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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday 10th July 2018

Present: Councillor Shabir Pandor (Chair)
Councillor Masood Ahmed
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Peter McBride

Observers: Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Charles Greaves
Councillor John Lawson
Councillor Terry Lyons
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje
Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Apologies: Councillor David Sheard
Councillor Erin Hill (Currently on Maternity Leave)
Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Graham Turner

20 Membership of the Committee

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Hill, Scott, Sheard and Turner.

21 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2018 be approved as a correct record.

22 Interests

No interests were declared.

23 Admission of the Public

It was noted that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

24 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

25 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

26 Member Question Time

Councillor Bolt asked a question with regards as to whether the Council had a policy in place to register land as field in trust status, and if so, whether the Council could look favourably at Mirfield Memorial Ground.

The Leader of the Council advised that he would look into the matter.

27 Headlands CE (VC) JI&N School - Permission to consult

Cabinet received a report which sought approval to carry out a four week non-statutory consultation on proposals to decommission six transitional places at Headlands CE (VC) Junior, Infant and Nursery School for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

The report advised that the proposal aimed to (i) ensure an overall pattern of specialist resource provision that is flexible and can support and respond to the needs of individual pupils, and parental preferences (ii) continue to provide access to appropriately trained staff and access to specialist support and advice, providing opportunities for pupils to make progress in learning and participate within their school communities and (iii) continue to support the Authority's strategy for making schools and settings more accessible to disabled children and young people.

Cabinet noted that the consultation would involve all key stakeholders and that responses received would be reported to inform the next stage of decision making, which was scheduled for Cabinet in December 2018.

RESOLVED - That authority be delegated to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with relevant Cabinet Members, to (i) develop consultation materials on the basis of the Local Authority proposals (ii) organise and carry out a non-statutory consultation about the proposals (iii) require officers to report the outcomes of the non-statutory consultation to Cabinet for further consideration of next steps and (iv) continue engagement already undertaken with the families of the two remaining children to ensure that their needs can continue to be met with minimum disruption.

28 Changes to Home to School Transport Provision - Mainstream Provision

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 37, Cabinet received a representation from Mr David Haigh. Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 36 (1) Cabinet received representations from Councillor Bolt and Greaves).

Cabinet received a report which provided an update on work being undertaken in regards to mainstream Home to School Transport provision following the decision of Cabinet in January 2018, and set out recommendations for the finalisation of the policy.

Cabinet were informed that, since the decision in January 2018, it had become apparent that there were opportunities to pilot the impact of implementation, and that the Honley school pyramid had indicated a willingness to carry out a pilot early in the autumn term. Consequently, there would be a delay in the implementation of the policy for one academic year, until September 2020. Cabinet welcomed the proposed additional work, in order to allow the impact of the new policy to be fully explored.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That Officers be requested to work with Honley Pyramid, and any other interested schools, on a proposed 'pilot' and submit a report to Cabinet by December 2018 which would detail any learning arising from the collaborative work.
- 2) That relevant Cabinet Portfolio Members be briefed on the approach being taken to develop a new policy and the associated implementation timetable.
- 3) That parents be informed that the current policy will apply for school preferences for 2019 admissions, and be assisted to understand the timetable for any future policy change.

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Kirklees Council Adult Social Care Offer consultation

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 36 (1) Cabinet received representations from Councillors Lawson and Smaje).

Cabinet received a report which set out an update on recent consultation regarding the Adult Social Care Offer, which included the Adults Resource Allocation System and Direct Payments Policy. It was noted that the consultation had been carried out over an eight week period, up until 17 May 2018, and that over 850 responses had been received. The report advised that, in general, there was support for the proposed changes, though concerns had been raised regarding potential negative impact upon service users and carers. Several suggestions had been proposed which could help maximise the benefit of changes and mitigate possible negative impacts and these were set out within the report under the categories of (i) living independently and well (ii) deciding upon amounts of money and support (iii) direct payments and (iv) contacting the council/adult services.

A copy of the full consultation report, compiled by Public Perspectives Ltd, was appended to the considered report, and the key findings were set out within section 4.

Cabinet noted that the draft policies would be subject to further development, which would include meaningful engagement of stakeholders, and that they would be scheduled for submission to Cabinet for approval in October 2018.

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the findings of the Adult Social Care Offer consultation be noted and that the approach regarding policy development, as detailed within the report, be supported.
- 2) That a further report be submitted to Cabinet in October 2018 setting out an update following the period of engagement, and proposed draft policies.