

# **CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD**

24th April 2006

**Present:**

Councillor     Stuart Drummond (Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio Holder)

Officers:        Adrienne Simcock, Director of Children's Services  
                     John Collings, Assistant Director, Children's Services  
                     Sue Johnson, Assistant Director, Planning and Service  
   Integration  
                     Ian Merritt, Senior Education Officer  
                     Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer

## **48.     Hard to Place Pupils Protocol** *(Director of Children's Services)*

**Type of decision**

Non-Key

**Purpose of report**

To seek approval for a Hard to Place Pupils Protocol.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Portfolio Holder was advised that the Government's Five Year Strategy for Children and Learners had introduced the issue of the admission of hard to place pupils. Following guidance from the DfES, a draft protocol had been established with secondary school head-teachers in September 2005 that did not apply to excluded pupils, to enable time for further consultation. Attached to the report was the Hard to Place Pupils Protocol which had been agreed with the Admissions Forum and secondary school head-teachers and included excluded pupils.

**Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved the Hard to Place Pupils Protocol.

**49. Children's Services Departmental, Divisional and Operational Plans 2006-07** *(Director of Children's Services)*

**Type of decision**

Non-Key

**Purpose of report**

To seek approval to the Children's Services Departmental Plan 2006-07 – 2008-09 and note the Children's Services Divisional Plans and Operational Plans 2006/07.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Children's Services Departmental Plan 2006-07 – 2008-09 was attached to the report. The Portfolio Holder was advised that in line with Corporate policy there was now a departmental plan and four separate service plans for the divisions within the department. In addition, the operational plans for the individual teams within the department were also attached.

The report provided the Portfolio Holder with information about the work that would be undertaken in the Children's Services Department during 2006/07.

**Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved the Children's Services Departmental Plan 2006-07 – 2008-09 and noted the Children's Services divisional and operational plans 2006/07.

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**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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