

CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL	Agenda Item No. 9
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Report of the Director of Strategic Resources

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EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify the Panel of the Executive Decisions which have been taken and which relate to the Panel's remit.

2. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

- 2.1 Links to the Corporate Plan, Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement are contained within the individual decisions notices.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Appointment of LEA Governor to Stanground St Johns Primary School

Decision

To appoint Mrs Jemma Keegan nominated by the Local Authority.

Reasons

The resignation of Mr Christopher Cordery on 10 April 2008.

3.2 Appointment of LEA Governor to Paston Ridings Primary School

Decision

To appoint Mrs Elizabeth Ryan nominated by the governing body.

Reasons

The end of term of office of Mr Peter Malyon on 15 September 2008 and his decision not to continue.

3.3 Appointment of LEA Governor to Matley Primary School

Decision

To appoint Mrs Suzanne Jones nominated by the Local Authority.

Reasons

The disqualification of Mr P Sreeramajura on 15 July 2008.

3.4 Quality & Access for All Young Children- Three Year Allocation of Early Years Capital Grant

Decision

Authority is sought to

- To approve the process for the allocation of the 'Quality and Access for all Young Children – Early Years Capital Grant through the Early Years & Childcare Team

- To delegate the authority to award the individual contracts to the Executive Director – Children's Services.

Reasons

The Quality and Access for all Young Children – Early Years Capital Grant is worth £861k per year. This funding is in addition to the capital funding already allocated for the development of children's centres and extended schools and represents significant investment in early years provision in our local authority. The grant has three clear aims;

- To improve the quality of the learning environment in early years to support the delivery of Early Years and Family Service.
- To ensure all children, including disabled children are able to access provision.
- To enable private, voluntary and independent providers to deliver the extension to the free offer for 3 and 4 year olds and to do so flexibly.

It is the expectation of the Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) that the majority of this capital grant is used to improve the quality of the environment in the private voluntary and independent (PVI) early years & childcare settings.

The capital grant must be used for these three broad purposes, and the DCSF have also provided further clarification as to what meets these criteria, however they also state it is for the Local Authority to decide how best to deploy the grant within these parameters.

To ensure that any funding allocated clearly meets the aims stated in the Grant Allocation letter an application process has been established. All PVI settings within the local authority will be given opportunity to apply for funding to support, enhance or develop their early years & childcare setting in line with DCSF requirements. The process for this allocation was devised in consultation with the sector and documentation provided to ensure the process is clear. Once received completed applications are processed and checked to ensure they meet the DCSF requirements.

The DCSF have given clear guidance on how the capital Funding should be used and that it should clearly improve the quality of the early years and childcare provision. This will support the local authority in meeting its target in improving outcomes and narrowing the gap.

This funding will also support the local authority in meeting its duty to ensure sufficient childcare ensuring all children can access early years & childcare provision. The DCSF states that Local Authorities will need to use available funds according to the findings of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment; the application process takes this into consideration supporting the Local Authority in meeting demand.

3.4 Appointment of LEA Governor - Nene Valley Primary School

Decision

To appoint Mr James Nicol nominated by the Local Authority

Reasons

The resignation of Mr Stephen Smith on 21 April 2008

3.5 Appointment of LEA Governor - Matley Primary School

Decision

To appoint Mrs Fiona Fowler nominated by the Local Authority

Reasons

The resignation of Mrs Patricia Dangerfield on 23 July 2008

3.6 Appointment of LEA Governor - Dogsthorpe Infants School

Decision

To appoint Mr Mark Budner nominated by the governing body

Reasons

The end of term of office of Mrs Avril Law on 19 November 2008 and her decision not to continue

3.7 Appointment of LEA Governor - Eyrescroft Primary School

Decision

To appoint Mr Andrew Gray nominated by the governing body

Reasons

The resignation of Mrs Sharon Cooper on 20 July 2008

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Any specific implications are contained within the individual decision notices.

5. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

5.1 The Panel is asked to consider the Executive Decisions which are relevant to the remit of the Panel and which have been made since the last meeting and if felt appropriate, to identify any decisions they may wish to examine in more detail.

6 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Executive Decision notices from 4 December 2008

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