



## ***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Education***

***Tuesday, 24 January 2017 at 9.00 am  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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: 21 February 2017

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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. **Expansion of Launton CE Primary School** (Pages 1 - 18)

*Forward Plan Ref:* 2016/109

*Contact:* Diane Cameron, School Organisation Officer Tel: 07795 301254

Report by Director for Children's Services (**CMDCEF4**).

This report follows a public consultation and Statutory Notice period relating to a proposal to expand Launton CE Primary School to 1 form entry. The proposal was requested by the school's Governing Body, and the capital investment which would be required has been assessed by the county council's property consultants.

Launton village is part of the Bicester partnership of schools, where pupil numbers have risen and large strategic housing developments are planned. To ensure sufficient pupil places are available a number of new schools are planned, and some existing schools are being expanded. Within Launton village there has been some housing development permitted.

This report summarises the response from the public consultation, and the conclusions of the feasibility assessment into how the school's accommodation could be expanded. It outlines the expected consequences of either approving or rejecting the proposed expansion.

The decision-making power in terms of determining the proposal in this case lies with the Cabinet Member for Education.

***The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to reject the proposal to expand Launton CE Primary School at the current time.***

***(This is because the cost of the options currently identified for the physical expansion of the school's capacity do not represent good value for money.)***

**5. Expansion of West Witney Primary School (Pages 19 - 32)**

*Forward Plan Ref: 2016/110*

*Contact: Diane Cameron, School Organisation Officer Tel: 07795 301254*

Report by Director for Children's Services (**CMDCEF5**).

This is a proposal to expand West Witney Primary School to increase the formal published admission number from 45 to 60, on a permanent basis starting from September 2017. This will eventually increase the school's total capacity from its current 315 places in year groups Reception – Year 6 to a maximum of 420.

The objective of the proposal is to ensure the County Council can continue to ensure sufficient primary school places for children living in the west Witney and surrounding area, to meet a rapid rise in demand for primary school places in the town. This expansion is required ahead of and in addition to the planned new primary school on the housing development permitted in nearby north Curbridge.

West Witney Primary School has admitted over its Admission Number in September 2016 in order to ensure sufficient places are available, and the plan is to make this growth permanent by constructing additional accommodation at this popular school.

***The Cabinet Member for Education is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed expansion of West Witney Primary School.***

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