



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Held: TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2022 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Batool (Chair)
Councillor Cole (Vice Chair)

Councillor Haq Councillor Dr Moore
Councillor Pantling Councillor Pickering

In Attendance:

Councillor Russell – Deputy City Mayor (Social Care, Health and Community Safety)
Councillor Dempster – Assistant City Mayor (Education, Libraries and Community Centres)

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47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barnes and Joshi.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

54. CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Director of Finance submitted a report detailing the proposed Capital Programme for 2024/25. It was noted that there was £7.1m set aside in Schools Capital maintenance across the schools estate.

The Committee were invited to ask questions and make comments. Key points included:

- In response to a query about heat pumps in schools and the associated costs, it was explained that the Council were working on the issue with Western Power. However, this was not part of the Capital Programme, but part of a funding programme across schools. The Capital Programme related to issues such as basic maintenance.
- More money for issues such as repairs was always desirable. Schools received some funding for minor repairs, but major repairs came through the Council.
- It was recognised that good work was carried out across schools, however, to deliver more, there was difficulty regarding capacity as more staff would need to be brought in.
- A presentation of work done with Capital over the last 12 months would be brought to the Commission.
- Secondary schools had been rebuilt under the building schools for the future programme and this had been a big undertaking. However, it was commented that primary schools needed work.
- A written response would be provided regarding recent views from MPs and the Local Government Association (LGA) on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Provision and Funding.
- The number of Children with SEND was growing, but money was not available to address Children's needs in the best way.

AGREED:

- 1) That the report be noted.
- 2) That comments made by members of this commission to be taken into account by the lead officers.
- 3) That the report be brought to Overview Select Committee prior to Full Council.
- 4) That a presentation of work done with Capital over the last 12 months would be brought to the Commission.
- 5) That a written response on recent views from MPs and the Local Government Association (LGA) on SEND Provision and Funding be provided to the Commission by the Director of Education, SEND and Early Help.

