

## ***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement***

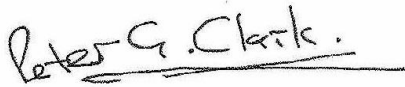
**Wednesday, 8 February 2012 at 12.00 pm**  
**County Hall, New Road, Oxford**

### ***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 16 February 2012 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: 6 March 2012*

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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. **Basic Need for Pupil Places - Eynsham Primary School** (Pages 1 - 12)

*Forward Plan Ref:* 2011/179

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Report by Interim Director for Children, Education & Families (**CMDSI4**).

Eynsham Primary School has a Published Admission Number of 45. However, the school has admitted over this number in both September 2010 and September 2011. The school's Published Admission Number for 2012 is 45, but it is expected that they will again accept over this number. Demand for pupil places across Oxfordshire generally has risen and in Eynsham additional homes in new housing developments are in the process of being constructed and occupied: therefore the expectation is that the rise in pupil numbers will be sustained. The village is identified by the District Council as a possible settlement suitable for expansion in the medium to long term.

As a result, the proposal is to expand Eynsham Primary School permanently to become a 2 form entry school with an admission number of 60. This would bring the number of children on roll at the school up to a maximum of 420 children (excluding the Nursery).

***The Cabinet Member for Schools Improvements is RECOMMENDED to approve the publication of a Statutory Notice for the expansion of Eynsham Primary School.***

**5. Amendments Required in Fair Funding Formula for Schools from 1 April 2012** (Pages 13 - 58)

*Forward Plan Ref:* 2011/166

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Report by Interim Director for Children, Education & Families (**CMDSI5**).

Oxfordshire's Fair Funding Formula for schools has not been fundamentally reviewed or changed in the 20 years since it was introduced. The last significant formula change was the delegation of the Statementing budget introduced in 2006-07. Cabinet previously agreed in May 2009 that a strategic review should be undertaken. This review commenced in April 2010 and has been fully supported by Schools Forum with representatives of Schools Forum on both the Project Board and the Project Working Group.

The report seeks approval of the proposed changes to the Fair Funding Formula for Oxfordshire's schools from 1 April 2012.

***The Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement is RECOMMENDED to:***

- (a) Consider the recommendations made by Schools Forum at their meeting of 1 February 2012; and***
  - (b) approve the changes to the school funding formula for 2012-13 as summarised at paragraph 7 above.***
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