

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.20pm

EDUCATION COMMISSION 24 APRIL 2006

Present: Councillor MacDonald (in the Chair)
Councillors Afzal, Allen, Higginbottom, Hird, Khan and Latham

Co-opted Members: John Honey, Dr Devendra and Nasreen Iqbal

Also Present:

Councillor Wynn
Ian Jennison - NUT

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Liversedge, Alison Brown, Dave Wilkinson and Tony Walsh.

Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

Declarations of Interest

Name	Type of interest	Reason
Councillor MacDonald	Personal	Governor – Lees Brook Community Sports College
	Personal	Member of National Union of Teachers
Councillor Higginbottom	Personal	Vice Chair of Governors – Ashgate Primary School
Councillor Allen	Personal	Chair of the Management Committee at the Pupil Referral unit
		Governor at St Clare's School

52/05 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 6 March 2006 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

53/05 Call In

There were no items.

Items for Discussion

54/05 Performance Monitoring

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed a list of performance indicators that were agreed at the previous meeting. The indicators related to the number of schools causing concern and the Best Value score cards in the Council's Performance Eye.

Resolved to note the report and the indicators detailed.

55/05 Adult Learning Topic Review

The Commission considered a report from the Chair of the Education Commission that detailed a response from the Cabinet Member for Children's and Young People on the review of the impact of Learning and Skills Councils Agenda for change on adult learning. Members were requested to consider the comments and give their views on the response provided. Although a request for comments had been sent to the Director of Derbyshire Learning and Skills Council, nothing had been received.

Councillor Latham considered the letter from the Cabinet Member to be patronising and not an adequate response to a serious report.

Councillor Allen suggested that the issue was to decide what to do with the Cabinet Members' response, to note and move on or change the report in response to the comments from the Cabinet Member.

Councillor Macdonald suggested that the issue could be left to the Chair and the Cabinet Member to discuss.

Councillor Higginbottom stated that the Commission make- up may change in the future and then it would be for the relevant Commission to progress these issues. She suggested that the report be left in its current format.

An item in the Forward Plan to consider changes to the Adult Learning Service fee resulting from the LSC's Agenda for Change was noted.

Resolved

- 1. to note the report and the comments of the Cabinet Member**
- 2. to send the minutes of the Commission meeting to the Learning and Skills Council.**

56/05 Integrating Children's Service

The Commission considered a verbal report from Andrew Flack – Corporate Director for Children and Young People – that provided an update on Integrating Children's Services. He reported that the Children and Young People's Plan had been through all processes, apart from formal agreement on 24 May 2006 and is available on the Council's web page.

It was reported that a planning group had been meeting every two weeks to discuss area 1. It was noted that there were a couple of models that had been favoured and after May/June the preferred model would be presented for approval. The Plan was due for implementation in September 2006.

It was noted that Derby City Council were one of 14 pathfinders as part of the DFeS' pilot called Targeted Youth Support as a way of taking youth matters forward.

The Commission welcomed Derby's progress on the common assessment framework to be within the top 2-3 local authorities nationally.

Resolved to note the update.

57/05 Phase 2 Children's Centres and Extended Schools

The Commission considered a verbal report from Chris Evans – Head of Early Years and Childcare - and Gurmail Nizzer – Programme Manager, Infrastructure and Integration - that provided an update on Children's Centres and Extended Schools.

It was reported that Phase 1 Children's Centres would be complete by September 2006 and that the consultation on Phase 2 Children's Centres would be running until mid May 2006. The location of the base is constrained by the capital available. It was hoped that staff would all receive comprehensive training on Extended Schools by September 2006.

Resolved to note the update.

58/05 Children and Education Services Cabinet Member Meeting

Agreed to note the availability of the papers for the Children and Education Services Cabinet Member meeting on CMIS.

59/05 Forward Plan

There were no items.

60/05 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of
the Commission

There were no items.

61/05 Matters Referred to the Commission by Council
Cabinet

There were no items.

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