

Decisions of the Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee

18 November 2015

Members Present:-

Councillor Reuben Thompstone (Chairman)

Councillor Bridget Perry (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Rebecca Challice

Councillor Alison Cornelius

Councillor Daniel Thomas

Councillor Helena Hart

Councillor Kathy Levine

Councillor Ammar Naqvi

Councillor Anne Hutton

Also in attendance (as Co-opted Members):-

Marilyn Nathan

Gladys Vendy

Apologies for Absence:-

Simon Clifford

Darren Warrington

Denis Carey

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th of October 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies of absence were received from Co-opted members Denis Carey, Darren Warrington and Simon Clifford.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following interests were declared:

| Councillor | Agenda Item | Nature of Interest | Details |
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| Councillor Helena Hart | 7 | Non-pecuniary | That the Councillor's grandson is attending a school in Barnet. |
| Councillor Anne Hutton | 7 | Non-pecuniary | That the Councillor used to work for the Cambridge Education Group. |

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

Public comments were made by Ian Kingham (Deputy Head Teacher of Oak Lodge School), Anthony David (Head Teacher of St Paul's Church of England School) and Mr John Dix.

Details of the questions asked and the published answers were provided with the agenda papers for the meeting. Verbal responses were given to supplementary questions at the meeting.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

7. EDUCATION AND SKILLS - FUTURE DELIVERY OF SERVICES

The Commissioning Director for Children and Young People introduced the item, which related to the proposed future delivery of Education and Skills services.

During the course of discussion of the item, Councillor Anne Hutton moved a motion to amend Recommendation 1a to include the additional wording ‘...and exclude the catering contact’ so that it reads:

‘That Mott MacDonald Ltd trading as Cambridge Education be selected as the Council’s preferred bidder for the delivery of Education and Skills services, excluding the catering service’

The vote on the motion was recorded as follows:

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| For | 4 |
| Against | 5 |
| Abstain | 0 |

Therefore the motion did not carry.

Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations outlined in the cover report. Votes were recorded as follows:

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| For | 5 |
| Against | 4 |
| Abstain | 0 |

The recommendations were therefore carried, and it was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee makes the following recommendations to full Council:
 - a. That Mott MacDonald Ltd trading as Cambridge Education be selected as the Council's preferred bidder for the future delivery of Education and Skills services;
 - b. That the Council enters into a strategic partnering arrangement with Mott MacDonald Ltd trading as Cambridge Education, including entering into a services contract and a partnering agreement;
 - c. That the Commissioning Director – Children and Young People be delegated to finalise the contract documentation, in consultation with the Committee Chairman;
 - d. That the functions set out in paragraph 1.45 of the report are contracted out to Mott MacDonald Ltd trading as Cambridge Education; and
 - e. That the Commissioning Director – Children and Young People be delegated to proceed with all necessary planning and preparation for mobilisation of the contract, in consultation with the Committee Chairman.

8. ANNUAL BUSINESS PLANNING

The Commissioning Director for Children and Young People introduced the item which related to Annual Business Planning.

Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to the recommendations outlined in the cover report. Votes were recorded as follows:

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| For | 5 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstain | 4 |

The recommendations were therefore carried, and it was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the Committee note the financial target of £9.9m set by Policy and Resources Committee in June 2014
2. That the Committee note the additional financial target of £14.5m set by Policy and Resources Committee in July 2015
3. That the Committee recommend the savings programme as set out in Appendix A to Policy and Resources Committee
4. That the Committee recommend the capital investment priorities set out in Appendix B to Policy and Resources Committee

9. FAMILY SERVICES ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT 2014/15

The Family Services Director introduced the item which related to the Family Services Annual Complaints Report 2014/15.

Following discussion of the item, the Committee unanimously noted and approved the report.

10. SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Commissioning Director for Children and Young People introduced the item which related to Key Performance Indicators within the Children's Service.

Following discussion of the item, the Committee unanimously noted the report.

11. PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES AND CITIZENSHIP AMONGST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN BARNET

The Commissioning Director for Children and Young People introduced the item which related to promoting British values and citizenship amongst children and young people in Barnet.

Following discussion of the item, the Committee unanimously agreed the recommendations. Therefore, the following was **RESOLVED** –

- 1. That the Committee endorses the importance of promoting British Values and Citizenship and agrees to the establishment of a range of approaches to engage with children and young people in Barnet, as set below:**
 - a. That the Committee agree to receive an annual report from Members of the Youth Parliament detailing issues that it deems to be important and relevant to young people in the borough. The timing of this report will be confirmed by officers following the approval of this recommendation.**
 - b. That the Committee agrees and is mindful of the rights of the child as set out in UK Law as detailed at 1.3 and Appendix 1.**
 - c. That the Committee agree that the Council's corporate parenting approach and pledge is refreshed as detailed in 1.4 and that the Commissioning Director for Children and Young People be delegated to progress this.**
 - d. That the Committee agree to introduce a survey of young people in Barnet as part of the Annual Resident Survey of the borough, as detailed at 1.5.**
 - e. That the Committee agree to the development of a Barnet Youth Charter with Children and Young People to further promote British Values, as detailed at 1.6.**
 - f. That the Committee agree to the establishment of the Barnet Youth Assembly, as detailed at 1.7. to mirror "Lynk Up Crew: The Mayor's Young Advisors" linking to the establishment of an Annual CELS meeting involving young people.**

12. CHILDREN, EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE WORK

PROGRAMME

The Commissioning Director for Children and Young People introduced the Committee Work Programme.

It was noted that an item titled 'Response to the Annual Safeguarding Board Report' would be added to the January 2016 meeting of the Committee.

The Committee unanimously noted the report.

13. ANY OTHER ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

14. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman did not exclude the press and public.

15. EDUCATION AND SKILLS - FUTURE DELIVERY OF SERVICES - EXEMPT APPENDIX B

Not applicable.

16. ANY OTHER EXEMPT ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

Not applicable.

The meeting finished at 8.36 pm