

***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families - Monday, 10 February 2014***

***Statement of Decision***

**Present:**

Councillor Louise Chapman, Cabinet Member for Policy Co-ordination

Officers: D. Cameron and B. Chillman (Children, Education & Families); D. Miller (Law & Culture).

**Also in attendance:**

Other Members: Councillor Glynis Phillips for Agenda Item 4 (Barton West).

**Specification for Future New Primary School at Barton West**

**Documentation considered:**

Report Specification for Future New Primary School at Barton West

*A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision*

**Summary of representations in person**

Councillor Phillips spoke on behalf of the Barton Community Association. She reported that there was general support for the welcome emphasis on educational excellence and the specific mention of supporting vulnerable learners and those with special educational needs, but that a couple of issues had been raised.

The first was the name in brackets in the title Barton Park. This was the name that has been adopted by the developers Grosvenor who would use it on 2 large hoardings adjacent to the by-pass. The issue of developing an integrated community was seen as vital in ensuring the success of the venture. The existing Barton residents believed that any other name would be divisive and would prefer it to be called 'the new Barton development' whilst under construction and then to be called Barton. Clearly custom and practice may result in the name Barton Park becoming frequently used but the Barton Community Association would rather the City and County councils listened to their views as local residents and use the terminology 'the new Barton development'

The second point raised was whether the Barton Community Association and other local organisations could be specifically mentioned in the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point under Building Stronger Communities. The issue of integration and community coherence was a strong theme in the specification document and this was welcomed. However having a shared management of the community hub with the existing Barton

Neighbourhood Centre and the current Sports Association made a lot of sense and would go a long way in achieving integration across Barton.

The concern was that the new residents could set up their own formal social structures which would be in competition with the events and projects currently being run by the existing community groups. The existing community groups would of course work with the new residents and would consult and involve them and together they can create a really strong and successful community.

In response, Ms Chillman reported that the specification could be amended to reflect the points made above, although she believed that the 'Barton park' title may also have to stay on documents etc. she undertook to work with Councillor Phillips to find a solution.

**Cabinet Member's Comments**

I would like officers to work with Ms Chillman to find a resolution regarding the name of the development.

**Decision**

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

to note the outcomes of the consultation into a new school for Barton West (Barton Park) and to approve the specification as the basis for seeking academy providers for the school.

Signed .....  
Cabinet Member for Policy Co-ordination

Date .....2014



