

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 6.50pm

EDUCATION COMMISSION 24 NOVEMBER 2003

Present: Councillor Wynn (in the Chair)
Councillors Ahern, Chera, Latham, MacDonald,
Winter

Co-opted Members: Mr David Edwards (Church of England Diocese),
Mr Ian Samways and Mr Tom Johnston
(Parent Governors)
Mr Balwant R Bubber (Derby Racial Equality
Council)

In Attendance Mr David Wilkinson (NASUWT)

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Hickson and Hird,
and Mr John Honey.

Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

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 T Johnston	Personal	Governor – Murray Park School Governor – St. Clare’s School

32/03 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Education Commission held on 6 October 2003 were accepted as a true record.

Items For Discussion

33/03 Early Years Strategy and Children's Centre Plan

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Education, which set out the Early Years Strategy and and Children's Centre Plan, which had been considered by Council Cabinet on 28 October 2003.

Resolved:

1. To welcome the proposals set out in the report.
2. To request the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and the Director of Education to keep the Commission up to date on progress.

34/03 Amalgamation of Hardwick Infant and Junior Schools

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Education, which set out details of the amalgamation of Hardwick Infant and Junior Schools and the publication of Statutory Notices, proposing the closure of the two schools and replacing them with a newly established primary school from 1 April 2004. The Report was considered by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 28 October 2003.

Resolved to note the report on the amalgamation of Hardwick Infant and Junior schools, approved by Cabinet on 28 October 2003.

35/03 School Place Planning - Secondary Sector Issues - Topic Review Report

Lynn Senior, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator, gave an update on the progress of the School Place Planning Topic Review. She reported that suggested dates for interviews with witnesses were 14, 15, 20 and 22 January 2004. She also reported that a meeting of the Planning Group needed to be arranged very soon. The report on School Place Planning for the Primary sector would be considered by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 13 January 2004.

Matters Referred to the Commission by the Council Cabinet

36/03 School Organisation Plan 2003-2008

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Education, which set out details of the School Organisation Plan 2003 to 2008, which would be approved by the School Organisation Committee. The report had been considered by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 18 November 2003.

Resolved to note the report on the School Organisation Plan 2003 to 2008 and support it being submitted to the School Organisation Committee for approval.

37/03 Forward Plan

Resolved that the Commission should consider the following items from the Forward Plan at the most appropriate time:

- 1. Admissions policy**
- 2. High View School developments**
- 3. Closure and re-opening of High View School**
- 4. Outcome of formula funding consultation**

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