

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday 19th December 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Brett (Chair) Councillors Iftikhar Ahmed, Daalat Ali, Blundell, Brett, Neil Emmott, Emsley, Heakin, O'Rourke and Rowbotham

OFFICERS: Steve Rumbelow (Chief Executive), Gail Hopper (Director of Children's Services), John Searle (Director of Economy), Mark Widdup (Director of Neighbourhoods), Sally McIvor (Director of Commissioning (DASS) RBC/CCG), Andrea Fallon (Director of Public Health and Wellbeing), Mark Robinson (Assistant Director – Planning and Development), Victoria Bradshaw (Chief Finance Officer), Chris Woods and Alex Whittaker (Neighbourhoods Directorate), Fay Davies and Dave Baker (Children's Services Directorate) and Alison James (Resources Directorate)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Meredith, Dave Burt (Child Action North West)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

81 There were no declarations of interest.

PRESENTATION - SERVICES FOR YOUNG CARERS

82 Cabinet received a presentation from Councillor Meredith and Dave Burt from Child Action North West relating to services for young carers and the Rochdale Carers Hub.

Decision: That the presentation be noted.

MINUTES

83 Decision: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER - ROCHDALE TOWN CENTRE (OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION)

84 Cabinet considered a report which outlined the outcome of consultation on a proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Rochdale Town Centre.

Alternatives considered:

It was appropriate for the outcome of consultation to be reported back to Members. The Council could choose not to implement a PSPO and continue to experience the range of anti-social behaviours within Rochdale Town Centre. This would not address the effect the anti-social behaviour was having on town centre businesses and the reputational damage it was having on the Borough.

Decision:

1. That the outcome of the consultation which has been undertaken and the comments received from the consultees on the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Rochdale Town Centre be noted;
2. That the amended list of prohibitions in the Public Spaces Protection Order as contained in Appendix 1 of the report be approved;
3. It be confirmed that a number of the proposed prohibitions mentioned in the draft Order should not be included as part of this Order. These are; 'those under 18 in the area 11pm - 6am'; 'Unauthorised distribution of printed material/leaflets' and 'foul and abusive language';
4. Approval in principle be given to the suggested extensions to the geographical scope of the Order as detailed in the report and as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
5. Approval of the final legal Order and the final designated areas for each prohibition be delegated to the Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Assistant Director (Legal, Governance and Workforce).

Reason for decision:

The purpose of the proposed Order was to assist the Council and its Partners to provide an appropriate and robust response to anti-social behaviour issues in Rochdale Town Centre. The Council had undertaken a consultation exercise on a proposed Public Spaces Protection Order for Rochdale Town Centre which should be considered in determining if any amendments should be made to the original proposals.

THE NEED FOR EXTRA PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES 2017-2020

85 Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Children's Services which set out proposals, following a consultation process, to address the need for extra Reception and Year 1-6 places Primary School Places up to September 2020.

Alternatives considered:

Rochdale Borough Reception cohorts continue to grow and all suggestions from Head teachers and Governing boards have been and will continue to be considered where appropriate.

Decision:

1. That approval be given to the following proposals, noting that the timing of the proposals is subject to detailed feasibility:-

- a) Heywood Township
The permanent expansion of St Luke's CE Primary from a PAN of 30 to 60 places from 2019.
- b) Middleton Township
The establishment of a temporary bulge class at Hollin Primary School for 2018/19, taking the PAN from 30 to 60 for one year only.
- c) Pennines Township
A permanent increase at Newhey Community Primary from a PAN of 40 to 45 with immediate effect.
- d) Rochdale Township
The permanent expansion of Lowerplace Primary from 60 to 90 places from 2018.

The permanent expansion of Belfield Community School from 45 to 60 from 2018.

- 2. That feasibility studies which will facilitate completion of detailed designs, firmer costings and submission of planning applications be approved;
- 3. That expenditure on the proposed final programmes detailed within the report (as detailed in Appendix 1), for invitations to tender to be issued and accepted and for the supporting contracts, PFI deeds of variation (where necessary) and any incidental and ancillary documentation, to be signed in order to deliver the development schemes outlined in the appendices, in accordance with Financial Regulations be approved;
- 4. That the Additional Basic Need Programme spend estimated at £2,300,000 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.

Reason for decision:

The Borough has seen consistent growth in the Primary school cohorts. In 2005 Reception numbers were 2450 and for 2018 are predicted to be over 3100. For 2018 – 2020 ONS birth data trends suggests extra places will be needed in Rochdale and Heywood Townships. These two areas are also seeing large numbers of children arriving in-year. The birth data suggests Pennines and Middleton Township births are decreasing slightly from 2019-2020, although Middleton has peak for 2018 Reception class cohort and is seeing increasing numbers of new housing going forward.

THE NEED FOR EXTRA YEAR 7 SCHOOL PLACES 2017- 2027

86 Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Children's Services which set out proposals, following a consultation process, to address the need for extra Year 7 places from 2017 – 2027.

Alternatives considered:

The case was clear for the need for two extra secondary schools. Given the limited options the acceptance of a local trust was considered to be the preferred choice. Extra capacity was needed for 2019 and 2023/24 and would also be needed in the intervening years to enable in-year moves. Current spare capacity had been 4-6 FE across the Borough and even with the spare local capacity, pressures have still been felt. Above the extra two schools all secondary schools would need to be approached to provide extra capacity.

Decision:

1. That approval be given to the following proposals, noting that the timing of the proposals is subject to detailed feasibility:-
 - a) Heywood Township and Middleton Township
 - An additional 30 places at Siddal Moor Sports College in existing accommodation with a temporary PAN from 210 to 240 for one year in September 2018;
 - The permanent increase of Siddal Moor Sports College PAN from 210 to 270 from September 2019;
 - Support be given to the application of the Altus Education Partnership, in collaboration with Rochdale Sixth Form College and Hopwood Hall College, for a new Free School in Middleton Township for 2020, noting that DfE now require that any bid submitted by a trust include a named site. This will necessitate the authority to name the site prior to the bid going ahead to facilitate the creation of the needed pupil places.
 - b) Pennines Township and Rochdale Township
 - The permanent increase of Matthew Moss High School to a PAN of 240 from September 2018 as previously detailed in Cabinet report dated 31st October 2016;
 - The potential gap in provision for 2019-20 be noted;
 - The need for a second new Free School in 2022 and for the DfE requirement that a site will need to be named be noted;
2. That feasibility studies which will facilitate completion of detailed designs and submission of planning applications be approved;
3. That expenditure on the proposed final programmes detailed within the report, for invitations to tender to be issued and accepted and for the supporting contracts and any incidental and ancillary documentation, to be signed in order to deliver the development schemes outlined in the appendices, in accordance with financial regulations be approved.

4. That the Additional Basic Need Programme spend estimated at £5,400,000 as set out in Section 5.1 of the report be approved.

Reason for decision:

The Borough has seen consistent growth in the Primary school cohorts. In 2005 Reception numbers were 2450 and this year were predicted to be 3100. This was a 650 increase in Reception numbers. Secondary cohort sizes started to increase in 2012 and were expected to mirror and exceed the Primary increases until 2024. Secondary cohorts started at a low of 2200 pupil and were expected to increase to 3300, which was an increase of 1100. The disparity in increases in cohort sizes in Reception and Year 7 was due to both, the recent increases in cohort size that have occurred throughout the Primary years (55%), and the forecasted increase in housing builds (45%).

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

87 Decision:

That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

Reason for Decision:

Should the press and public remain during the debate on these items there may be a disclosure of information that is deemed to be exempt under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

SITE FOR FREE SCHOOL - MIDDLETON

88 Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Neighbourhoods which outlined that in order for the Council to meet its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places, a new secondary school needs to be opening its doors in the Borough in September 2020.

A Free school bid was due to be submitted to the DfE from a local academy trust, the Altus Education Partnership, who currently manage the outstanding Rochdale Sixth Form College. The bid to the DfE requires a plan for the new school site to be included. Before the bid can be submitted, the trust is also required by the DfE to have consulted with local stakeholders. For the bid to go forward to the DfE the council needs to formally name a site for the school.

Alternatives considered:

The Council was required to find a site for a new school in the Middleton Township area. For this not to incur any financial expenditure, the site needed to belong to the Council and be within the gift of the Council.

The previous site considered for the new school was too small.

The Planning and Development team have investigated all possible sites and put this one forward the site detailed in the report as its best option.

Decision:

1. That the release of Council owned land within the Bowlee site to be leased to the Altus Education Partnership for the building of a new Secondary School for the Borough be approved;
2. That the current wider Bowlee Masterplan proposals for community use and additional residential development be noted;
3. That the continued development of the Bowlee Masterplan as part of a wider consultation and engagement with the wider community and stakeholders in order to maximise the potential of the Bowlee site be approved.

Reason for decision:

In order for the Council to meet its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places, a new secondary school needs to be opening its doors in the Borough in September 2020. A site has to be named on the bid to be submitted to the DfE and a school needs to be in place by 2020. Bowlee meets the requirements for a school site and has already been offered for potential development.