# CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

5 January 2010

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

# Present:

Councillor Cath Hill (Children's Services Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Caroline O'Neill, Assistant Director of Children's Services (Performance and Achievement) Anne Smith, Head of Information Planning and Support Services Ann Turner, Governor Support Officer Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

# 44. To Approve A Variation to the Instrument of Government for the Hartlepool Pupil Referral Unit – Governor Support Officer

# Type of Decision

Non key.

### Purpose of Report

To request the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services to approve a variation to the Instrument of Government for the Hartlepool Pupil Referral Unit to reflect a change in location.

### Issues for Consideration by Portfolio Holder

Following the recent re-location of the Hartlepool Pupil Referral Unit from Brierton Lane, Hartlepool to the Hartlepool Educational Development Centre, in accordance with the Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Management Committees etc) (England) Regulations 2007, the Instrument of Government was to be varied accordingly to reflect this change.

### Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the variation to the Instrument of Government with effect from 5 January 2010 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

# 45. To Approve a Variation to the Instrument of Government for Manor College of Technology – Governor Support Officer

# Type of Decision

Non key.

# Purpose of Report

To request the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services to approve a variation to the Instrument of Government for Manor College of Technology to reflect a change in the Sponsor Governor Representation

### Issues for Consideration

In accordance with the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007, the Governing Body of Manor College of Technology at their meeting held on 6 November 2009, reviewed one of the sponsor governor representation and replaced Siemens with Hart Biologicals in accordance with the provisions of its constitution to have 2 sponsor governors.

### Decision

The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services approved the variation to the Instrument of Government with effect from 5 January 2010 as outlined in the appendix to the report.

# 46. Outcome of Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Invitation to Submit Final Bids (ITSFB) – Head of Information Planning and Support Services

Type of Decision

Non key.

# Purpose of Report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the outcome of recent evaluations of the Invitation to Submit Final Bids (ITSFB). To advise of the preferred bidder who is to proceed through financial close to contract finalisation.

### Issues for Consideration

The report outlined the process for evaluation and moderation of the ITSFB and the outcome of this process. The report also provided details of the

suppliers who submitted ITSFBs and the selected preferred bidder, Northgate Education.

Financial considerations for this process were in relation to officer time and also the engagement of external advisers which was a requirement of Partnerships for Schools (PfS) to secure the BSF funding. Additionally in terms of the actual procurement process, internal and external financial advisers had evaluated the financial cost models submitted by each bidder. As part of the evaluation process, internal and external legal advisers had considered the responses relating to legal aspects.

It was noted that the requirements of this contract were separate from the Corporate Contract with Northgate. The educational contract was due to run for a period of 5 years but schools would be able to buy into early services of this contract if schools wished to do so.

#### Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the outcome of the evaluation and moderation process and the selected preferred bidder.

The meeting concluded at 10.10 am

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