

Time began 2.05pm
Time ended 2.25pm

CHILDREN'S AND EDUCATION SERVICES CABINET MEMBER MEETING

16 JANUARY 2006

Present: Councillor Wynn

Also present: Councillors Allen and MacDonald

01/05 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor E Berry.

02/05 Late Items Introduced by the Cabinet Member

There were no late items

03/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Non-Key Decisions

04/05 Normanton Child Safety Project

The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People about the SRB6 and URBAN II bid for the Normanton Child Safety Project. The project aimed to develop a dedicated child safety scheme involving parents in the Normanton area of Derby. The project would be managed by the Early Years and Childcare Service working in partnership with SureStart Rosehill.

Decision

Resolved:

1. to approve the SRB6 and URBAN II bid for the Normanton Child Safety Project 16/01/06 – 31/12/07.
2. to provide details of the background data and standard packs to the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Community Regeneration Commission and Education Commission and Councillor E Berry.
3. to ask the Corporate Director for Children and Young People to report back to a future meeting once the bid was in place.

05/05 Technicians Service for Schools

The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People about the proposed establishment of an in-house ICT Technicians support service for schools, subject to the normal personnel and vacancy control processes. It was reported that schools were currently offered an ICT support service brokered through a local company. Although this worked well initially problems had arisen as the scale of the scheme had developed. Schools appreciated the opportunity of purchasing skilled ICT technical support and could control costs by buying as little as a half day per fortnight. Schools would avoid all recruitment processes and issues arising from sharing a technician. At the start of 2005/6, 53 of 91 primary, special and nursery schools opted to subscribe to the service. Most companies providing technical support preferred to allocate technicians from a 'pool' rather than allocate a specific individual to a specific school. Schools preferred a known and trusted individual technician and this could be achieved using a Council employed team.

Decision

Resolved to approve the establishment of an in-house ICT Technicians support service for schools, subject to the normal personnel and vacancy control processes.

MINUTES END