

Minutes of Lead Portfolio Holders Customers, Workforce and Partnerships and Children Young People and Families Decision Making Session held on 20 August 2010

Present:

Councillor Colin Hayfield (Lead Portfolio Holder for Customers Workforce and Partnerships):

Councillor Heather Timms (Lead Portfolio Holder for Children Young People and Families)

Elizabeth Featherstone (Head of Service, Family and Community Division)

Dave Potter (School Governance Manager)

Janet Purcell (Executive and Member Support Manager)

1. General

(1) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

(2) Minutes of meeting 25 June 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

2. Warwickshire Pupil Referral Unit – Reconstitution of the Management Committee

Councillor Colin Hayfield and Councillor Heather Timms considered the report setting out the findings of a recent Ofsted inspection and proposed changes to the constitution of the Management Committee of the Warwickshire Pupil Referral Unit. The Ofsted inspection had concluded that the PRU required special measures and, given the nature of the concerns the Portfolio Holders agreed the proposal that a new management committee should be formed, with reduced size and on the basis set out in the revised instrument attached as Appendix B to the report. (This includes appointment of the local authority members by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Families).

The Portfolio Holders noted the support for the proposal received from Councillor Carolyn Robbins. Councillor Robbins had chaired a task group on exclusions which was due to report to the Children, and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a recommendation that a task and finish group look at PRUs.

Resolved

That the revised Instrument of Government for the Warwickshire Pupil referral Unit be as set out in the attached appendix.

3. Any other items

There were no other urgent items of business.

The session concluded at 9.05 a.m.

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DRAFT REVISED INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

1. The name of the Pupil Referral Unit is **The Warwickshire Pupil Referral Unit**.
2. The Warwickshire Pupil Referral Unit's DfE number is 937 1105.
3. The address of The Warwickshire Pupil Referral Unit is
Pound Lane, Lillington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7RT.
4. The name of the management committee is The Management Committee of The Warwickshire Pupil Referral Unit.
5. The management committee shall consist of :
 - 1 **Parent member**
 - 2 **Local Authority members (appointed by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Families and Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families)**
 - 2 **Staff members (including the Headteacher in charge)**
 - 7 **Community members (nominated as shown in *paragraph 7 below*)**
6. The total number of members will be 12.
7. Community members shall be nominated for appointment as follows:
 - 3 Secondary Head representatives
 - 1 Primary Head representative
 - 1 Virtual School for Children-in-Care representative
 - 1 Local Authority SEN representative
 - 1 Children-in-Need representative
8. This Instrument comes into effect on 1st September 2010.
9. This Instrument was made by order of Warwickshire County Council on 20th August 2010.
10. A copy of this Instrument must be supplied to every member of the management committee (and the Headteacher in charge if not a member). A copy should be sent to the DfE.