

<p>need to undertake. Catie, in her absence but with her prior written agreement, was duly proposed and seconded as a co-opted governor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Gwen Mason (formerly a governor at VPNS&CC for many years) has very kindly agreed to return as a governor. She was proposed and seconded as a co-opted governor. o PM agreed to act as chair until such time as the FGB could be returned to strength and a proper election process could be followed. All were in support of this as an interim measure. o PM explained to all that it would now be a priority to establish an appeal panel consisting of three non-staff governors to hear the grievance appeal that was currently pending. PM to contact relevant governors to try to set the committee up and start to plan dates etc. 	<p>PM</p>
<p>4. Minutes of the Previous meeting and Matters Arising Minutes of the previous meeting (15th July 2015) were not available either prior to, or at the meeting and so must be deferred and brought back to a future meeting to be approved and signed. PM to chase clerk for the minutes.</p>	<p>PM</p>
<p>5. Children's Centre Report <i>Documents: Children's Centre Report</i> SL presented the Children's Centre report and went through the key points from the report for further discussion.</p> <p>Governors asked whether the summer holidays had an impact on the number of referrals the Children's Centre received. SL said that she didn't think so but that Children's Centre staff were now being invited to all Child Protection Conferences which meant that staff were now aware of far more Child Protection cases.</p> <p>One of the key issues for the Children's centre is in the content of the consultation issued by West Berkshire Council on 03/11/2015 on proposed costs savings.</p> <p>It has been proposed to issue a package of cost-saving measures into children's centre services by a combination of reducing the number of centres through closures and clustering, reduction in services overall, a dramatic increase in the age range of children targeted, and introducing charges for some services which were previously free at the point of use.</p> <p>A discussion followed and there were strong feelings aired about the impact of these changes on vulnerable families, the false economy of the knock on costs to other services later down the road due to a lack of early intervention, and the administrative and booking systems being proposed being unworkable and/or more expensive to run than the income they</p>	

<p>would generate.</p> <p>It was felt that the governors wanted to individually lodge their responses to the various proposals under the consultation but that Sally Lawson would issue some information to all governors to more fully explain some of the issues on the ground so we could provide better informed responses.</p> <p>SL said that she had received an enquiry from a Midwife to run private anti-natal and post-natal sessions at South Newbury. Governors had concerns regarding a lone person locking and unlocking. Sally will contact the Willows caretaking staff to see whether they could assist.</p>	<p>SL</p>
<p>6. Policies to Review</p> <p><i>Documents: Draft policies for: Continuing Professional Development, Sustainable Travel Plan, Drugs, Fire & Arson, Administration of Medicine Form, Safeguarding, Fire & Evacuation, Invacuation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing Professional Development – Approved and adopted • Sustainable Travel Plan – FBW to check bike to work programme and add reference to safeguarding policy; represent at future meeting • Drugs – Approved and adopted • Fire & Arson – Approved and adopted • Fire & Evacuation – Approved and adopted • Invacuation – Approved and adopted • Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy – this is a new model policy from West Berkshire Council with updates. The updates were reviewed and agreed. It was agreed after discussion that an amendment should be made to section 18.2 to refer to the staff handbook rather than a separate policy. Policy approved and adopted subject to that amendment. 	<p>FBW</p> <p>FBW</p>
<p>7. Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Governors who have retired; FBW tabled that we had received considerable support from the governors that had recently retired and that as a governing body we would like to thank them for their efforts and achievements in supporting the school and children's centre. It was agreed to invite them to the start of the next meeting as we had not had an opportunity to thank them 'in person' before they left. FBW to invite to next meeting. 	<p>FBW</p>
<p>The next full governing body meeting will be held at 7:15PM on 24th November in the meeting room of Victoria Park Children's Centre.</p>	