

EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JANUARY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor A Carter in the Chair

Councillors R Brett, J L Carter, R Finnigan,
S Golton, R Harker, P Harrand,
J Monaghan, J Procter and K Wakefield

Councillor R Lewis – Non-Voting Advisory Member

158 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information so designated as follows:-

- (a) Appendices 1 and 2 to the report referred to in minute 171 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure could be prejudicial to the commercial interests of the Council.

159 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Wakefield declared personal interests in the matters referred to in minutes 161, 162, 163, and 164 as a school and college governor.

160 Minutes

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2009 be approved.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

161 The Future of Primrose, City of Leeds and Parklands Girls High Schools, and of Girls Only Secondary Education in Leeds

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report regarding the future of Primrose, City of Leeds and Parklands Girls High Schools, and with respect to girls only secondary education in Leeds.

During the discussion on this item it was agreed that the Board discount paragraph 3.6.1 of the report for the purposes of their consideration of this matter.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That approval be given to move to formal consultation on a proposal to close Primrose High School in August 2011, and to open a new 11-18

Academy, sponsored by the Co-operative Group, with Leeds College as education partner, on the site in September 2011.

- (b) That approval be given to move to formal consultation on a proposal to close City of Leeds High School and for future use of the site for educational purposes.
- (c) That approval be given to move to formal consultation on a proposal to close Parklands Girls High School in August 2011, and to open a new co-educational 11-18 Academy, sponsored by the Edutrust Academies Charitable Trust (EACT), on the site in September 2011.
- (d) That approval be given for a city wide consultation on the future of girls only secondary education in Leeds.
- (e) That a further report be brought to this Board in April 2010 on the outcome of the consultations and progression of the proposals.

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor Wakefield required it to be recorded that he abstained from voting in respect of the proposal referred to in (b) above insofar as the report included reference to a possible future hub development at the site of the City of Leeds High School which will be the subject of a further report)

162 Annual Standards Report - Primary

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report providing an overview of primary schools' performance at the end of 2008/9, as demonstrated through statutory national testing and teacher assessment.

A correction in appendix 1 to the report was noted in that reference to the number of schools below the 55% floor target in paragraph 3.8 should read 34 and not 40.

RESOLVED – That the progress made, the implications of the new Ofsted framework and the implications for provision of support, challenge and intervention arising from the government white paper on 21st Century Schools be noted.

163 Annual Standards Report - Secondary

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report summarising the progress made in relation to secondary school improvement in Leeds and providing a commentary on the challenges faced with respect to further improvement in the future.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the progress made, the implications of the new Ofsted framework and the implications for provision of support, challenge and intervention arising from the government white paper on 21st Century Schools be noted.

- (b) That statistical information be provided to all members of the Board on performance levels in Leeds compared with other similar authorities.

164 Attendance and Exclusions Report 2008/09

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report providing a summary of performance with respect to school attendance, persistent absence and permanent and fixed term exclusions in Leeds.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

165 Proposal for Statutory Consultation for Changes to Primary Provision in Horsforth in 2011

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on proposed consultation on two linked proposals for primary expansion in Horsforth for September 2011.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That approval be given for statutory formal consultation on the linked prescribed alterations to:
- i) change the age range of Horsforth Newlathes Junior School from 7-11 to 5-11, whilst maintaining an admissions limit of 60, with an overall capacity of 420 children; and
 - ii) change the age range of Horsforth Featherbank Infant School from 5-7 to 5-11, and decrease the admissions number from 60 to 30, with an overall capacity of 210 children.
- (b) That the Board notes that the consultation on a proposed expansion of Horsforth West End Primary School, authorised under minute 153 of the last meeting, will coincide with the proposals authorised above.

166 Children's Services Improvement Board

The Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement) submitted a report providing an update on the proposal to establish an independently chaired Improvement Board to oversee the implementation of the Council's improvement plan for children's services.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the proposal to establish an independently led Improvement Board be endorsed and that a further report be brought to the February 2010 meeting of this Board with proposed terms of reference for the new board; an outline of the proposed reporting arrangements and an updated Improvement Plan.
- (b) That consideration be given to the introduction of arrangements to secure that all political groups are kept informed of progress in Children's Services and afforded the opportunity to support that progress.

ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

167 'Your Hospital Your Say' - Leeds City Council's Response to the Consultation on Foundation Trust Status by Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report on the key strategic issues for the City arising from the public consultation being undertaken by the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust on their application to achieve Foundation Trust status and on the proposed formal response by the Council.

RESOLVED - That a formal written response be made to the consultation document 'Your Hospitals Your Say', with specific reference to the points outlined in the conclusion to the submitted report and detailed in section 3 of the report.

CENTRAL AND CORPORATE

168 Leeds City Region Forerunner Agreement

The Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement) and the Director of Resources submitted a joint report providing details of the city region Forerunner Agreement which was signed by Government and city region Leaders at the recent City Region Summit on 27 November 2009. The report also outlined the next steps in delivering the programme.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Forerunner Agreement commitments be noted.
- (b) That a further report be brought to the Board detailing the implications of the Agreement and its implementation for Council policy and governance.
- (c) That detailed briefing sessions be arranged, one for all political group leaders and members of this Board, and one for each political group.
- (d) That further consideration be given to the means of keeping the wider membership of the Council informed of city region developments on an ongoing basis.

DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

169 Legible Leeds - City Centre Wayfinding Scheme

The Director of City Development submitted a report outlining the development of the on-street wayfinding scheme including a new pedestrian focussed 'Walk It' map, concept designs for the proposed new on-street pedestrian wayfinding units and the initial placement plan of where such units should be located.

RESOLVED - That the current position of the Legible Leeds project be noted, that the scheme as outlined in the report be approved and that authority be

given to incur expenditure of £1,200,000 on the proposed works as outlined in the report.

170 Proposed Middleton Enterprise Centre

The Director of City Development submitted a report on proposals for a new Enterprise Centre in Middleton funded by the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative.

RESOLVED – That authority be given to incur expenditure of £1,616,450 on the proposed Middleton Enterprise Centre.

171 Land at Czar Street, Leeds 11

The Chief Officer Libraries, Arts and Heritage submitted a report on proposals to contribute land owned by the Council to support the Old Chapel Rehearsal Studio project.

Following consideration of appendices 1 and 2 to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) which were considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting it was

RESOLVED – That land at Czar Street, as identified on the plan attached to the submitted report, be declared surplus to requirements and that the freehold of the land be transferred to Old Chapel Music CIC for the construction of new rehearsal studios in return for the service benefits as detailed in exempt appendix 2 to the report.

172 Chapeltown and Armley Townscape Heritage Initiative Schemes

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on the proposed implementation of the Chapeltown and Armley Townscape Heritage Initiative Schemes, in accordance with the schemes' Delivery Programmes as agreed with the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Townscape Heritage Initiative/Town and District Centres Programme Board.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That scheme expenditure of £1,136,000 in respect of the Chapeltown and £1,223,000 in respect of the Armley Townscape Heritage Initiative grant schemes be authorised.
- (b) That, with reference to minute 258 of the meeting held on 13th May 2009, appropriate officers hold discussions with the Chair with a view to progressing the matter.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

173 Employability Initiatives

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report summarising the current claimant rates for out-of-work benefits and providing information on the new employability initiatives to support priority groups back into employment. The report also highlighted the changes required to enable the Council to continue to provide support to priority groups in a changing

funding environment to make best use of resources through partnership working.

RESOLVED – That the work to deliver targeted support to those at risk of becoming and remaining long term unemployed be noted and supported

174 Councillor Kabeer Hussain

The Chair referred to the recent death of Councillor Hussain and the Board stood in silent tribute.

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(Scrutiny Support will notify Directors of any items called in by 12.00 noon on 18th January 2010)