

Time began: 4.00 pm
Time ended: 4.05 pm

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER MEETING 11 JANUARY 2011

Present: Councillor Williams
In attendance: Councillors Allen and Winter

06/10 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Botton.

07/10 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items received.

08/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

09/10 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Non-Key Decisions

10/10 Termination of Wrap-around Childcare at North Chaddesden Children's Centre

The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Strategic Director for Children and Young People which stated that the North Chaddesden Children's Centre, based at Cavendish Close Infant School, was one of the 18 Children's Centres in Derby, all managed and run by the Local Authority.

In 14 of the centres, including North Chaddesden, childcare was offered. Whilst childcare was a requirement of meeting the children's centre core offer, demand across the city had been unpredictable. The statutory duty to provide childcare had now been removed by the Government.

Delivery of wrap-around care was particularly costly as Ofsted ratios needed to be met and most parents only wanted wrap-around. Wrap-around childcare was taken over and above the 15 hours of flexible free entitlement provided by the school. In addition, the children's centre only provided wrap-around care and not full day care.

In the case of the provision at North Chaddesden, take-up had been particularly poor with attendance as low as two children for some sessions.

Resolved to agree to the closure of wrap-around care at North Chaddesden Children's Centre, with the service in future being delivered by an alternative provider.

MINUTES END

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