



Leicester
City Council

APPENDIX C MINUTE EXTRACT

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

Held: TUESDAY, 3 JULY 2018 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Dawood (Chair)
Councillor Cole (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Hunter Councillor Pantling
Councillor Riyait

Co-opted Members (Voting):
Naila Malik, Parent Governor representative (Primary School)

In Attendance:
Councillor Russell, Deputy City Mayor with responsibilities for Children, Young
People's Services

Standing Invitees (Non-voting):
Joseph Wyglendacz – Teaching Unions representative

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Cassidy, Councillor Chohan, Carolyn Lewis (Co-Opted member) and Anu Kapur (Standing Invitee).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

12. REPORT ON FOSSE & SLATER SCHOOLS COMBINING

The Strategic Director Social Care and Education submitted a report setting out details of proposals to bring together Fosse Primary School and Slater Primary School.

Councillor Russell, Deputy City Mayor, Children Young People and Schools introduced the report and reminded the Commission of the statutory proposals published in April 2018 to expand Fosse Primary School capacity and build the new Waterside Primary School. The current proposal if approved would form a larger 5 form entry Fosse Primary School from 1 September 2019 and would formally close Slater Primary School from 31 August 2019, effectively combining the two schools and incorporating pupils from both schools within the expanded Fosse Primary School. There was a joint shadow governing body in place working together to ensure a smooth transition. It was intended that once the new Waterside building opened the Fosse School site would be transformed into an early years provision and would include wrap around care.

Members of the Commission discussed the proposals during which the following comments were made:

- In terms of staffing, early engagement with all staff had taken place. It was intended that there would be roles for all current staff, those roles would be ring fenced to applicants from the two schools. The shadow governing body were considering the staffing structure and committed to making the process as fair as possible for all staff.
- Teaching unions had been involved in the discussions with staff and from a Teaching Union point of view they welcomed the approach being taken.
- It was suggested that there were concerns from members of the school regarding a cycle route going past the new school and that the safety of the children should be paramount when it came to the cycle route plans being formalised. Councillor Russell acknowledged those concerns and agreed to take that comment back, although it had no bearing on this particular decision to expand Fosse Primary school and close Slater Primary school.
- In relation to the governing body this was currently a shadowing governing body for both schools. In due course the composition of the governing body may change depending on the terms in its articles of governance and the number of parent governors could increase.
- It was important to ensure parental engagement was taking place and that parents were kept informed of the changes. Councillor Russell agreed to take those comments to the shadow governing body.

AGREED:

1. That the contents of the report be noted;
2. That the Executive take account of the comments made at Scrutiny when taking its decision.