

# Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families - Monday, 18 January 2016

## Statement of Decision

#### Present:

Councillor Melinda Tilley, Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families

Officers: Diane Cameron, Barbara Chillman and Gillian McKee (Children, Education & Families); Deborah Miller (Law & Governance).

#### Also in attendance:

Other Members: Councillor Howson

# **Questions from County Councillors**

#### **Councillor Howson to Councillor Melinda Tilley**

How many teachers trained by schools in Oxfordshire during 2014-15 through the School Direct Scheme joined the staff of state-funded schools in Oxfordshire this September following the completion of their programmes?

#### Answer

A number of Oxfordshire schools involved in the School Direct Scheme in different guises and combinations last year and details for all of those are not immediately available.

I can however say that the Cherwell School was a lead school for the OTSA Salaried School Direct programme and 25 of the 30 people trained by them are now NQTs in state funded schools in Oxfordshire. Of these 19 are in their main placement school.

The Cherwell was also the lead school for two non-salaried School Direct programmes. They had 15 places with Reading University of whom 8 are currently NQTs in state schools in Oxfordshire.

# **Proposed Expansion of Chilton Primary School**

#### **Documentation considered:**

Report Proposed Expansion of Chilton Primary School

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

#### **Cabinet Member's Comments**

I welcome this decision to support the community by increasing school places.

## 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 support the proposed expansion of Chiton Primary School.

Signed ..... Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families

Date .....2016

# Formal Approval of School Funding Formula for 2016-2017

**Documentation considered:** 

Report

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#### Summary of representations in person

Gillian McKee, Finance Business Partner for Children, Education & Families, reported that the local authority had appealed to the Secretary of State (SoS) regarding the decision made by Schools Forum on 2 December 2015 to reduce the current historic contribution to central overheads of £4.3m. Schools Forum voted to reduce the contribution by £1.7m. The local authority had appealed to the SoS requesting that the historic contribution continued in full for 2016-17 pending a comprehensive review and reduction from April 2017. The authority was still waiting for the decision by the SoS.

At the meeting on 13 January 2016 Schools Forum confirmed approval for Option 1 or Option 2, depending on the outcome of the SoS decision. If the SoS confirmed the Schools Forum decision to reduce the DSG contribution to central overheads, Option 2 would be implemented, which delegated an additional amount of DSG to schools, academies and early years settings. If SoS supported the local authority request, Option 1 would be implemented.

#### **Cabinet Member's Comments**

I fully support the decision of the Schools Forum, pending the decision of the DfE on this matter.

#### 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 approve of the final school funding formula, as agreed at the Schools Forum meeting on 13 January – Option 1 if Secretary of State supports the local authority

request, or Option 2 if Secretary of State supports Schools Forum and reduces the DSG contribution to central overheads.

Signed ..... Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families

Date ......2016