

Cabinet

Tuesday 14 September 2010

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Pengelly, in the Chair.

Councillor Fry, Vice Chair.

Councillors Bowyer, Brookshaw, Jordan, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves and Monahan.

Also in attendance: Barry Keel (Chief Executive), Bronwen Lacey (Director of Services for Children and Young People), Ian Gallin (Assistant Chief Executive), Giles Perritt (Head of Policy Performance and Partnerships) and Malcolm Coe (Head of Finance, Assets and Efficiencies), Tim Howes (Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance) and Jayne Gorton (School Organisation and Pupil Access Manager).

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Watkins and Wigans.

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.25 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the Cabinet will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

43. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct from councillors in relation to items under consideration at this meeting.

44. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 10 and 16 August 2010 were signed as a correct record.

45. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

In accordance with paragraph 10 of the Constitution, the following question was submitted and the response provided as indicated below -

Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
8 10/11	Mr F E Sharpe	Councillor Brookshaw	Plymstock swimming pool.
Please could Plymstock residents have an update on plan B for the Plymstock Swimming Pool site if there is one. Residents were never consulted on possible site at Sherford, not wanted there. No funding arranged at Sherford, South Hams Council plans meeting is Sherford needed or viable, Plymouth stays quiet.			
Response: There is no change to our published position. Our swimming pool facility strategy clearly states that the pool to serve the East of the city will be provided in Plymouth as part of the Sherford development.			

In the absence of Mr Sharpe, Agreed that a written response is sent to him.

46. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Chair's urgent business.

47. **CITY AND COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

The Assistant Chief Executive submitted a written report.

Members sought further consideration of the term 'Building Capacity' as a priority for the City and the Council, and expressed concern at the wording 'strengthen civil society' which appeared under 'What the partnership will do' to achieve 'Building Capacity'.

Agreed that –

- (1) authority is delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair and the Cabinet Member for Performance and Transformation, to consider further the term 'Building Capacity' and to report to the City Council;

- (2) the City Council is Recommended -

- (a) to reaffirm the City's vision and goals as follows -

Plymouth's vision is that, by 2020 Plymouth will be recognised as one of Europe's finest, most vibrant waterfront cities where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone.

The City's goals are that Plymouth should be –

- A healthy place to live and work
- A wealthy city which creates and shares prosperity
- A safe and strong, clean and green city
- A wise city – a location for learning, achievement and leisure

(b) subject to (1) above, to adopt the revised City and Council priorities as follows -

Our priorities	What the partnership will do	What the Council will do
Delivering Growth	Create the skills and infrastructure to develop the economy	Ensure the infrastructure is in place and that jobs and wealth targets are met
Raising Aspiration	Promote and support the city, raising the expectations of Plymouth	Provide city and regional leadership, ensure improved educational attainment, marketing and communication
Reducing inequalities	Reduce the inequality gap, particularly in health	Make specifically targeted interventions to reduce inequality gaps
Building capacity (subject to decision (1) above)	Strengthen our communities and work together to maximise resources to benefit customers and make internal efficiencies	Achieve efficiency through transformation of our service delivery arrangements, our culture, our structure and our approach to customers

48. **CHANGES IN EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Monitoring Officer (Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance) submitted a written report.

Agreed that the City Council is Recommended to approve –

- (1) the consultation plan as set out in the report;

- (2) the Leader and Cabinet Executive model as the preferred form of executive arrangements, for consultation.

49. **THE FUTURE PATTERN OF SECONDARY EDUCATION - ACADEMIES**

The Director of Services for Children and Young People submitted a written report.

The Chair thanked the City Council's co-sponsors (the University and Cornwall College for the Marine Academy Plymouth, and the Church of England Diocese and the College of St Mark and St John for the All Saints Academy), for their commitment to children and young people in Plymouth.

She also extended the thanks of Cabinet Members to Jayne Gorton, Gareth Simmons, John Searson, Wendy Roderick (from the Services for Children and Young People Department), for all their hard work and a special thank you was extended to Sonia Oates (from the Human Resources department) who had worked hard on the staffing issues and was continuing to assist at the Marine Academy.

With regard to the building schools for the future project, the Chair informed Cabinet Members that a meeting had been secured with Ministers to discuss the project and she thanked Councillor Mrs Watkins and Oliver Colvile MP for their hard work towards this outcome.

The Director of Services for Children and Young People reported that the official opening of the Marine Academy had been very successful and the official opening for the All Saints Church of England Academy would be held later in the month.

Agreed that –

- (1) the revised arrangements for the closure of the John Kitto and Tamarside Community Colleges and the opening of the two academies, the All Saints Church of England Academy and the Marine Academy Plymouth, contained within the report, are noted;
- (2) a letter is sent by the Chair, to the governors and staff at the new academies, wishing them every success in the future.

50. **TRANSFORMATION OF THE PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL SCHOOL AND OUTREACH CENTRE**

The Director of Services for Children and Young People submitted a written report.

Agreed that –

- (1) the Director of Services for Children and Young People is authorised to hold formal consultations with all interested parties on a proposal to discontinue the Plymouth Hospital School with effect from 14 February 2011;

- (2) the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, in the light of the outcomes of and responses to the formal consultation, is authorised to determine whether to publish formal proposals to discontinue the school;
- (3) if a public notice is published, a further report will be presented to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People in due course, for a final determination to be made as to whether to discontinue the Plymouth Hospital School and Outreach Centre.

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