



## ***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families***

***Monday, 20 April 2015 at 12.00 pm  
County Hall, 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 28 April 2015 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: 11 May 2015

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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. **Recommended Preferred Sponsor for the New Primary School at Barton, Oxford** (Pages 1 - 2)

*Forward Plan Ref:* 2014/184

*Contact:* Diane Cameron, School Organisation Officer Tel: (01865) 816445

Report by Director for Children's Services (**CMDCEF4**).

New school for Barton, Oxford : approval of preferred provider.

The Cabinet meeting of 4 September 2012 approved a process for the identification of sponsors for new academies to meet the needs of population growth such as this which requires a new primary school for 2016. In July 2014 Cabinet agreed that the decision on the preferred option could be delegated to the Lead Member for Children Education and Families.

This process has been followed and has now reached the point where a preferred provider has been identified from a group of 2 short-listed bidders which were assessed against criteria.

The Lead Member is asked to agree the preferred provider which will be submitted to the Regional Schools Commission for a final decision.

***The Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families is RECOMMENDED to agree The Cheney School Academy Trust as the recommended provider to be submitted to the Regional Schools Commissioner for final agreement.***

**5. Contract to Supply Children's Advocacy Services to Private Residential Homes (Pages 3 - 6)**

*Forward Plan Ref: 2015/021*

*Contact: Nancy Kurisa, Complaints & Information Manager Tel: (01865) 323572*

Report by Director for Children's Services (**CMDCEF5**).

Volunteer Independent Visiting and Advocacy Service (VIVA) is a Council run service providing Independent Visiting and Advocacy to young people who are either Looked After by Oxfordshire County Council or have been in receipt of Council services. VIVA has been approached by a Private Residential Home to provide up to four Independent Visiting Sessions per year to support privately placed young people who are not Looked After by the Council but who may benefit from advocacy to ensure that their voice is heard in matters relating to their care and support.

The Care Act 2014 has put a much bigger emphasis on the importance of ensuring that advocacy is available to strengthen the voice of people who use services and we anticipate that VIVA will be approached by other private residential homes to provide a similar service. To provide this service VIVA would have to charge a fee to cover staffing costs, travel expenses and administration costs.

***The Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families is RECOMMENDED to agree that VIVA can charge costs including overheads of providing independent advocacy services to Private Residential Homes. The Cabinet Member is also asked to agree in principle to the provision of the service as outlined in this paper.***

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