



***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children,
Education & Families***

***Monday, 24 June 2013 at 12.00 pm
County Hall, 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 Tuesday 2 July 2013 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: 15 July 2013

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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. **Closure of John Hampden Nursery School and Alteration of Lower Age Limit at John Hampden Primary School** (Pages 1 - 34)

Forward Plan Ref: 2013/043

Contact: Diane Cameron, School Organisation Officer Tel: (01865) 816445

Report by Director for Children's Services (**CMDE4**).

The report outlines a proposal is to merge John Hampden Primary School with its federated Nursery School. The legal mechanism to achieve this is to formally close the Nursery School, and extend the age range of the Primary School to include 3 year olds. Currently the same Governing Body and Headteacher run both establishments. Under this proposal, the services provided by each school would continue, under the same management as presently but with simplified administration.

Additionally if the proposal is approved, only one Ofsted inspection would need to be carried out on the site, and only one set of data requested by the Department for Education would need to be returned by the school staff. This would release administrative and management time in each case.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families is RECOMMENDED to approve the alteration of the lower age limit of John Hampden Primary School and the linked closure of John Hampden Nursery School with effect from 1 September 2013.

5. Closure of Five Acres Nursery School and Alteration of Lower Age Limit at Five Acres Primary School (Pages 35 - 68)

Forward Plan Ref: 2013/041

Contact: Diane Cameron, School Organisation Officer Tel: (01865) 816445

Report by Director for Children's Services (**CMDE5**).

The report outlines a proposal to merge Five Acres Primary School with its federated Nursery School. The legal mechanism to achieve this is to formally close the Nursery School, and extend the age range of the Primary School to include 3 year olds. Currently the same Governing Body and Headteacher run both establishments. Under this proposal, the services provided by each school would continue, under the same management as presently but with simplified administration.

The reasons for proposing this change are to consolidate the Governing Body's financial responsibility into one budget where they currently must manage two. With a single budget to manage, funding could be directed toward priorities agreed upon across the whole school whereas currently for example, the primary budget cannot be spent on the nursery school.

Additionally if the proposal is approved, only one Ofsted inspection would need to be carried out on the site, and only one set of data requested by the Department for Education would need to be returned by the school staff. This would release administrative and management time in each case.

The Cabinet Member for Education is RECOMMENDED to approve the alteration of the lower age limit of Five Acres Primary School and the linked closure of Five Acres Nursery School with effect from 1 September 2013.
