

Minutes of a Meeting of the **PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 8th MAY 2019 at 6.00pm**

PRESENT **Councillor M. Ashcroft (Chairman) and**
Councillors: Kathy Beetham, J. Clark, Mrs M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming,
Mrs S. Haigh, M. Iveson, Mrs S.J. Iveson and Sally Symons

OFFICERS Mr A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr D. Austin (Finance Manager)
Miss J. Gale (Pre-School Manager)
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)

16. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

17. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

There were no applications for dispensations.

18. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

19. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor M. Iveson, and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Pre-School Sub-Committee, held on the 19th September 2018, be confirmed as a correct record.

20. **PRE-SCHOOL UPDATE REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Pre-School Manager had submitted a report to provide members with an update on the Pre-School Learning Centre at St. Oswald's, including attendance, staffing, capital works, activities, events and funding.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Proposed staffing changes to make the current temporary Pre-School Assistant post permanent and not proceed with the employment of an apprentice be approved.
- iii) A proposal to provide a conservatory-style building to create a dining area for the children, with potential DCC funding and an additional capital budget of £20,000 from the Council's 2019/2020 Capital Programme Budget, be referred to the Asset Management Member Working Group for consideration.
- iv) A proposal to install new flooring to the sensory room in the Tots in the Park building be approved, with an additional capital budget of £750 to be

added to the Council's 2019/20 Capital Programme Budget from the carry forward of savings on the 2018/19 Capital Programme Budget.

- v) A proposal to install new flooring to the bathroom area in the Tots in the Park building not be approved.
- vi) A proposal to extend the Tots in the Park garden space, subject to quotations being sought and Members agreeing to meet the cost from the carry forward of savings achieved on the 2018/19 Pre-School Revenue Budget, be deferred pending a site visit and subsequently referred to the Asset Management Member Working Group.
- vii) A proposal to re-plaster and decorate the sensory room in the Tots in the Park building, subject to quotations being sought and Members agreeing to meet the cost from the carry forward of savings achieved on the 2018/19 Pre-School Revenue Budget, be referred to the Asset Management Member Working Group for consideration.
- viii) A proposal to provide an outdoor covered classroom/changing shed to the outdoor area, at a cost of £2,850, to be funded from the carry forward of the £3,000 underspend on the 2018/19 Pre-School Capital Budget, be referred to the Asset Management Member Working Group for consideration.
- ix) Changes to the pre-school funding rates from Durham County Council be noted.

CHAIRMAN