

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

22nd September 2006

Present:

Councillor Pam Hargreaves (Children's Services Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Adrienne Simcock, Director of Children's Services
Sue Johnson, Assistant Director
Paul Briggs, Interim Assistant Director
John Collings, Assistant Director (Performance and Achievement)

16. Admissions to Schools 2008/09 and Coordinated Admissions to Primary and Secondary Schools 2007/08 – Director of Children's Services

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

To determine the basis for consultation with governing bodies and any other interested parties on the admission policy for community and voluntary controlled primary and secondary schools in Hartlepool for the school year 2008/09.

To adopt a co-ordinated admissions scheme for primary and secondary schools for 2007/08.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report detailed current admissions policy, previous consultation exercises and co-ordinated admissions.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the basis for consultation on the 2008/09 admissions policy and the period of consultation and the adoption of a co-ordinated scheme for primary and secondary schools for 2007/08.

17. Building Schools for the Future: Project Board and Stakeholder Board – Director of Children's Services

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

To seek approval of the Children's Services Portfolio Holder to the membership and terms of reference of the Project Board and the Stakeholder Board that was to be established to assist in the implementation of the Building Schools for the Future programme.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report sought to address the concerns raised by Cabinet members on 14th August, 2006 about potential membership of the Project Board and Stakeholder Board and proposed membership and terms of reference for both boards.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the membership and terms of reference of the Building Schools for the Future Project Board and Stakeholder Board as detailed in the report and Appendices, subject to the following amendments:

Appendix 1 – Group A – The Chairman of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum to be added to the membership.

Appendix 2 – Group A – The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum to be added to the membership.

Appendix 2 – Group G – "Hartlepool Partnership - representative" to be replaced by "Children & Young People Strategic Partnership - representative".

18. Children's Services Departmental Plan Quarter 1 Progress Report – Director of Children's Services

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

To inform the Children's Services Management Team and the Portfolio Holder of the progress made towards achieving Departmental Plan actions and PIs for the period to 30th June, 2006.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report summarised progress over the first quarter of 2006/07 on the actions and Performance Indicators within the Children's Services Departmental Plan 2006/07-2008/09.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the progress made towards completing actions and achieving performance indicator targets during the first quarter of 2006/07.

19. Children's Homes: Regulation 33/34 Reports – Director of Children's Services

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

To present the Regulation 33/34 (formerly Regulation 22) report of visit to Children's Home for Exmoor Grove.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

Report covered the months of May, June, July and August, 2006 for Exmoor Grove.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder received and noted the report.

J A BROWN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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