

Henry Downey

From: Jocelyn Wallace <Jocelyn.Wallace@eani.org.uk>
Sent: 01 March 2017 12:41
To: Henry Downey
Subject: Youth Services

Dear Henry

The Education Authority is well aware of the significant public interest in the protective notice issued by the Authority to a number of youth workers. This protective notice was issued because these posts are funded on an annual basis as an initiative by the Department of Education. Since no budget has been set for 2017/18, neither DE nor EA is in a position to guarantee these posts.

EA believes that the work carried out by the youth workers is a vital component in the support that the youth service provides to young people, particularly the most vulnerable and marginalised. The Minister for Education has made it clear that there are no proposals to end this funding. However, there is no mechanism at the moment to make funding available for these posts after 1 April.

EA continues to work with officials in DE to find a resolution. On the basis that we agree with the position set out by Belfast City Council, EA does not believe that there is any merit in having a meeting to discuss this issue. However, we will be happy to meet with Councillors to discuss youth provision in the city.

Yours sincerely
Gavin Boyd

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From: Henry Downey [mailto:DowneyH@BelfastCity.gov.uk]
Sent: 28 February 2017 13:59
To: Jocelyn Wallace <Jocelyn.Wallace@eani.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Youth Services

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Boyd's response Jocelyn.

Unfortunately, it makes no reference to the urgent meeting which was requested within the Council's motion.

I would be grateful if you would clarify if it is Mr. Boyd's intention to meet with Councilors and with the Minister of Education.

Regards

Henry

From: Jocelyn Wallace [mailto:Jocelyn.Wallace@eani.org.uk]
Sent: 28 February 2017 13:47
To: Henry Downey <DowneyH@BelfastCity.gov.uk>
Subject: Youth Services

Good afternoon Mr Downey

Please see attached from Mr Boyd.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt as no hard copy will issue.

Kind regards,
Jocelyn

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28 February 2017

Dear Mr Downey

I write with reference to your letter dated 10 February 2017.

The Education Authority has not proposed any cuts to the Youth Services in 2016/17 and is not planning any reduction for 2017/18.

However you will be aware that the Education Authority does not have a budget allocation for 2017/18. In the absence of funding, EA has had to advise all staff on temporary contracts that their employment is not yet guaranteed after 31 March 2017.

EA regards the work of the staff involved in these services as vitally important to the young people of the city.

We note your appreciation for youth work and share your concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Boyd', written over a simple line drawing of a triangle.

GAVIN BOYD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE