

OXFORDSHIRE DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

MINUTES of the meeting held on Wednesday, 9 September 2020 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.05 am

Present: Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services

Officers: Barbara Chilman (Children, Education & Families),
Lucy Tyrrell (Resources)

The Council considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

5 STATUTORY NOTICE TO EXPAND JOHN WATSON (SPECIAL) SCHOOL (Agenda Item 4)

Document considered: Report on Expansion of John Watson (Special) School.

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

Summary of representations made at the meeting

Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale confirmed that she had received the full report and supporting annexes. Barbara Chilman confirmed this is the final stage of the proposed expansion of John Watson (Special) School which is part of the wider Special Educational Needs & Disability Sufficiency of Places Strategy to increase special school capacity in Oxfordshire. The proposal was set out and approved by Cabinet in December 2018 and the proposed expansion of John Watson School by 2022 is one of the actions noted in the Strategy.

Cabinet Member's Comments

I have been requested to approve the expansion of John Watson (Special) School and have been fully briefed by my Officers.

I can confirm that we have received agreement from the Chairman of the council that the proposal for the expansion of John Watson (Special) School be exempt from the call-in as set out in the Constitution under Rule 19a of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

The decision in terms of determining the proposal to expand John Watson (Special) School lies with the Cabinet Member for Education and Cultural Services. In considering the proposal for the school expansion, I have had regard to the information set out in the documentation before me, and am satisfied that an appropriate, fair and open-minded consultation and representation period has been carried out, and that the proposer has given full consideration to all of the responses received. Thereby, I confirm my decision as follows:

To approve the expansion of John Watson (Special) School by 16 places from September 2022 onward. This would increase the overall capacity of the school from 91 to 107 places.

..... in the Chair

Date of signing