

Time began 6.00 pm
Time ended 6.15 pm

**COUNCIL CABINET
16 MAY 2006**

Present Councillor - Williamson Chair
Councillors Bolton, Dhindsa, Hussain, Nath and Wynn

In attendance Councillors Hickson and Jones

This record of decisions was published on 18 May 2006. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

338/05 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Roberts.

339/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

340/05 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call-In will not apply

There were no items.

341/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

342/05 Minutes of the meetings held on 18 and 25 April 2006

The minutes of the meetings held on 18 and 25 April 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Key Decisions

343/05 Targeted Capital – Ivy House Special School

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Targeted Capital – Ivy House Special School. Council Cabinet approved submission of two Targeted Capital Bids to the DfES at its meeting on 17 May 2005. In October 2005 the Council heard that both these bids were successful. Council Cabinet were informed of the capital implications of the two bids at its meeting on 21 February 2006. Consultation with parents, pupils, staff, governors and other stakeholders on proposals has now taken place along with feasibility work.

This supported the option of building a new school on the existing Derby Moor Community Sports College site.

Councillors Wynn and Bolton stated that their support to the publication of the statutory notice did not amount to any predetermination on their part of the planning implications that would inevitably arise if the transfer proceeded.

Options Considered

Targeted Capital Funding could not be used for any other purpose other than that outlined in the bid as approved by Council Cabinet on 17 May 2005. The consultation covered the issue of the site for the new school.

Decision

1. To approve the publication of a statutory notice to transfer Ivy House Special School to the existing Derby Moor Community Sports College site on 1 September 2008.
2. To approve delegation of authority for approval of the re-location of Ivy House Special School after the statutory consultation, subject to no objections, to the Corporate Director for Children and Young People.

Reasons

1. Consultation and feasibility work had supported the proposal to build Ivy House Special School on the site of Derby Moor Community Sports College.
2. The Targeted Capital funding detailed in Appendix 1 of the report had been awarded on the condition the schools covered by the schemes would be open in September 2008.

344/05 Changes to Adult Learning Service Fees Resulting from the Learning and Skills Council 'Agenda for Change'

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Changes to Adult Learning Service Fees resulting from the Learning and Skills Council 'Agenda for Change'. The Council needed to review and amend Adult Learning Service fee policy in response to the Learning and Skill Council's (LSC) 'Agenda for Change'. The Council needed to consider changes to locally agreed fee discounts and to consider increasing course fees from 1 August 2006.

It was noted that 1.11 point 4 of the report would be changed to read:

4. 100% reduction for learners on Sign Language courses whose spouse, partner, parent, child, brother or sister is deaf.

Options Considered

1. An alternative course of action would be to seek external funding to cover some course fees, particularly those of learners living in disadvantaged areas or those coming from disadvantaged groups.
2. The only major source of funding would be the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund managed by the External Funding Unit, however this is over subscribed for the 06/07 financial year and has very little available to bid into in the 07/08 year.

Decision

1. To approve a reduction in locally agreed fee discounts as set out in paragraph 1.11 subject to the change to point 4 noted above.
2. To agree to variable increases in course fees from 1 August 2006 as outlined in paragraph 1.13 of the report.

Reasons

1. Changes in LSC funding would reduce the level of funding to the Adult Learning Service by £344,463 in the 2006-07 funding year. The reduction was from £3,093,146 in 2005-06 to £2,748,683 in 2006-07.
2. There was an expectation from the LSC that the shortfall in funding would be made up from an increase in fees and changes to non-LSC supported fee discounts. The LSC funding methodology already assumed that 27.5% of costs were met from fee income. This percentage would increase to 32.5% in 2006-07 rising to 50% by 2008.
3. A re-focusing in LSC priorities for funding would impact on the content and delivery of Adult Learning Service courses from August 2006.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

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The Council Cabinet considered a report on Contract and Financial Procedure Matters. The report dealt with the following item that required reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under contract and financial procedure rules:

- decisions reached on the allocation of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund funding in 2006/7 and the incorporation of that funding into the Council's approved budgets.

Decision

To note the planned uses of NRF funding in 2006/7 as determined by Derby City Partnership and the integration of that planning with the Council's own budget planning, consistent with the delegation of NRF decision making to the Partnership.

MINUTES END