



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

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

Held: MONDAY, 23 JANUARY 2006 at 6.00pm

Adjourned Monday 23 January 2006 at 7.55 pm
Reconvened Monday 23 January 2006 at 8.00pm
Adjourned Monday 23 January 2006 at 8.49pm

Reconvened Tuesday 31 January 2006 at 5.30pm
Adjourned Tuesday 31 January 2006 at 8.00pm
Reconvened Tuesday 31 January 2006 at 8.07 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Johnson - Chair
Councillor Karim - Liberal Democrat Spokesperson
Councillor Waddington – Labour Spokesperson

Councillor Beck	Councillor O'Brien
Councillor Clair	Councillor Sood
Councillor Fitch	Councillor Thompson
Councillor Hunt	Councillor Vincent
Councillor Kitterick	Councillor Willmott

Co-opted Members (Voting)

Mr Edward Hayes - Roman Catholic Diocese

Co-opted Members (Non-Voting)

Mr Chino Cabon - Leicester Racial Equality Council
Mr Resham Singh Sandhu Leicester Council of Faiths
Ms Jane Rolfe - Primary Sector
Mr Peter Flack - Secondary Sector
Mr Adam Suddaby - Incorporated Colleges

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44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr Fitch	Leicester Adult Education College	LEA
Cllr Kitterick	Hazel Primary	LEA
	Leicester Adult Education College	LEA
Cllr Sood	Spinney Hills Primary School	LEA
Mr. A. Suddaby	Leicester Adult Education College	Co-opted
	Ellesmere College	Co-opted
Cllr Thompson	Sandfield Close Primary	LEA
	Northfield House Primary	LEA

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:

Draft Revenue Strategy for the Education & Lifelong Minute no. 48 refers

Councillor Sood declared a non prejudicial in the items on the agenda as her soon worked as a teacher in City Schools.

51. THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

The Service Director, Leicester Federation of Children's Services submitted a report which gave details of the draft Children and Young People's Plan which was the subject of a consultation exercise which was due to finish on 30 January 2006.

It was noted that the Plan, which had been developed by the Council and its partners, sought to give a single overarching strategic plan for all services for children and young people in Leicester and replaced 7 statutory and 10 non-statutory plans. The Plan was due to come into effect on 1 April 2006 on a three year rolling basis. Comments were also invited outside of the meeting but Members were reminded of the tight timescales needed to ensure the deadlines for the preparation of the Plan were met.

Comments were expressed concerning the need for the Council, as corporate parent, to seek to assist young people who had been looked after children in applying for jobs with the Council and the need for the document to reflect the social and economic disadvantage that many children faced. It was also requested that the work of the 'Young, Gifted and Equal' programme be highlighted along with reference to gender as well as generation as part of community cohesion. Officers acknowledged the comments made and stated that the development of integration and community cohesion was a priority. It was also stated that the Plan would be the subject of an Equalities Impact Assessment. Officers stated that Looked After Children already benefited from employment initiatives within the Council and the corporate parenting programme was exploring ways to strengthen this area.

RESOLVED:

That the report, Plan and the comments made be noted.