resolved to endorse the Terms of Reference for the Best Value Review of Education Social Inclusion as set out in the report.

58/03 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

Resolved that the Commission should consider the following item from the Forward Plan at the most appropriate time.

Adult Learning Inspection.

Items for Discussion Continued

59/03 Derby Grouped Schools PFI – Interim Service Arrangement

The Commission considered a joint report from the Directors of Education and Finance, which stated that Council Cabinet, at its meeting on 24 February 2004, would consider a report on the Derby Grouped Schools PFI – Interim Service Arrangement. There was concern that all Trade Unions should be involved in the process.

Resolved

- 1 To note the report.**
- 2 To request the Council Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning to attend the next meeting of the Commission.**
- 3 To consider the involvement of Trade Unions in PFI at a future meeting of the Commission.**

(Having declared a personal prejudicial interest in the above item, Councillor Latham left the meeting during the discussion and voting there-on).

60/03 Derby Grouped Schools PFI – Evaluation of Bids and Short-listing of Bidders

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services on behalf of the project board which stated that Council Cabinet, at its meeting on 24 February 2004, would consider a report on the Grouped Schools PFI - evaluation of bids and short-listing of bidders. Council Cabinet were being recommended to approve Derby's PLC and Vinci Investments Limited being nominated to proceed to the next stage of selecting the Council's preferred bidder for the Grouped Schools PFI Project. There was concern that all Trade Unions should be involved in the evaluation of bids and short-listing of bidders. There was particular concern about Jarvis PLC and their reputation on other projects.

Resolved

- 1 To recommend to Council Cabinet that all three short-listed bidders for the Grouped Schools PFI be retained at this stage.**
- 2 To scrutinise the bid evaluation process, with assistance from Trade Unions, particularly on health and safety issues and to inform Council Cabinet of this decision.**
- 3 To request Council Cabinet to consider putting a teaching union representative on the Grouped Schools PFI Project Board.**

(Having declared a personal prejudicial interest in the above item, Councillor Latham left the meeting during the discussion and voting there-on).

61/03 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

62/03 Derby Schools PFI: Evaluation of Bids and Short-listing of Bidders

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services on behalf of the project board, which set out an analysis of the interim evaluation report in respect of the Grouped Schools PFI Project, which would be considered by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 24 February 2004.

Resolved to note the report.

(Having declared a personal prejudicial interest in the above item, Councillor Latham left the meeting during the discussion and voting there-on).

Chair of the next ensuing meeting
at which these minutes were signed