



Leicester  
City Council

## MINUTE EXTRACT

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

Held: WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Johnson - Chair  
Councillor Hunter - Labour Spokesperson  
Councillor Vincent – Liberal Democrat Spokesperson

Councillor Nurse	Councillor Soulsby
Councillor Coles	Councillor Thompson
Councillor Farmer	Councillor Nasim
Councillor Sood	Councillor Henry

Co-opted Members (Voting)

Canon Peter Taylor - Church of England Diocese

Co-opted Members (Non-Voting)

Mr Nic Gavin	-	Primary Sector
Ms Jane Rolfe	-	Primary Sector
Professor Fogelman	-	De Montfort University/University of Leicester
Mr Adam Suddaby	-	Incorporated Colleges

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### 48. 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	Co-opted

	College	
Cllr Coles	Lancaster	LEA
	Jonathan North	LEA
	Regent College	LEA
Cllr Chohan	Abbey Primary	LEA
Cllr Hunter	Medway Community Primary	LEA
	Leicester Adult Education College	LEA
Cllr Johnson	Leicester Adult Education College	LEA
	Gateway Sixth Form College	LEA
Mr D Nicholson	Emily Fortey School	LEA
Cllr Nasim	Evington Valley Primary	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
		LEA
	Overdale Primary School	
Ms S. Sweeney	Sacred Heart RC Primary	Foundation
	St Paul's RC	Parent
Mr. A. Suddaby	Leicester Adult Education College	Co-opted
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:

Revenue Budget Monitoring 2002/2003 - Period 8	Agenda Item 5, Appendix A
Capital Budget Monitoring 2002/2003	Agenda Item 6, Appendix B

- Period 8

Education Capital Programme 2003/04  
And Future Years  
Key Stage Results

Agenda Item 7, Appendix C

Agenda Item 11, Appendix F

## **56. THE LOCAL AUTHORITY YOUTH SERVICE PLAN 2003-04**

The Corporate Director of Education and Lifelong Learning submitted a report detailing the context for the production of the Local Authority's Youth Service Plan for 2003-04. The final submission of the Plan would be presented to the Government Office of the East Midlands in March 2003. The Plan set out how the Youth Service aimed to assist in meeting the strategic objectives of raising educational standards, achieving community cohesion, raising social inclusion and revitalising neighbourhoods. The various groups that had been consulted regarding the Plan were outlined and detail was given about how services would be delivered. It was also stated that it was planned to review both full and part-time youth work contracts as part of Phase 2 of the Review. This is to ensure the development and effectiveness of the service.

Members welcomed the report. Some concern was raised about the levels of consultation with various groups on the matter. In particular, it was suggested that greater consultation was needed with Disabled groups and Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transsexual (LGBT) groups. It was emphasised that the needs of these groups were not currently being met and highlighted the good practice of other authorities in this area. In order to increase the consultation with youth, it was suggested that a young person be co-opted onto the Scrutiny Committee. It was also felt that, in order for fuller engagement with young people, there needed to be greater investment in Detached Youth Work. In addition, Members raised the issue of the face to face element of youth workers time in the authority. It was stated that the aim would be to ensure that this would not fall below 50% of their time.

Councillor Farmer, seconded by Councillor Vincent moved the following suggested resolution:

- (1) that the Committee feels that more consideration should be given to the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transsexual (LGBT) groups and Disabled groups;
- (2) that the Committee feels that there should be greater investment in detached youth work; and
- (3) that the Committee feels that there should be a greater emphasis on consultation with young people.

The matter was put to a vote and was carried.

Councillor Soulsby, seconded by Councillor Coles moved the following

suggested preamble to the above resolution:

- (1) that the Committee welcomes the report and the quality of discussion arising from it, commends it to Cabinet, notes the progress which has been made and requests further reports on progress in the future; and
- (2) that members note the suggestion that a young person be co-opted onto the Scrutiny Committee.

The matter was put to a vote and was carried.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the committee welcomes the report and the quality of discussion arising from it, commends it to Cabinet, notes the progress which has been made and requests further reports on progress in the future;
- (2) that members note the suggestion that a young person be co-opted onto the Scrutiny Committee;
- (3) that the Committee feels that more consideration should be given to the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transsexual (LGBT) groups and Disabled groups;
- (4) that the Committee feels that there should be greater investment in detached youth work; and
- (5) that the Committee feels that there should be a greater emphasis on consultation with young people.