



Leicester  
City Council

## MINUTE EXTRACT

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

Held: TUESDAY, 27 APRIL 2004 at 5.30pm

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

Councillor Willmott - Chair  
Councillor Maw - Conservative Spokesperson

Councillor Chohan (for Cllr Shelton)	Councillor Kitterick
Councillor Farmer (for Cllr Seare)	Councillor Mrs Middleton
Councillor Fitch	Councillor Panchbaya
Councillor Garrity (for Cllr Almey)	Councillor Smith (for Cllr Vincent)
Councillor Hall	Councillor Sood
Councillor Thompson	

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

Mr Chino Cabon	-	Leicester Racial Equality Council
Mr Nic Gavin	-	Primary Sector
Ms Jane Rolfe	-	Primary Sector
Mr Peter Flack	-	Secondary Sector
Professor Baskerville	-	De Montfort University/University of Leicester
Mr Adam Suddaby	-	Incorporated Colleges
Mr Geoff Rawnsley	-	City of Leicester Governors Association

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### 83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

The meeting was asked to note the general interests of Members as governors as follows:

	School / College	Category of Governorship
Professor Baskerville	Leicester College	LEA

Mr P Flack	Eyres Monsell Primary Linden Primary School	Co-opted Parent
Cllr Kitterick	Hazel Primary School & Community Centre	LEA
Cllr Mrs Maw	Willowbrook Primary School	LEA
Cllr Mrs Middleton	Caldecote Community Primary School Fullhurst Community College	LEA LEA
Cllr Panchbaya	Spinney Hills Primary School	LEA
Mr G Rawnsley	Crown Hills Community College Mayflower Primary	LEA LEA
Cllr Smith	Mowmacre Junior School	LEA
Cllr Sood	Spinney Hills Primary School Leicester College	LEA LEA
Mr. A. Suddaby	Leicester Adult Education College Ellesmere College	Co-opted Co-opted
Cllr Thompson	Sandfield Close Primary Northfield House Primary	LEA LEA

### 93. LEICESTER CHILDREN'S CENTRE STRATEGY

The Corporate Director of Education and Lifelong Learning submitted a report which set out the background to the development of the Children's Centre Strategy. It was noted that the initiative would create 670 day care places in the city, in disadvantaged areas.

Members praised the work of Sure Start, but suggested that awareness of the work of the Children's Centres needed to be raised.

It was requested that the proposed areas needed to be reconsidered as they did not appear to be consistent. However, it was noted that the boundaries were subject to consultation and subsequent change. Members of the Committee were also informed that there would be 'soft boundaries', which would mean that people didn't have to attend centres in the area that they lived, but would be able to visit those most appropriate to fit in with their routine.

Concern was expressed that if community organisations didn't feel able to sign up to the strategy, their position may be affected. In response, it was noted that existing groups would not be affected if they didn't want to sign up to the scheme, but that partnership of the scheme would be attractive to many groups.

Councillor Farmer, seconded by Councillor Garrity, proposed that the Strategy be put on hold pending further consultation. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was LOST.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the above comments be noted;
- 2) That the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee endorses the strategy and supports its implementation.