



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

***Monday, 11 April 2016 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 19 April 2016 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: 23 May 2016

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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. **Federation of Wood Farm Primary School and The Slade Nursery School, Oxford** (Pages 1 - 6)

*Forward Plan Ref:* 2015/126

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

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

The Slade Nursery School and Wood Farm Primary School share a site and both serve the same families in the local area; the nursery school for children under the age of 5, and the school for children from age 5 to 11.

Following support from a local authority officer, and including liaison with the local member, who sits on both governing bodies, the separate governing bodies of the nursery school and the primary school have voted to federate from September 2016.

The necessary public consultation was conducted in January and February 2016. Seven responses were received. All but one were fully supportive of the plan. No responses were received to change the governing bodies' proposal although some useful suggestions were made, which may be incorporated into plans for the federation. One respondent said; 'I think this is a sensible proposition. There is unnecessary duplication of effort at the moment with two governing bodies and this will help with that. Also, it will help with the management of the site overall which is

complicated by the number of different organisations running similar but importantly different services for young people and children in Wood Farm'.

The staff and parents of the two schools have been informed through the process.

The decision on this proposal lies with the Governing Bodies of the two schools, however, following the consultation, governors now seek formal support for the proposal from the Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families to cement the joint working with the county council already taking place on this proposal.

***The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to support the proposed federation of The Slade Nursery School and Wood Farm Primary School.***

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