

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Children and Adult Services  
Learning and School Effectiveness  
Children and Families

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Children's and Adult Services – Councillor David Elkin, the Lead Member for Children and Families – Councillor Colin Belsey and the Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness – Councillor Nick Bennett on Wednesday 14 September 2011 at County Hall, Lewes

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Councillor Stroude spoke on item 4 (see minute 12)  
Councillors Fawthrop and Stogdon spoke on item 5 (see minute 13)  
Councillors Ensor, Field and St Pierre spoke on items 4 and 5 (see minutes 12 and 13)

### 9. REPORTS

9.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are contained in the minute book.

### 10. MINUTES

10.1 Councillor Bennett approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 12 July 2011.

### 11. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

11. Councillor Fawthrop declared a personal interest in item 5 in that he lives near one of the schools in question, but did not consider the interest to be prejudicial.

### 12. PETITION REGARDING EAST CHILTINGTON SCHOOL BUS ROUTE

12.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which concerned the petition presented by Councillor St Pierre to the Chairman at the County Council meeting in July.

12.2 Mrs Michelle Pearce and Councillor Sarah Osborne (Lewes District Council) as lead petitioners addressed the Lead Members.

### DECISION

12.3 RESOLVED (1) to seek clarification from the County Council's Economy, Transport and Environment Department as to points raised by the petitioners regarding the assessment of the route; and  
(2) instigate a further assessment should the clarification process reveal a need for such an assessment.

### Reason

12.4 A full understanding of the route and patterns of user is required.

13. SURPLUS AND UNUSED LAND HOLDINGS AT SCHOOLS

13.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought Lead Member support for the investigation of potential land use at schools which might convert to Academy or Foundation Trust status.

DECISION

13.2 RESOLVED (1) to agree, in respect of the land as shown hatched on the plans and described on the schedule attached to the report, that further investigations be undertaken to establish the potential for development of surplus and unused land at schools, and consideration in partnership with the affected schools (where appropriate) to retaining or disposing of that land; and

(2) that the County Council seeks to secure the retention of land and buildings which provide a range of different services, including for example Children's Centres, which do not fall directly in an individual school's remit; and

(3) to delegate the Director of Children's Service to take appropriate action, including but not limited to the appropriation of land to a different statutory purpose to achieve resolutions (1) and (2) above; and

(4) that local members should be kept informed of progress with the investigations.

Reason

13.3 In order to ensure the County Council's estate is managed appropriately further information and advice is required.