

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Education

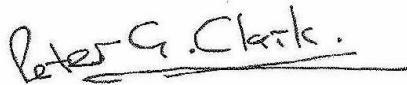
***Monday, 10 September 2012 at 12.00 pm
County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND***

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 17 September 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.

These proceedings are open to the public



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Note: Date of next meeting: 1 October 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. **Stanton Harcourt Primary School : Alteration of Lower Age Range and Merging with Preschool - Stage One**

Forward Plan Ref: 2012/103

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Report by Director for Children's Services (**CMDE4E**).

Stanton Harcourt Primary School has completed the first section of the scheme for applying to open a Foundation Stage Unit (new nursery class) through the County Council Scheme. If approved this will allow the School to publish statutory notices to lower the age range at which they admit pupils from 4 to 3 years of age.

Most of the pupils who attend the school have had their pre school experience in Blackditch Bunnies which is on the School site. Both the School and the pre school work closely in partnership to ensure smooth transitions for children. The School Headteacher wants to further improve the provision, continuity and learning for the youngest children and has the full support of the pre school staff in making this application. The school expect to employ the pre school staff to work in the new unit, although there may need to be a reduction due to current staffing levels in the school and the numbers of children taking up places.

The School has consulted governors, parents, partnership schools and private and voluntary pre school providers in the area on these proposals and no objections have been received.

The Cabinet Member for Education is RECOMMENDED to agree to the publication of statutory notices to take this proposal forward to the next formal phase.
