

Lancashire County Council

Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 23rd May, 2011 at 10.30 am in Cabinet Room 'D' - County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor John Shedwick (Chair)

County Councillors

K Bailey	Mrs J Hanson
S Chapman	P Malpas
C Crompton	D O'Toole
M Devaney	D Westley
K Ellard	B Winlow

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillors Fabian Craig-Wilson and Mrs Liz Oades.

2. Attendance of Cabinet Member

The Committee were advised that the Code of Conduct required that the permission of the Committee be granted to allow County Councillors Geoff Driver, Leader of the County Council, and Mark Perks, Cabinet Member for Young People, to attend and speak at the meeting.

Resolved: That, County Councillors Geoff Driver, Leader of the County Council, and Mark Perks, Cabinet Member for Young People, be permitted to attend and speak at the meeting.

3. Officers and Witnesses

The Chair welcomed County Councillor G Driver, Leader of the County Council, County Councillor M Perks, Cabinet Member for Young People, Bob Stott, Director of Universal Services, and Rod Norton, Head of Integrated and Targeted Support for Young People.

The Chair also welcomed County Councillors Clive Grunshaw and Jennifer Mein, signatories to the request for the call in, accompanied by County Councillor Sam Riches.

4. Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None were disclosed.

5. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday 10 June 2011 at 10am at County Hall, Preston.

6. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, indicated against the heading to the item. It was considered that in all the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

7. Purpose of the Meeting

Josh Mynott, Committee Support Team Leader, explained that this meeting had been called under the county council "Call In" procedures. It had been called at the request of six county councillors, named in the report, and the purpose was to discuss whether this Committee wished to formally ask the Leader to reconsider the decision made on 13 May 2011 on the restructure of the Lancashire Young People's Service (recommendations 'E' and 'F').

8. Call-in: Restructuring of the Lancashire Young People's Service

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.)

The Chair invited the signatories to the request for this special meeting, along with their invited witness, to present to the Committee.

A response was provided by the Leader of the Council, following which members of the committee debated the matter.

At the close of the debate, the Chair thanked Cabinet Members and Officers for their attendance. The Cabinet Members then left the room while the Committee considered its decision.

After hearing the case for call-in it was then moved and seconded by County Councillor Shedwick and County Councillor Westley respectively that:

The Leader be asked to reconsider the decision on the restructure of the Lancashire Young People's Service (recommendations 'E' and 'F').

On being put to the vote the motion was lost.

Resolved: That the Scrutiny Committee did not request the Leader to reconsider the decision made on 13 May 2011 on the restructure of the Lancashire Young People's Service (recommendations 'E' and 'F').

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