

## ***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement***

***Monday, 14 May 2012 at 12.00 pm  
County Hall, New Road, Oxford***

### ***Items for Decision***

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on 22 May 2012 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

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Note: Date of next meeting: 11 June 2012

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## Items for Decision

### 1. Declarations of Interest

### 2. Questions from County Councillors

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am two working days before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet Member's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

### 3. Petitions and Public Address

### 4. Proposal to Expand Eynsham Primary School (Pages 1 - 32)

*Forward Plan Ref:* 2012/060

*Contact:* Barbara Chillman, Principal Officer – School Organisation Tel: (01865) 816459

Report by Director for Children's Services (**CMDSI4**).

Eynsham Primary School's Admission Number is 45. However the school has admitted over this number in both September 2010 and September 2011 to meet growth in demand for pupil places in the area. Demand for pupil places across Oxfordshire generally has risen and in Eynsham additional homes in new housing developments are in the process of being constructed and occupied: therefore the expectation is that the rise in pupil numbers will be sustained. As a result, the proposal is to expand Eynsham Primary School permanently to become a 2 form entry school with an admission number of 60.

Because the published admission number for 2011 and 2012 has already been decided, the school's admission number can only now formally change from 2013.

The school already has sufficient classroom accommodation to become a 2 form entry school. If, following this consultation, it is decided to change the admission number to 60 on a permanent basis, there may be a need for additional school facilities to be constructed which would support the delivery of the full curriculum to the increased number of pupils. OCC is working in partnership with the school

governors to look carefully at the school's site and buildings to see what facilities are required and how they could best be provided through a feasibility study.

A final decision is required on whether to proceed to expand the school.

***The Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement is RECOMMENDED to approve the publication of a statutory notice for the expansion of Eynsham Primary School.***

**5. Expansion of Orchard Meadow Primary School, Oxford (Pages 33 - 62)**

*Forward Plan Ref: 2012/052*

*Contact: Barbara Chillman, Senior Officer, School Organisation Tel: (01865) 816459*

Report by Director for Children's Services (**CMDSI5**).

In recent years Oxford has experienced a significant and sustained rise in primary pupil numbers. To meet this demand, in 2008 an additional 105 primary school places across the city were agreed; in 2009 a further 245 additional primary school places were created, and in 2010 another 238 additional places were created. Looking to the future, significant additional housing is included in Oxford City Council's Core Strategy, which will, in turn, lead to increased pupil numbers across the city. The proposal to expand Orchard Meadow Primary School is one part of the county council's strategy to meet the need for primary school places in Oxford. Several other schools across Oxford are also planned for expansion over the next few years.

Orchard Meadow Primary School's Admission Number was until recently 30. However the school has worked with the county council to admit over this number for the last few years, to meet growth in demand for pupil places in Blackbird Leys. From September 2011 the Admission Number rose to 45, which more accurately reflects the actual intake of pupils into the Reception (F1) class each year. Demand for pupil places across Oxford city has risen and future plans for the regeneration of Blackbird Leys could include up to 1000 additional homes: therefore the expectation is that the rise in pupil numbers will be sustained.

As a result, the proposal is to expand Orchard Meadow Primary School to become a 2 form entry school with an Admission Number of 60. This would bring the number of children on roll at the school up to possibly 420 children (excluding the Nursery).

A final decision is required on whether to proceed to expand Orchard Meadow Primary School.

***The Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement is RECOMMENDED to approve the permanent expansion of Orchard Meadow Primary School with effect from 1 September 2013.***

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