



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Held: THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2008 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Westley – Vice-Chair (In the Chair)
Councillor Mugglestone

Councillor Corrall	Councillor Hall
Councillor Hunt (for Cllr Suleman)	Councillor Joshi
Councillor Naylor	Councillor Russell

Co-opted Members

Mr Edward Hayes – Church of England Diocese

Standing Invitees

Rebecca Barrow	Youth Representative
Jess Evans	Youth Representative

Also In Attendance

Councillor Dempster	Cabinet Lead Member for Children, and Schools.
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304. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Blackmore and Follett, Cem Turhan and Edward Hayes.

305. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

Councillor Corrall declared a personal interest in Appendix B, 'Housing Revenue Account – Budget 2009/10' and Appendix C 'Housing Capital Programme 2008/09 and 2009/14' as he had relatives who were Council tenants.

Councillor Westley declared a personal interest in Appendix B, 'Housing Revenue Account – Budget 2009/10' and Appendix C 'Housing Capital Programme 2008/09 and 2009/14' as he was a Council tenant.

315. BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE – PHASE 2

The Interim Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services submitted a report that advised Members of the current status of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) project, outlined the further work required to progress the project, recommended the schools to be included in the next phase of BSF and sought authorisation to commence Phase 2.

Councillor Hunt, Lead Member of the Environment and Sustainability Task Group review into the review of BSF Phase 1 and Future Opportunities was in attendance to present the final report, and summarised the recommendations of the work.

One Member of the Board felt that a stronger focus was needed around building sustainable communities within BSF schools. Officers explained that the need for schools to support sustainability communities was covered in detail within the Strategy for Change document, and that it was imperative for schools to be built within the hearts of existing communities, provide a range of services for whole families, be open from 7am until 10am and to become available for wider community use.

Councillor Hunt made reference to the Task Group's visit to Castle Rock High School in Coalville, and informed the Board that the school's pupils had a key role in designing several aspects of the school building. It was further noted that the school had developed an effective relationship with the local Police Community Support Officers.

Councillor Dempster, Cabinet Lead Member for Children and Schools explained that the Board would be fully consulted on the Strategy for Change in due course, which would contain a greater level of detail on building greater community capacity.

In response to a question from a Member of the Board, the Head of Planning and Property stated that that considerations would need to be made around whether to always deliver carbon neutral buildings, and noted that it could often be a better option to install improved insulation within buildings.

Following a suggestion by the Cabinet Lead Member, the Board agreed to ask the (Transforming the Learning Environment) TLE Board to consider the Task Group report.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the Building Schools for the Future Phase 2 report be noted
- (2) that Cabinet be asked to ensure that all schools introduced in future phases of the programme be built with community focus in consideration ; and
- (3) That the TLE Board be asked to consider the Task Group report.