

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY, 2011. MINUTE NO. 78 IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN".

CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2011**

PRESENT: Councillor Moncur

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Moncur, Preece and Doran
Mr. A.Bell, Archdiocesan Representative
Mr.R.Gregson, Sefton Govenors' Forum

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Cuthbertson.

74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received:-

Member/Officer	Minute	Reason	Action
Peter Morgan – Strategic Director – Children, Schools and Families	76 - St Wilfrid's Catholic High School: Outcome of the Consultation on the Proposal to Close the School.	Personal – Spouse is an employee of a Catholic High School in the Borough.	Stayed in the room and took part in the consideration of the item
Mr Alan Bell – Archdiocesan Representative	76 - St Wilfrid's Catholic High School: Outcome of the Consultation on the Proposal to Close the School	Personal – Employee of an Archdiocesan School in the Borough.	Stayed in the room and took part in the consideration of the item.

75. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7 December 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

76. ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL

Further to Minute No. 65 of the meeting held on 7 December 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director -Children, Schools and Families providing information on the outcome of the consultation on the proposal to close St Wilfrid's Catholic High School and seeking approval to publish a statutory notice for the proposal.

The Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families outlined the report and gave information in relation to the outcome of the consultation process, and information on the proposals; including background; current demographics; surplus places; funding; standards and details of the options considered.

This was a key decision and was included on the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the responses to the consultation considered be noted and the proposal to close St Wilfrid's Catholic High School be approved subject to the modification of the closure date to 31 August 2012;
- (2) the process for the closure of St Wilfrid's Catholic High School, be progressed by the publication of the Statutory Notice.

77. PERFORMANCE OF SCHOOLS KEY STAGE 4 AND KEY STAGE 5

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families updating on the outcomes of the Performance of Schools Report on school standards at GCSE and A-Level.

RESOLVED:

That the Performance of Schools Report and the relative performance of Sefton against national, local and statistical neighbours be noted.

78. PRIMARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME: ADDITIONAL WORKS

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families seeking approval for Phase 2 additional works at Aintree Davenhill Primary School.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the proposed Phase 2 additional works at Aintree Davenhill School as detailed within the report be approved; and

- (2) Cabinet be requested to include the funding for the scheme in the Children, Schools and Families Capital Programme 2010/11.

79. CHILDREN'S SERVICES 2010 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LETTER FROM OFSTED

Further to Minute No. 56 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services), the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director – Children, Schools and Families which detailed the Sefton Children's Services Annual Assessment Letter from Ofsted.

The Strategic Director explained that Ofsted publish their assessment of every local authority via a public annual assessment letter during December of each year, which awarded a grade and summarised overall performance.

It was reported that Sefton's grade remained as "an organisation that exceeds minimum standards" – Performs Well (3).

The Strategic Director highlighted that it was encouraging to note that Ofsted recognised that good progress had been made over the past twelve months, with the large majority of schools, services, settings and institutions inspected as good or better. Ofsted had also noted the good progress made across youth offending and adoption services. It was reported that Ofsted had however noted the following areas for development:-

- Improve arrangements for safeguarding in front-line practice;
- Sustain progress in educational outcomes for children at five;
- Improve achievements of 11 and 16 year olds from low-income backgrounds.

The Strategic Director made reference to the verbal feedback he had received from the inspector stating that Sefton had not been far from receiving a judgement of outstanding.

The Strategic Director further reported that the Annual Assessment of every Local Authority was being abolished.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the contents of the Ofsted letter be noted; and
- (2) Officers of Children's Services be congratulated for all their hard work in relation to the improvement.

80. RE-INSPECTION OF YOUTH OFFENDING WORK IN SEFTON (YOS)

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director- Children, Schools and Families advising on the significant improvements made by the Youth Offending Service in relation to the Core Care Re-inspection in September 2010.

The report indicated that the Youth Offending Services, following the outcome of the re-inspection, was now placed in the top quartile of performing youth offending services in the country.

The Youth Offending Service re-inspected Improvement Plan set out within the report would be monitored by the Ministry of Justice over the calendar year 2011.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the significant improvements made by the Youth Offending Service be noted and further improvements over the next twelve months be supported; and
- (2) the Head of the Youth Offending and his staff be thanked and congratulated on their continual effort and excellent work in relation to the comments made.

81. APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES TO GOVERNING BODIES OF MAINTAINING SCHOOLS

Further to Minute No.60 of the meeting held on 16 November 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families on vacancies on the governing bodies of a number of Community and Voluntary Aided schools.

RESOLVED:

That the undermentioned persons be appointed to serve on the Governing Bodies of the schools indicated for a period of four years:-

School	Governor(s)
AINSDALE WARD Merefield, Southport	Mrs. L. Wright
BIRKDALE St. Teresa's Catholic Infants, Birkdale	Mrs. C. Owens
CHURCH WARD Waterloo Primary School, Crosby	Ms. S. Robinson
MOLYNEUX WARD	

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Melling Primary, Melling Mrs.D.Scott

NETHERTON AND ORRELL WARD
Savio Salesian College, Netherton Mr.P.Moran

NORWOOD WARD
Norwood Primary, Southport Mr.S.Glinn

SUDELL WARD
Deyes High, Maghull Ms.D.Johnson