



Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services

***Wednesday, 9 September 2020 at 10.00 am
Virtual meeting via MS Teams***

Please note that due to guidelines imposed on social distancing by the Government this meeting will be held virtually.

For further information on this please contact the Committee Officer (details below) bearing in mind the information set out at Item 3 on this Agenda.

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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 immediately.

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

These proceedings are open to the public

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne Rees'.

Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive

August 2020

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Note: Date of next meeting: 14 October 2020

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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**

This Cabinet Member for Education and Cultural Services Decisions meeting will be held remotely in order to conform with current guidelines regarding social distancing. Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9.00 a.m. on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9.00 a.m. four working days before the meeting i.e. 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 3 September. Requests to speak should be sent to lucy.tyrrell@oxfordshire.gov.uk together with a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9.00 a.m. 2 working days before the meeting.

Where a meeting is held remotely and the addressee is unable to participate remotely their written submission will be accepted.

Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

4. **Statutory Notice to Expand John Watson (Special) School** (Pages 1 - 20)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/066

Contact: Barbara Chillman, Service Manager – Pupil Place Planning Tel: 07554 103418

Report by Director for Children's Services (CMDECS4)

This report follows the publication of a Statutory Notice relating to the county council's proposal to expand John Watson School.

The proposal is to expand the secondary phase of John Watson School by 16 places from September 2022 onward. This would increase the overall capacity of the school from 91 to 107 places and would secure long-term provision for sixth form pupils.

As set out under Rule 19(a) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, this decision is exempt from Call-In as it is deemed urgent and any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, in that any delay could mean the decision would be taken away from Oxfordshire County Council.

The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to approve the expansion of John Watson School by 16 places from September 2022 onward. This would increase the overall capacity of the school from 91 to 107 places.
