

**EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006

**Present**

Councillor Ernest Noad (Executive Portfolio Holder)

**Also present**

Councillors Martin Curry, Robert Evans and Michael Turner.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Curry declared an interest as a Governor of Leeson's Primary School and a resident local to Hillside Primary School.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> JULY 2006**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was noted that all matters considered by the PDS and where comments were raised were also contained within the Portfolio Holders agenda.

**MEMBERSHIP OF GOVERNING BODIES  
Report DCYP06051**

The Portfolio Holder considered nominations for LEA Governor vacancies at 5 schools in the borough. Names and biographical details of both applicants were considered.

**RESOLVED that the following LEA Governor appointments be made with immediate effect:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Councillor Peter Hobbins	Blenheim Primary
Councillor William Huntington-Thresher	Hillside Primary
Councillor Judith Ellis	Midfield Primary

Mr Bob Ellis	Poverest Primary
Mr Jim Howard	Royston Primary

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE BUDGET MONITORING  
REPORT 2006/07  
Report no. DCYP06050**

Officers presented a report which provided an opportunity for the Children and Young People Portfolio Holder to review the latest projected variations on the 2006/07 revenue budget.

The Portfolio Holder noticed a projected under spend in Special Educational Needs. It was explained when the accounts were closed each year an estimate of the amount of payments (expenditure) outstanding relating to that, and prior, years was made and an appropriate provision was made in the accounts. When the 2005/06 accounts were closed an estimated provision of £2.9m was made relating to SEN outstanding payments; based on latest information the actual amount payable was likely to be £128,000 less. This amount would vary during the course of the year as actual invoices are received from other local authorities.

A similar estimate was made in relation to outstanding receipts (income). When the 2005/06 accounts were closed an estimated provision of £1.8m was made and, based on latest information, the amount receivable was likely to be £18,000 in excess of this.

The Portfolio Holder commended officers on the “pleasing position” on budget performance. He requested that in the next report on the budget he would like greater detail on the SEN under spend.

**RESOLVED that the projected variations for 2006/07 be noted.**

**CYP FORWARD ROLLING WORK PROGRAMME 2005/06  
Report no. DCYP06052**

The Portfolio holder received a report on the forward rolling work programme.

Officers made the following changes to the programme:

Pupil attendance would be considered at the special meeting of the CYP PDS on 27<sup>th</sup> October and would then be brought to the January Portfolio Holder meeting

Given the large agenda for the November Portfolio Holder meeting both the e-coli report and the Libraries Review would be deferred to a later date.

**RESOLVED that the updated rolling work programme be agreed.**

- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006, AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

The Portfolio Holder moved that the Press and public be excluded during the consideration of business referred to below as it was likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the Press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

**The following summary  
refers to a matter involving  
exempt information**

- BLenheim PRIMARY SCHOOL REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT COSTS OF REDUNDANCY ARISING FROM A SCHOOL BASED RESTRUCTURING  
Report DCYP06038**

The Portfolio holder received a report requesting support costs for a redundancy as a result of an office re-organisation at Blenheim School.

He considered the facts and circumstances and agreed to some funding being offered to the school.

ERNEST NOAD  
Portfolio Holder for  
Children and Young  
People

The meeting ended at 7.04 pm