

MINUTES of the meeting of Cabinet held at The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford on Thursday 10 May 2012 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor JG Jarvis (Chairman)

Councillors: AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, PM Morgan and PD Price

In attendance: Councillors RB Hamilton, JA Hyde, AW Johnson, NP Nenadich, GJ Powell, P Sinclair-Knipe, TM James, RI Matthews, A Seldon, PA Andrews, EMK Chave, PJ Edwards, EPJ Harvey, JLV Kenyon and MD Lloyd-Hayes

Officers:

175. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: RJ Phillips, Cabinet Member Enterprise and Culture and DB Wilcox, Cabinet Member Environment Housing and Planning.

176. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

177. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

178. GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE HEREFORDSHIRE LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Cabinet Member Corporate Services and Education presented the report of the Head of Sufficiency and Capital Commissioning People's Services. The Cabinet Member informed Cabinet that the guiding principles outlined in the report would be incorporated into the working principles in education. He stated that good education provision was provided in the secondary schools and sixth form colleges, however, early years were currently performing below the national average. During discussion the following points were made:

- Currently there was a changing picture in education provision and the guiding principles give all education providers a clear indication of where the County is expecting to go and how it intends to get there.
- The guiding principles have been welcomed by all in the Hereford Learning Community, including Academies. There are a high proportion of Academies in the County, which are seeking direction and wishing to join the partnership.
- Now need to take the guiding principles forward and ensure all parties in the Hereford Learning Community establish their own action plans which incorporate the guiding principles.
- Schools are being challenged to work proactively and to be leaders in the community, particularly school governors.
- It was asked if the guiding principles would be sufficient to carry out what was aspired to and whether the principles could be extended to include life long learning. In response the Director reminded Cabinet that the role of the authority was now a

different one and could only influence and guide but did not have the same control over schools.

- There was an expectation by the authority that action plans would be made covering a five year period providing improved outcomes. The main emphasis was on collaborative working with an expectation that Herefordshire could be in the highest performing sector rather than at national average.
- It was emphasised that all Councillors needed to work with their local schools and encourage them to take on the actions outlined in the guiding principles.

RESOLVED

THAT:

- a) the guiding principles for the Herefordshire learning community be endorsed and adopted on behalf of the Council; and**
- b) the Council uses the guiding principles in policy making and decisions in all business affecting the education and development of children and young people.**

179. ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

The Leader presented the report of Democratic Services on the Establishment of a Police and Crime Panel. The following points were made in discussion.

- Worcester County Council would be the lead authority and administer the Police and Crime Panel for the ten authorities in the West Mercia Police area.
- There would be one member from each of the ten authorities on the panel plus five further co-opted members from the non Worcestershire authorities i.e. one from Herefordshire, three from Shropshire, and one from Telford and Wrekin.
- The PCP would operate in shadow until the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner in November 2012.
- Agreement from all the local authorities to the Panel arrangements and composition is required.
- Cabinet was advised that the role of the Police authority didn't detract from the powers of the PCP, which would work with the new Commissioner and other multi agencies.
- A question was raised on the future role of the Crime and Disorder panel of Herefordshire's Overview and Scrutiny Committee against that of the PCP as there was concern that Herefordshire would have little influence over the PCP.

RESOLVED

THAT:

- a) Cabinet recommends to Council on 25 May 2012 the establishment of a West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP) as a joint committee of the 10 principal local authorities in the West Mercia Police force area, to be administered by Worcestershire County Council as lead authority;**
- b) Cabinet notes that the Council on 25 May 2012 be requested to approve the proposed membership of the PCP, the Panel arrangements and any consequential actions required under the Act; and**

- c) **authorisation be given to the Deputy Chief Executive to finalise the details of the proposals in consultation with the Leader.**

The meeting ended at 2.55 pm

CHAIRMAN