

***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement -
Tuesday, 5 January 2010***

Statement of Decision

St Nicholas CE Primary School

Documentation considered:

Report St Nicholas CE Primary School

A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.

Present:

Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement : Councillor Michael Waine

Officers: Deborah Miller (Corporate Core)
Barbara Chillman (Children, Young People & Families)

Also in attendance:

Other Members: Councillor Larry Sanders

Questions from County Councillors

Councillor Larry Sanders posed the following questions to Councillor Michael Waine:

- Q1. What does Councillor Waine think the effect on parents, staff and community of the decision the Oxford IEB hold its meeting in private?
- Q2. Has a date been set for the winding up of the IEB and its replacement by a properly constituted Governing Body? If not, what are the factors which will determine when it will be wound up?

In response to question 1 Councillor Waine reported that that Oxford School IEB would be no different from the vast majority of Governing Body meetings across the County and Country which were not open to the public.

In response to question 2, Councillor Waine read out the following extract from the IEB Application:

“Planned life of the IEB and plans for the exit strategy

It is proposed that the IEB should be in place until July 2011.

During the autumn of 2010 the IEB will aim to increase the membership with a small number of appropriately qualified and committed representatives from parents, staff and the local community. These people will be subject to stringent induction and assessment before being confirmed as full members. During this period a “shadow” governing body will also be formed with a structure in accordance with regulations for Foundation schools. This body will be developed and trained by the IEB and share in many of the IEB meetings albeit not having any right to vote or take decisions on school issues.

Towards the end of the period a substantive governing body will be formed with, hopefully, much of its membership being drawn from the additional IEB members and from the shadow governing body.

It is planned that the Chair of the IEB will be available in an advisory role as necessary to support and guide the substantive governing body through its first year of office.”

Cabinet Member’s Comments

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

Signed
Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement

Date2010