

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement

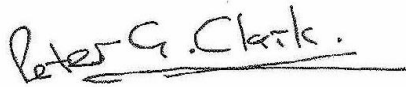
***Wednesday, 6 April 2011 at 12.00 pm
County Hall, New Road, Oxford***

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 Thursday 14 April 2011 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.

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Note: *Date of next meeting: 10 May 2011*

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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 on the working day 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. Proposal to Develop an Autism Educational Residential Provision

(Pages 1 - 20)

Forward Plan Ref: 2011/018

Contact: Janet Johnson, Strategic Lead for SEN/LDD Tel: (01865) 815129

Report by Director for Children, Young People & Families (**CMDSI4**).

This project is part of the Business Strategy 2011 and aims to contribute to the savings of £1m from 2012/13 on Out County placements for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN). Other strategies to reduce reliance on costly out county placements are in development and will contribute to the savings target, for example the cross regional provision for children in care and increasing use of local independent providers.

We currently have 23 children with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) placed in Out County residential placements at a cost of £2.7m per annum. There is a gap in provision in Oxfordshire and ASC diagnosis/prevalence is increasing.

It is anticipated that savings of approximately £60,000 to £90,000 per placement can be made if ASC educational residential provision is set up in Oxfordshire.

The Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) ***give agreement to proceed with proposals to develop an autism educational residential provision;***

- (b) ***request a detailed, costed proposal by July 2011. If the age range of the proposed provision extends beyond 18 then a joint CYPF and SCS paper will be required and a decision by both CYPF and SCS Cabinet Members.***

5. Grove CE Primary School (Pages 21 - 24)

Forward Plan Ref: 2011/008

Contact: Barbara Chillman, Principal Officer – School Organisation & Planning Tel: (01865) 816459

Report by Director for Children, Young People & Families (**CMDSI5**).

Grove CE Primary School has a published admission number of 15 children. For children starting school in September 2010, 21 parents listed Grove CE Primary School as their first preference, and the school agreed to admit more than their admission number to meet parental demand. Due to the high number of primary school applications within the Grove area, the school eventually accepted 29 children into F1. For September 2011 the admission number has been raised from 15 to 25, and it is now proposed to raise it to 30 from 2012 to create a full 1 form entry school.

The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to note the contents of this report and confirm that the proposal to expand Grove CE Primary School should continue as described.
