

**To: All Members of the County Council  
All Chief Officers**

**From COUNTY SECRETARY'S  
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**CABINET  
23 April 2001**

**MINUTES  
ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**

D A Ashley, R J M Ellis (Chairman), K F Emsall, G D Game,  
M H T Janes, J M Pitman, J E Price, A M R Searing, I E M Tarry.

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Cabinet meeting on 23 April 2001 as circulated, copy annexed, action was taken or decisions were reached on individual items as recorded below:

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 30 March 2001 were confirmed as a correct record.

**1 REVIEW OF THE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PLAN**

Agreed the following proposal to the Executive Committee for decision:

1. That the revised Behaviour Support Plan be adopted and circulated to schools and other stakeholders as a basis for action.
2. That the comments of the Children, Schools & Families Select Committee be accepted and that Officers be authorised to undertake further work, within the framework of the revised Behaviour Support and Education Development Plans, to carry these issues forward.
3. That further detailed work be undertaken on the role of parents in working with schools in dealing with challenging behaviour.

**2 POSSIBLE AMALGAMATION OF THUMBSWOOD INFANT AND BLACKTHORN JUNIOR SCHOOLS, WELWYN GARDEN CITY**

Agreed the following proposal to the Executive Committee for decision:

- (a) That the Director of Children Schools and Families be authorised to publish a statutory notice to close Thumbswood Infants' and Blackthorn Junior Schools, Welwyn Garden City and to open a new Two Forms of Entry Primary School in their premises on 1st January, 2002.
- (b) That if no objections are received to the statutory proposals the Director of Children, Schools and Families be authorised to implement them and if objections are received the Director be authorised to submit them, with comments on behalf of the local education authority, to the School Organisation Committee.

**3 30MPH SPEED LIMITS IN VILLAGES**

Agreed the following proposal to the Executive Committee for decision:

- (a) That the County speed policy be amended to allow 40 mph limit provision, as a first stage, to cover situations where the road geometry could lead to an increased potential for accidents if a lower limit were to be immediately adopted.
- (b) That the Director of Environment be authorised to resolve police objections to new speed limit orders based on the revised County policy.
- (c) That Harper Lane, London Colney should retain a 30mph speed limit, with a 40 mph buffer zone either side and interactive signing.
- (d) Further use of interactive signing to reinforce speed limits be supported.

**4 PROPOSALS FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NHS IN HERTFORDSHIRE**

Agreed the following proposal to the Executive Committee for decision:

That the outline proposals for the establishment of partnership arrangements between the County Council and NHS Health Authority and Trusts in Hertfordshire be approved as follows:

- (a) Mental health staff and functions be transferred to the Partnership Trust, subject to compliance with all relevant legislation and a partnership agreement being put in place which details the functions to be transferred and the terms on which the transfer takes place. (The partnership agreement to be considered by the Health Topic Group and approved by the Cabinet.);

- (b) County Council budgets for learning disability, mental health, drug and alcohol and child and adolescent mental health services be pooled with respective budgets from the health side, subject to agreed service specifications and a partnership agreement which sets out the way in which budget levels will be determined and managed, and which has been approved by the County Council ;
- (c) A Joint Commissioning Partnership Board should be established, made up in equal numbers from the County Council and from the Boards of Primary Care Trusts (8:8);
- (d) The draft constitution and partnership agreement for pooled budgets be considered by the JCPB and recommendations regarding their final form be made to Cabinet and the County Council for approval.

## **5 INSPECTION OF WELFARE TO WORK FOR DISABLED PEOPLE BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES INSPECTORATE**

Agreed the following proposal to the Executive Committee for decision:

That the Welfare to Work Action Plan, based on the recommendations of the Social Services Inspectorate, be approved.

## **6 SERVICE STRATEGY AND SPECIFIC GRANTS – ADULT CARE SERVICES**

Agreed the following proposal to the Executive Committee for decision:

- (a) The proposed strategy, plans and use of specific grants, including the proposals for use of Carers Breaks Grant, be approved.
- (b) The Director of Adult Care Services, in consultation with the Executive Member, be authorised to approve the four Joint Investment Plans based on the proposals in the report.

## **7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Cabinet made no proposal to the Executive Committee.

**8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONS SCHEME DISCRETIONS POLICY**

Agreed the following proposal:

That the comments of the Resources Prosperity Partnership and Consultation Select Committee be invited on the proposal that the County Council's policy on abatement should be equivalent to that required under previous regulations, and the Discretions Policy be updated accordingly, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.

**Andrew Laycock**  
**County Secretary**