



Leicester  
City Council

## MINUTES EXTRACT

### Minutes of the Meeting of the EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 22 JANUARY 2003 at 5.30pm

#### P R E S E N T :

Councillor Johnson - Chair  
Councillor Hunter - Labour Spokesperson

Councillor Blackmore (for Cllr Vincent)	Councillor Henry
Councillor Chohan	Councillor Nurse
Councillor Coles	Councillor Scuplak
Councillor Farmer	Councillor Sood
Councillor Gajjar	Councillor Soulsby
Councillor Thompson	

#### Co-opted Members (Voting)

Ms Sandra Sweeney - Parent Governor (Secondary School)

#### Co-opted Members (Non-Voting)

Ms Jane Rolfe	-	Primary Sector
Mr Peter Flack	-	Secondary Sector
Mr Geoff Rawnsley	-	City of Leicester Governors Association
Ms Louise Bath	-	City of Leicester Governors Association

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### 36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they had in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

The meeting noted the general interests of Members as governors as follows:

School / College

Category of  
Governorship

Ms L Bath	Babington Community Technology College	LEA
Cllr Blackmore	Leicester Adult Education College	LEA
	Ellesmere College	LEA
Cllr Coles	Lancaster	LEA
	Jonathan North	LEA
	Regent College	LEA
Cllr Chohan	Abbey Primary	LEA
Cllr Gajjar	Marriott Primary	LEA
	Rushey Mead Secondary	LEA
	Gateway Sixth Form	LEA
Cllr Hunter	Medway Community Primary	LEA
	Leicester Adult Education College	LEA
Cllr Johnson	Leicester Adult Education College	LEA
	Gateway Sixth Form College	LEA
Cllr Nurse	Soar Valley Community College	LEA
Cllr Sood	Spinney Hill Primary	LEA
	Leicester College	LEA
Cllr Scuplak	St Mary's CoE Primary (New)	LEA
Cllr Thompson	Sandfield Close Primary	LEA
	Northfield House Primary	LEA
Mr P Flack	Eyres Monsell Primary	Co-opted
	Linden Primary School	Parent
Mr G Rawnsley	Crown Hills Community College	LEA
	Mayflower Primary	LEA
Mr RS Sandhu	Sir Jonathan North Community College	LEA
	Overdale Primary School	LEA
Ms S. Sweeney	Sacred Heart RC Primary	Foundation
	St Paul's RC	Parent
Mr P Taylor	Humberstone Junior School	LEA
	St Mary's CoE, Hamilton	Foundation
	Gateway Sixth Form College	Co-opted

The Town Clerk advised Members who were school governors that they had non-prejudicial interests in, and their general declarations applied to the

following items:

School Budget Consultation

Agenda Item 7, Appendix B  
(minute no. 42 refers)

#### **42. SCHOOLS BUDGET CONSULTATION 2003-2004**

The Corporate Director of Education and Lifelong Learning submitted a report which gave details of the consultation undertaken on the Schools budget and sought the Scrutiny Committee's views on the allocation of growth funding and proposed changes to the Schools Funding Formula. It was proposed that £3,848,000 of the growth funds be allocated to schools to meet government requirements with the remainder allocated for pension increases, inflation and other specific grants currently in mainstream funding. It had also been proposed that £870,000 be allocated to the LEA block to enable essential commitments to be met. Notes were made of the detailed responses of Members to the proposals which would be passed to the Schools Forum meeting scheduled for 30 January 2003 after which the recommended Education budget would be submitted to Cabinet on 24 February 2003. It was stated that the Schools Forum consisted of representatives of the Education Authority, the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education and teaching unions, Governors, and head teachers.

Members expressed concerns particular concerns in relation to the proposal to fund secondary and primary reviews and for a new post of Manager of Educational Innovation and it was suggested that these items took away funding which could be used to support schools. Though it was noted that there was not funding to meet the cost of all the proposals bids and that the report detailed the suggested priority against each proposal. In addition Members expressed concern that the Cabinet lead Member was not in attendance at the meeting and felt that the Committee should be given the opportunity to consider the matter at a special meeting where feedback on the comments which Members had made could be given.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the growth and formula proposals which Members had not raised concerns about be noted;
- (2) that the Chair and spokespersons of the Scrutiny Committee be requested to consider whether a special meeting was necessary to consider feedback in response to queries raised by Members; and
- (3) that the Scrutiny Committee expressed its surprise and regret that the Cabinet lead Member for Education and Lifelong Learning had not been able to attend the meeting and requested that he attend the proposed special meeting to further consider the schools budget; and

- (4) that it be requested that the views of the Scrutiny Committee be passed to the Schools Forum scheduled for 30 January 2003.