

ITEM 4

Time commenced - 6.00pm
Time finished - 7.02pm

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSION TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2011

Present: Councillor F Winter (Chair), Councillors Bolton, Davis, Higginbottom, Radford and Whitby
In attendance: Councillor Williams (for Items 70/10 to 74/10), Councillor Rawson (from item 75/10).

70/10 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry and Tuplin, Alison Brown and David Wilkinson.

71/10 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

72/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

73/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2010

The minutes of the meeting on 15 December 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

74/10 Call-in

There were no items for call-in.

Items for Discussion

75/10 Budget 2011-12

Prior to the commencement of a presentation under this item concern was raised by members of the commission that representatives from Voices in Action were not in attendance at the meeting. Officers suggested that a separate meeting could be arranged between members of the commission and representatives from Voices in Action.

It was proposed, and seconded that the meeting be adjourned until such time that representatives of Voices in Action could attend. A vote was taken on the proposal and lost, the Chair exercising a casting vote.

Members of the Commission noted that representatives from Voices in Action should be present at this meeting in future.

Officers presented the proposed Children and Young People Directorate's budget for 2011/12. The presentation highlighted cuts in funding of £16.3M (million) for 2011/12 (6.9% of budget) with a further cut of £6.2M for 2012/13 (2.8% of budget) and gave an outline of the various sources of funding contributing to the new budget. A summary was given of current budget pressures and potential savings to be made in order to balance the budget for 2011/12. The introduction of a new EIG (Early Intervention Grant) and changes in the DSG (Dedicated Schools Grant) were also outlined.

Members of the Commission discussed proposed changes to the youth service and again highlighted the absence of representatives from Voices in Action to communicate their view on the proposed changes. Members sought more detailed information on the proposed changes. Members also considered the proportionality of budget changes in the Children and Young People's Directorate compared to others. Whilst this item was being considered the Chair raised concerns at the absence of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from the meeting.

Resolution - to adjourn the meeting as the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People was no longer present to answer the questions of the Commission.

MINUTES END