

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.40pm

EDUCATION COMMISSION 10 DECEMBER 2003

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

Co-opted Members: Mr John Honey
Mr Ian Samways (Parent Governor)
Mr Balwant Bubber (Derby REC)

In Attendance Mr K Cullen (NASUWT)

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Latham, Mr David Edwards and Mr Tom Johnston.

Late Items Introduced by the Chair

The Chair reported that evidence gathering meetings for the secondary sector school placed planning topic review, would take place on 20 and 22 January 2004. The venue would be confirmed and times of the interview sessions would depend on the availability of witnesses.

Declarations of Interest

Name	Type of interest	Reason
Councillor Ahern	Personal	Governor - Becket School
Councillor Chera	Personal Personal Personal	Governor – Sinfin Secondary Community School Member of UNISON 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	Governor – Beckett School 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	Governor - St James Infants and St James Junior Schools
Mr J Honey	Personal	Head teacher and Governor St Georges Catholic Primary School
Mr T Johnston	Personal	Governor – Murray Park School Governor – St. Clare's School

38/03 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Education Commission held on 24 November 2003 were accepted as a true record.

39/03 Corporate Parenting Sub-Commission

The minutes of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Commission held on 1 July and 30 September 2003 were received.

Items For Discussion

40/03 Provision for Pupils with Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Education, which set out the strategy for pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties, which had been considered by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 7 October 2003.

Resolved:

- 1 To request the Director of Education to update the Commission on the progress of the strategy, a year after it has been implemented.**
- 2 To include consultation with the Trade Unions in priority 2 of the Behaviour Support Plan.**

41/03 Education Service Capital Projects – Phase Five 2003/04

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Education, which set out the Education Service Capital Projects – Phase Five 2003/04, which had been considered by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 18 November 2003.

Resolved:

- 1 To note the report.**
- 2 To request the Director of Education to include the Asset Management Plan when Phase Six is reported to the Commission.**

42/03 Consultation on the Formula for Funding Schools

The Commission considered a consultation document on the formula for funding schools.

Resolved:

- 1 To welcome the consultation document.**
- 2 To support particularly the proposal set out in Question 14 “do you agree there should be a reduction of £6,000 from the pupil retention funding for secondary schools, each time a pupil is permanently excluded?”**

43/03 Draft Topic Review Report of School Placed Planning in Derby - Primary Sector Issues

Lynn Senior, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer presented a draft report on the Commission’s topic review of school placed planning in Derby, Primary Sector Issues. The report was agreed by the Commission, subject to two amendments:

- A) That the first section of the report be called 'planning the places' rather than 'planning the numbers'.
- B) That the word 'marketing in recommendation 4 be changed to 'giving publicity to'
- C) To add a footnote to page 7 of the report showing the number of primary sector schools with 15% or more surplus places.

The commission also agreed to include a page in the report giving the names of the Chair and Vice Chair, and then listing the other members of the Commission.

With these amendments the Commission agreed that the report should be presented to Council Cabinet at the earliest opportunity.

Resolved:

- 1 To approve the report subject to the amendments.**
- 2 To submit final report to the Council Cabinet at the earliest opportunity.**
- 3 To thank everyone who helped in the preparation of the report.**

Matters Referred to the Commission by the Council Cabinet

44/03 Education Development Plan Evaluation and Performance in Schools

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Education, which set out the Education Development Plan Evaluation and Performance in Schools, which had been considered by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 7 October 2003.

Resolved to welcome the proposal set out in the report.

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