

Motion

THE CORPORATE PLAN'S IDEALS IN PRACTICE

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

In the light of the Council considering and approving the updated Corporate Plan, it should recall the pledges and assurances made in the previous one. In so doing, it should ensure that the ideals of the Plan accord with what occurs in practice.

It should take stock of whether it fulfilled its obligations in key areas of direct impact on the children attending The Lyndale School, their parents and their carers.

The Corporate Plan 2014-2016 assured our citizens that...

'Wirral will be a place where the vulnerable are safe and protected.'

This latest Plan restates this as...

'It is of the utmost importance that we safeguard our vulnerable people and deliver our services with empathy at all times.'

The previous Plan stated...

'We must be recognised as a receptive Council that listens, responds and engages...' (page 8)

Council notes that the proposed refresh of the Corporate Plan states that...

'our vision, priorities and spending decisions are based on sound evidence, thorough analysis and understanding of community needs.'

Council recalls that the SEN Improvement Test, when set out in full without editing, states...

'Decision makers should make clear how they are satisfied that this SEN improvement test has been met, including how they have taken account of parental and independent representations which question the proposer's assessment'

Council, therefore, calls on the Cabinet to:

- (i). look at these pledges and commitments;
- (ii). question whether these were carefully and properly applied at all times during the consideration of the needs of the children at the Lyndale School;
- (iii). report to Council on how the SEN Improvement Test was properly applied.