

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services - Wednesday, 10 July 2019

Statement of Decision

Present:

Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services

Officers: Chris Hilliard, Allyson Milward, Debbie Rouget (Children,

Education Families); Deborah Miller (Resources).

Petitions and Public Address

Mr Tim Coulson, Head Teacher of Valley Road Primary School;

Ms Tania and Mr Vic Skidmore, Owner/Director of Cygnets, Henley

Change of Age Range at Valley Road Primary School

Documentation considered:

Report Change of Age Range at Valley Road Primary School

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

Summary of representations in person

Mr Coulson, Headteacher of Valley Primary School spoke in support of the proposal to Change the age range at the school on the basis that there had not been sufficient places, resource or staff to fulfil the requirements and to provide a much-needed wrap around service for parents.

Cygnets was a well-established and liked childcare facility in Henley and parents were very happy with the new proposed arrangements. Cygnets currently run breakfast and after school club and holiday clubs for the school and all are very well attended and successful.

Mrs Skidmore spoke in support of the proposals. Cygnets was a very family run nursery and had received very positive feedback from parents with regards to the new proposals.

Cabinet Member's Comments

I note the positive outcome of consultation and the conditions the Council have added to the agreement to ensure the Council are safeguarded and therefore am very happy to approve the recommendations.

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 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.

Signed	
Cabinet Member	for Education & Cultural Services
Date	

Report on the proposed Expansion of Northfield School

Documentation considered:

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Summary of representations in person

Mr Chris Hilliard, Interim Deputy Director for Education explained that the expansion to Northfield School was necessary to unsure that there were sufficient special school places for children with additional Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs in Oxfordshire. This was subject to a new sponsor being appointed to run the school and to the expansion being a purpose-built new build.

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:

	prove the proposed expansion of Northfield School, including rebuilding the law with purpose-built accommodation, with the following condition:
1.	That a new academy sponsor is appointed to run the school.

Signed	
-	Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services
Date	