

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services

Wednesday, 10 July 2019 at 10.00 am 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 18 July 2019 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.

These proceedings are open to the public

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July 2019

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Note: Date of next meeting: 18 September 2019

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Items for Decision

1. Declarations of Interest

2. Petitions and Public Address

3. 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.

4. Change of Age Range at Valley Road Primary School (Pages 1 - 10)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/085

Contact: Joanne Booker, School Organisation Officer Tel: 07393 001258

Report by Director for Children's Services (CMDECS4).

This report follows the publication of a Statutory Notice relating to the County Council's proposal to change the age range at Valley Road Primary School from September 2019.

The proposal is to change the age range of the school from 3-11 to 4-11. The Governing Body proposes to consolidate all early years provision under the private childcare provider, Cygnets of Henley Ltd., which already operates on the school site.

The Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services is RECOMMENDED to approve the change of age range of Valley Road Primary School from 3-11 to 4-11 from September 2019 with the following conditions:

- That the school and the nursery can reach a mutually agreeable level of rent and other costs to ensure the current free entitlements, including the extended thirty hours offer run by the school for parents, can be maintained or extended.
- That the current timings for the funded entitlements be maintained for at least 12 months from 1 September 2019, so as not to be disruptive to

parents whose child already attends the nursery or is registered from September 2019.

- That a suitable lease is drawn up to guarantee the continued provision of free nursery places longer term.
- That existing arrangements for integrated provision with Bishopswood (Special) School are maintained.

5. Statutory Notice to Expand and Extend Age Range at Northfield School (Pages 11 - 74)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/048

Contact: David Clarke, Deputy Director for Education Tel: 07741 607594

Report by Deputy Director for Education (CMDECS5).

This report follows the publication of a Statutory Notice relating to the County Council's proposal to expand Northfield School, subject to an academy sponsor being appointed.

The proposal is to permanently expand Northfield School to a capacity of 108 places. To accommodate this expansion, the county council would rebuild the school with purpose-built accommodation.

The Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed expansion of Northfield School, including rebuilding the school with purpose-built accommodation, with the following condition:

1. That a new academy sponsor is appointed to run the school.