

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Children and Adult Services
Learning and School Effectiveness
Children and Families

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness –
Councillor Nick Bennett on Thursday 15 December 2011 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Ost spoke on Items 4 and 5 (see minute 24 and 25)

22. REPORTS

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

23. MINUTES

23.1 Councillor Bennett approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 8 November 2011.

24. CAPITAL LOANS TO SCHOOLS

24.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which presented a bid from Little Common School for a capital loan to pay for new play equipment. The Lead Member's attention was drawn to a revised report and recommendation, circulated after the publication of the agenda.

DECISION

24.2 **RESOLVED** to approve the loan application, subject to the condition that the funding is used to complete agreed Health and Safety works.

Reason

24.3 The Health and Safety works should be prioritised above the purchase of play equipment. Any remaining funds from the loan can be added to the school's underspend at the end of the financial year to finance the replacement of playground equipment.

25. ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2013/14 SCHOOL YEAR

25.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which set out the details of the annual statutory consultation exercise for the school admission arrangements for 2013/14. A new draft School Admission Code was released in November and is expected to come into force in February 2012. The Lead Member's attention was drawn to some slight amendments to Appendix 3 regarding the timetable for appeals.

DECISION

25.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the changes to the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools required by the new School Admissions Code due to come into force in February 2012; and
(2) approve the admissions criteria proposed as shown in Appendix 1;
(3) approve the admission numbers outlined in Appendix 2;
(4) approve the co-ordinated admissions schemes attached to Appendix 3 as amended; and
(5) approve the in-year co-ordinated admission scheme outlined in Appendix 4.

Reason

25.3 The County Council is required by law to carry out an annual consultation exercise in order to determine the admission arrangements for the following school year. The approved arrangements will be subject to the consultation, the results of which will be reported back to the Lead Members with recommendations for amendments as necessary.

26. THE EAST SUSSEX SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA

26.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which set out changes to the East Sussex Schools Funding Formula. The Schools Forum and individual schools have been consulted on the proposed changes.

DECISION

26.2 RESOLVED to agree the changes to the East Sussex Funding Formula as set out in the appendices to the report.

Reason

26.3 The changes will confirm the formulae for mainstream grant allocation, allocate schools library allowances through the Age Weighted Pupil Unit and prevent double funding of post-16 provision. The Schools Forum supports the proposed changes.