

## DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

### NEW DELEGATED POWERS

The following Delegated Powers should be read in conjunction with the General Scheme of Delegation to Heads of Departments, Financial Procedural Rules, Standard Financial Procedure Rules, Contract Procedure Rules, and Local Conditions of Service.

Officers should also have regard to any Departmental rules and conventions before exercising powers.

	<u>POWER</u>	COMMITTEE/ SUBCOMMITTEE
1.	<b><u>Finance Services</u></b>  Power to administer the provision of financial support to students and post-16 pupils in partnership with outside agencies as appropriate and the provision of free school meals and milk, in line with the current approved criteria.	CABINET **/**/**
2.	<b><u>Future Arrangements for the Provision of information, Advice and Guidance to Young People and Adults</u></b>  In relation to LeicesterShire Connexions Trading Limited (or any successor organisation):  a) Authority to the Director of Children and Young People's Service to appoint County Council officers as Directors of the board of Connexions Trading and indemnify those officers in their roles within the company.  b) Authority to the Director of Children and Young People's Service, or an officer or officers appointed by him, to represent the Council in its roles as a member of Connexions Trading and to take all decisions necessary for the company to run efficiently and effectively and indemnify any or all officers in this role.  In relation to LeicesterShire Connexions Service Limited (or any successor organisation):	CABINET **/**/**

Authority to the Director of Children and Young People's Service, or an officer or officers appointed by him, to represent the Council in its role as a member of Connexions Services and to take all decisions necessary for the company to run efficiently and effectively and indemnify any or all officers in this role.

3. **Premature Retirement Policy for Teachers**

- (i) Power in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources to offer premature retirement with compensation to teachers who meet the agreed criteria. EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE  
\*\*/\*\*/\*\*
- (ii) Power to agree exceptional cases of early retirement of teachers in the 50 to 55 years age range in the interests of the efficiency of the service, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader or their nominees. EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE  
\*\*/\*\*/\*\*

4. **Admissions**

Power to agree school admission limits and admission of pupils to schools in accordance with the current Schools Admission and associated policies and to direct admission where appropriate under the relevant legislative provisions. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

5. **Special Educational Needs**

Power to take all necessary decisions in respect of the provision to be made for children with special educational needs under assessment and the legislation in force for the time being including the power to conduct tribunal hearings. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

6. **Price of School Meals**

Power with the Director of Corporate Resources to adjust the price of school meals each year having regard to the level of subsidy to be provided by the County Council and the increase agreed in the contractor's tender price under the terms of the school meals contract. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

7. **Non school attendance**
- Power to institute and conduct legal proceedings in respect of non-school attendance under the legislation in force for the time being. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
8. **Adjustment to Catchment Areas**
- Power to make small adjustments to catchment areas which are supported by Headteachers and Governing Bodies where appropriate under the legislation in force for the time being. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
9. **Community, Foundation and Voluntary Schools**
- 'Power to determine school organisational changes (including establishment, making of prescribed alterations and closure) where there are no objections and in circumstances which do not require the approval of the School Adjudicator under the relevant legislative provisions in force for the time being. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
10. **Appointment of Governors**
- Power in consultation with the appropriate Lead Cabinet Member(s) to approve all appointments to vacancies on governing bodies of primary, secondary and special schools and education foundations subject to consultation, as appropriate, with the Group Whips. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
11. **Approval of Loans**
- Power in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources and the Lead Member to approve loans to schools of up to 7 1/2% of the school budget for a period of up to 5 years. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

12. **School Term Dates**
- Authority to the Director of Children and Young People's Service to agree minor changes to school term dates if requested by individual schools to meet particular local circumstances. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
13. **Accommodation of Looked After Children**
- Power to take all necessary decisions in respect of the assessment and provision of accommodation for looked after children. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
14. **Visiting Children**
- a) Power to visiting children, for the purposes of safeguarding their interests and/or welfare, who are accommodated within the area of the Authority by or on behalf of Voluntary Organisations. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
- b) Power to appoint independent visitors for children who are looked after by the Authority.
- Legal Proceedings**
15. a) Power to authorise officers to institute and defend proceedings subject to the concurrence of the County Solicitor relating to the welfare of children and young people, including proceedings relating to child protection, adoption and placement in secure accommodation under the legislation in force for the time being; and CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
- b) Power to act as Litigation Friend on behalf of children and young people where appropriate and to make claims to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA).
16. **Preparation of Court Reports**
- Power to authorise officers to prepare reports for and provide information to the courts in any proceedings relating to children and young people. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

17. **Provision of Services**
- Power to approve the provision of services for children and young people, whether directly or through others, and the recovery of charges where appropriate, within an agreed policy framework and in accordance with any statutory provisions in force for the time being, including enabling the Director to:
- CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
- a) give medical consents in those cases where the Authority is legally able to do so;
  - b) arrange for or assist in arranging for a child looked after by the Authority to live outside England and Wales;
  - c) consent to the marriage of children in respect of whom the Authority has parental responsibility.
18. **Adoption**
- Power to take all necessary decisions in relation to arrangements for the adoption of children and young people and the provision of adoption services, including establishing and maintaining an Adoption Panel, the payment of legal expenses (after consultation with the County Solicitor) and adoption allowances in accordance with the scheme in force for the time being.
- CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
19. **Residence Orders**
- Power in consultation with the County Solicitor to authorise the payment of reasonable legal costs of applications for residence orders in respect of children looked after by the authority, and to make payments in accordance with the scheme for the time being.
- CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
20. **Leaving Care/Local Authority Accommodation**
- Power to provide services and make payments to young people leaving care, and to the carers of children and young people at risk of coming into care in accordance with the schemes in force for the time being.
- CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

21. **Special Payments**  
 Power in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources to make special payments to foster carers of up to £10,000 in any one case in the form of loans or grants. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
22. **Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984**  
 Power to attend as an appropriate adult at interviews of suspects conducted by the Police in accordance with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
23. **Foster Care**  
 Power to assess and approve applications from persons applying to be foster parents, to place children and young people with foster parents and to make payments of foster care allowances in accordance with the scheme in force for the time being. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
24. **Private Fostering**  
 Power to visit children who are privately fostered to impose requirements and prohibitions and to take other steps as appropriate under the statutory provisions in force for the time being. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*
25. **Adaptations to Property**  
 Power to approve the provision of services for children and young people with a disability, and the recovery of charges where appropriate and in accordance with any statutory provisions for the time being. CABINET \*\*/\*\*/\*\*