

Minutes of the Portfolio Holder for Children ,Young People and Families Decision Making Session held on 25 March 2011

Present: Councillor Heather Timms (Decision maker).

Other Councillors

Councillors Alan Farnell (Leader of the Council), Alan Cockburn (Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Economy) and Izzi Seccombe (Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care).

Officers

Mark Gore – Had of Service – Learning & Achievement
Elizabeth Featherstone – Head of Service – Early Intervention Services
Peter Hatcher – County Youth & Community Officer
Janet Purcell -Executive and Member Support Manager

1. General

(1) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

(2) Minutes of meeting 25 February 2011

The minutes of the decision making meeting held on 25 February 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

2. The Priors School, Priors Marston

Councillor Heather Timms considered the report of the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families setting out a proposal to establish a free school in Priors Hardwick and suggesting a response to the Secretary of State.

Resolved

1. That the Strategic Director, Children Young People and Families, be authorised to write to the Secretary of State drawing his attention to concerns about the process of consultation in relation to the establishment of Free Schools.
2. That the Secretary of State's attention be drawn to the potential impact on existing provision of the proposal.

3. Transforming Youth Services – Premises Review 2011, Consultation

Councillor Heather Timms considered the report of the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families proposing consultation on the future of Youth Centres. This was being undertaken following agreement by the Council on 15 February 2011 that services for young people should be funded

up to £1m, requiring changes to the service over the next 3 year period. The proposed consultation concerned the future use of current youth centre facilities.

The Cabinet portfolio holder agreed to the proposal to go out to consultation with a view:

- To gain comment on the proposed future of each Centre as set out in the papers.
- To ascertain whether interested parties wish to express a formal interest in working towards taking responsibility for a centre from 1 September 2011 in appropriate circumstances.

Resolved

- (1) That consultation as detailed in the attached report (subject to amendment to Appendix B by deletion of the background and supplementary information) commences regarding options for the future of Youth and Community Centres currently managed by Warwickshire County Council.
- (2) That consultation continues until 9 May (6 weeks) and a report will be presented to Cabinet on 16 June outlining final recommendations for each Centre.

4. Any other items

There were no other urgent items of business.

The session concluded at 12.06 p.m.

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Lead Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People
and Families