

APPENDIX 1

Extract of Executive Board and Executive Board Sub Committee Minutes Relevant to the Children and Young People's Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2010

79. Decision on the Statutory Consultation to close Halton High School - KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Young People, on the outcome of the consultation on the closure of Halton High School.

The Board were reminded that, during consultation on future secondary provision in Halton, it was agreed that Halton High School be developed as an Academy. The proposal would mean that, subject to the successful completion of the current feasibility project and agreement of the Secretary of State, Halton Academy would open on 1 September 2010. The Lead sponsor and Co-sponsor were the Ormiston Trust and the University of Chester respectively.

Following the decision of the Board on 3 December 2009, Statutory Consultation commenced on 10 December 2009 and the representation period ended on 21 January 2010. A total of nine responses were received to the statutory consultation and all were in support of the proposal. Copies of the notes of consultation meetings which took place on 16 December 2009 and 12 January 2010 were available at the meeting together with notes on each of the pre-statutory meetings and responses received to the consultation.

Reason(s) for Decision

To provide more choice and diversity and retain pupils within the Borough.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable.

Implementation Date

31 August 2010

RESOLVED: That Proposals having been published in pursuance of the powers set out in section 15 and Part 2 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 as amended, and having had regard to the statutory guidance and to responses to consultation the following proposals be approved:-

- (1) with effect from 31st August 2010 Halton High School be closed subject to the Secretary of State's approval for an Academy to replace the school on 1st September 2010;
- (2) all pupils in Halton High at the time of closure on 31st August 2010 transfer to the Academy on 1st September 2010; and
- (3) the capital development of the Academy continues as part of the BSF Programme.

(Councillor Nelson declared a personal interest in the following item of business as he is the Chair of Governors for the Grange Nursery)

(Councillor Swain declared a personal interest in the following item of business as he is a Governor of Pewithall CP School and Chair of IEB at Farnworth Primary School)

(Councillor Harris declared a personal interest in the following item of business as he is a Governor of All Saints (Upton) C of E Primary School)

80. Capital Programme for Children and Young People Directorate 2010-11 - KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Young People, providing a summary of the Capital Programme 2010/11 for the Children and Young People Directorate.

The total capital funding of £8,680,102, and how it was made up, was outlined within the report for Members' information, together with details of the works to be funded. In addition, it was noted that the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) had approved a further advance of £500,000 from 2010/11 schools capital grant funding as an initiative to stimulate the economy. An overview of the Schools Capital Programme for 2010/11 was included for Members' consideration.

Halton had obtained funding from the Big Lottery Fund to deliver MyPlace on behalf of the DCSF. This was a discrete project unrelated to general Lottery funding. Funding had been allocated by DCSF to support personalisation, closing the attainment gap and the move towards universal access to technology. In addition, £49,661 had been allocated to enhance

the existing children's centre at Warrington Road, in order to integrate PCT services with children's centre services.

Details of other funding allocations included in the report were:

- £197,999 Access Initiative Funding to address access issues within school curriculum and buildings
- £545,573 for further Early Years Childcare Capital to improve the quality of the environment in various early years and childcare settings
- £437,885 for Playbuilder Capital to provide new and the remodelling of existing playgrounds and equipment
- £116,880 to develop and deliver the core offer of Extended Schools services at Palace Fields Primary School

Reason(s) for Decision

To deliver and implement the capital programmes.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable.

Implementation Date

Capital Programmes to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2010.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the capital funding available for 2010/11, including those programmes where funding had been carried forward, be noted;
- (2) Council be recommended to approve the Capital Programme for 2010/11; and
- (3) the Revenue implications associated with the Big Lottery Fund be noted.