

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement

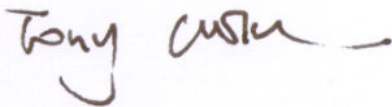
***Tuesday, 6 July 2010 at 12.00 pm
County Hall***

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 Wednesday 14 July 2010 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.

These proceedings are open to the public



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Note: Date of next meeting: 7 September 2010

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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 on the working day 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. Expansion of Age Range at Uffington CE Primary School (Pages 1 - 24)

Forward Plan Ref: 2010/061

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Report by Director for Children, Young People & Families (**CMDSI 4**).

Uffington School and Pre-school combined in September 2005 to work in partnership. In order to improve management across the age range and achieve smooth seamless education it is now proposed that the school should formally incorporate the early years provision, extending its age range to become a 3-11 school.

At the meeting on 2 March 2010 the Cabinet Member agreed to the publication of formal proposals to extend the age range at Uffington CE Primary School to 3-11. The statutory notice was published on 22 April 2010 and expired following 6 weeks of formal consultation on 3 June 2010. As no representations in relation to the proposal have been received the decision is referred to the Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement. The proposed implementation date for the proposal is 1 September 2010.

The Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement is RECOMMENDED to either:

(a) *reject the proposals;*

- (b) **approve the proposals;**
- (c) **approve the proposals with a modification (e.g. the proposal implementation date); or**
- (d) **approve the proposals subject to them meeting a specific condition.**

5. Expansion of Larkrise Primary School (Pages 25 - 50)

Forward Plan Ref: 2010/063

Contact: Barbara Chillman, Principal Officer – School Organisation and Planning

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Report by Director for Children, Young People & Families (CMDSI 5).

Larkrise Primary School has a published admission number of 45 children. Due to rising numbers across Oxford City, 60 places were allocated to the school for September 2009. The school now has more than 45 children per year from the Foundation to Year 3 inclusive. Primary Care Trust records and the annual census of local children in early years settings show that the demand for primary school places in Oxford is rising, and schools in this area will not have enough room in future years

Larkrise Primary School has been identified as a high priority school through the Primary Capital Programme locality review process, which also recommended that options should be explored to accommodate the rising numbers of statutory age range pupils in the Cowley/Iffley locality.

At the meeting on 16 March 2010 the Cabinet agreed to the publication of formal proposals to expand Larkrise Primary School from 1.5-form entry to 2-form entry. A statutory notice to this effect was published by the Authority in the Oxford Mail on 20 April 2010 and expired following 4 weeks of formal consultation on 18 May 2010.

As no representations in relation to the proposal have been received the decision is referred to the Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement. The proposed implementation date for the proposal is 1 September 2010.

The Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement is RECOMMENDED to either:

- (a) **reject the proposals;**
- (b) **approve the proposals;**
- (c) **approve the proposals with a modification (e.g. the proposal implementation date); or**
- (d) **approve the proposals subject to them meeting a specific condition.**

6. Expansion of Age Range at Dr South's CE(A) Primary School (Pages 51 - 70)

Forward Plan Ref: 2010/062

Contact: Barbara Chillman, Principal Officer – School Organisation and Planning
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Report by Director for Children, Young People & Families (**CMDSI 6**).

In order to improve management across the age range and achieve smooth seamless education, the governors of Dr South's CE (A) Primary School have proposed to extend the age range at the school to 3-11, in order to formally incorporate the early years provision currently provided by the on-site pre-school.

At the meeting on 2 March 2010 the Cabinet Member agreed to the publication of formal proposals to extend the age range at Dr South's CE Primary School to 3-11. The statutory notice was published on 23 April 2010 and expired following 6 weeks of formal consultation on 4 June 2010. As no representations in relation to the proposal have been received the decision is referred to the Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement. The proposed implementation date for the proposal is 1 September 2010

The Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement is RECOMMENDED to either:

- (a) reject the proposals;***
 - (b) approve the proposals;***
 - (c) approve the proposals with a modification (e.g. the proposal implementation date); or***
 - (d) approve the proposals subject to them meeting a specific condition.***
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