

EXECUTIVE 6 NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR M J HILL OBE (LEADER OF THE COUNCIL)

Councillors Mrs P A Bradwell OBE (Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services) (Deputy Leader), C J Davie (Executive Councillor for Economy and Place), R G Davies (Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT), E J Poll (Executive Councillor for Commercial and Environmental Management), Mrs S Woolley (Executive Councillor for NHS Liaison and Community Engagement), C N Worth (Executive Councillor for Culture and Emergency Services) and B Young (Executive Councillor for Community Safety and People Management).

Councillors R L Foulkes (Chairman of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee), R B Parker (Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board), Mrs S Rawlins (Chairman of the Audit Committee) and R A Renshaw were also in attendance.

Officers in attendance:-

Keith Ireland (Chief Executive), Debbie Barnes OBE (Executive Director, Children's Services), Sheridan Dodsworth (Children's Services Manager - responsibility for SEND), Andy Gutherson (County Commissioner for Economy and Place), Justin Hackney (Assistant Director, Specialist Adult Services), Cheryl Hall (Democratic Services Officer), Eileen McMorrow (Senior Project Officer Specialist Schools Project), Matthew Michell (Senior Commissioning Officer (Waste)), Pete Moore (Executive Director, Finance and Public Protection) and Nigel West (Head of Democratic Services and Statutory Scrutiny Officer).

29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that Justin Hackney (Assistant Director of Specialist Adult Services) was attending the meeting on behalf of Glen Garrod (Executive Director of Adult Care and Community Wellbeing).

30 DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

31 <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS</u>

The Leader of the Council was saddened to report that the former County Councillor and Deputy Leader of the Council, Peter Robinson had passed away on 4 November 2018. Details of the thanksgiving service would be sent to all councillors.

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The Executive held a minute's silence in memory of Peter Robinson.

The Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT reported that the Department for Transport had recently revealed that Lincolnshire would receive an additional £13.2 million for roads repair, which formed part of the £420 million of roads funding as announced in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's budget.

The Executive Director of Finance and Public Protection advised that the County Council had received an additional £3.2 million for winter pressures, which formed part of the Government's announcement of an additional £240 million funding nationally for social care.

32 <u>MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2018</u>

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 2 October 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

33 <u>BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF SPECIALIST PROVISION FOR CHILDREN</u>
AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND
DISABILITIES

Consideration was given to a report from the Executive Director of Children's Services, which presented the Building Communities of Specialist Provision Strategy for consideration and approval.

The Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services introduced the report to the Executive.

The Children's Services Manager – Responsibility for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) advised that the report outlined the proposed vision for SEND provision to be implemented over the next five years, subject to approval. The report also included details of the prescribed alterations for the special schools and the strategies identified to address the existing challenges of sufficiency and suitability in the current system. The Strategy was detailed at Appendix A to the report.

The Executive was asked to consider the outcome of both the statutory and non-statutory public consultations in respect of both the strategy itself and the proposed changes to the local authority maintained schools affected by it. The Executive was advised that the proposed changes to the Academies cited in the strategy had already been approved by the Regional Schools Commissioner, so there were no additional decision-making processes required for the approval of the strategy.

The Chairman of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee advised that the Committee had considered a report on Building Communities of Specialist Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at its meeting on 19 October 2018 and had unanimously supported the recommendations to the Executive. The comments of the Committee were detailed on page 30 of the Executive report.

The Executive was advised that the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum and other partners and officers had worked collaboratively with the County Council in developing the proposed strategy.

The Executive was provided with an opportunity to ask questions where the following points were noted: -

- It had been recognised that there were significant challenges within the
 existing provision and the status quo was not sustainable. The challenges
 included: an increase in demand on a limited number of school places;
 excessively long journeys for a significant number of pupils; a potentially
 detrimental impact of some Out of County placements on families; and a
 need for significant improvements to some special school buildings;
- The strategy would make significant changes to the existing special education provision, creating an integrated and sustainable school system where pupils could attend their nearest school special school, confident that their education and health needs could be fully met;
- It was the County Council's aspiration to support children and young people with SEND in mainstream schools, where possible;
- The strategy proposed an increase in the number of special school places by 500, owing to the number of children and young people with complex needs increasing since 2014. There had been an increase in numbers since 2014 owing to a change in legislation which had introduced new duties for local authorities and the NHS;
- Consideration was being given to the transportation requirements;
- Training requirements within schools would be met.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the outcome of the informal public consultation and the Council's response to it as set out in the report section 6 and Appendix B and C to the report, be noted.
- (2) That the outcome of the formal representation period for the Council's maintained special schools cited in the strategy as outlined in the report, section 6, be noted.
- (3) That approval be given to the Building Communities of Specialist Provision Strategy, as detailed at Appendix A to the report.
- (4) That approval be given to the alterations to Council maintained special schools, as set out in the table in the section of the report headed "Maintained School Alterations", to take effect on or from the Implementation date specified in the said table.

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34 JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report by Matthew Michell (Senior Commissioning Officer (Waste)), which accompanied the final version of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS),

The Executive Councillor for Commercial and Environmental Management presented the report to the Executive. The Executive Councillor thanked the Senior Commissioning Officer (Waste) for his work on the JMWMS.

The Executive was asked to endorse the proposed JMWMS and to recommend its adoption by the County Council at its meeting on 14 December 2018.

The County Commissioner for Economy and Place advised that the JMWMS had been endorsed by the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership as being ready to go before each partner Council for formal adoption. It had been prepared with the cooperation of all eight Lincolnshire councils, and had public support as evidenced through the consultation process.

The preparation of the JMWMS had also been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment and it was considered that it promoted the right balance between selecting the best environmental options and providing value for money.

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board advised that the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee had considered the revised draft of the JMWMS at its meeting on 18 September 2018 and had endorsed the revised draft strategy and supported the recommendation that it be adopted by the County Council on 14 December 2018.

It was highlighted that a green paper would be published in December 2018 concerning the potential introduction for taxing energy from waste facilities. Furthermore, the Executive expressed its disappointment in this proposal as the tax should be applied to the producers of non-recyclables.

The Executive was advised that the food waste trial that was currently underway in certain areas of the county had proved to be a success. Analysis would be undertaken on the trials impact of contamination rates.

RESOLVED

That the proposed Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, as detailed at Appendix A to the report, be endorsed and recommended to the County Council at its meeting on 14 December 2018 that the said Strategy be formally adopted by the County Council, subject to the Strategy in the same form being formally adopted by all the waste collection authorities in Lincolnshire.

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.