

***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement -  
Wednesday, 6 April 2011***

***Statement of Decision***

**Present:**

Councillor Michael Waine

Officers: B. Chillman and J. Johnson (Children, Young People & Families)  
D. Miller (Corporate Core)

**Also in attendance:**

Other Members: Councillor Jean Fooks for Agenda Item 4.

**Proposal to Develop an Autism Educational Residential Provision**

**Documentation considered:**

Report Proposal to Develop an Autism Educational Residential Provision

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

**Summary of representations in person**

Councillor Fooks welcomed this much needed provision in Oxfordshire. She requested further detail on how the provision would work and whether it would be a respite, long-term or educational provision? She further asked whether this would be for current children in the system or new children and whether a similar thing been done elsewhere in the Country?

She further expressed the importance to involve Health in the proposals and to ensure that the provision was not term time only.

**Cabinet Member's Comments**

I welcome your contribution Councillor Fooks. It will be very important to find the right site for this provision. This provision will be used by new children coming through the system, unless a child has reached a stage in their education where it is appropriate.

The provision will be for 8 children and will provide full residential school. The residential provision will be attached to the school and could be used for long-term, short stay or respite. We need to identify need and the bottom out what proposal we are going to take forward.

There has been a similar set up in Slough and the new provision will be evidence based on best practice.

**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:

- (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

Signed .....  
Cabinet Member for

Date .....2011

**Grove CE Primary School**

**Documentation considered:**

Report Grove CE Primary School

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**Cabinet Member's Comments**

This proposal make good common sense and is part of an on-going process to increase the capacity of the school for when it relocates. This proposals means that there are now enough school places in Grove.

**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 contents of this report and confirm that the proposal to expand Grove CE Primary School should continue as described.

Signed .....  
Cabinet Member for

Date .....2011