

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Children and Adult Services
Learning and School Effectiveness
Children and Families

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Children and Adult Services – Councillor David Elkin and the Lead Member for Children and Families – Councillor Colin Belsey on Tuesday 17 April 2012 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Ensor spoke on Items 5 and 6 (see minute 47 and 48)
Councillor Ost spoke on Item 4 (see minute 46)
Councillor St Pierre spoke on Items 4, 5 and 6 (see minute 46, 47 and 48)

43. REPORTS

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

44. MINUTES

44.1 Councillor Elkin approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 26 March 2012.

45. INTERESTS

45.1 Councillor Ensor declared a personal interest in Item 5 in that he is a governor of Bexhill High School, but he did not consider this to be prejudicial.

46. PRIMARY SCHOOL REORGANISATION IN NEWHAVEN

46.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval to commence statutory consultation in respect of a proposal to reorganise Grays Infant school and Southdown Junior School in Newhaven, in line with the county Council's ambition to create all-through primary schools where possible.

DECISION

46.2 **RESOLVED** to approve the commencement of statutory consultation procedures in respect of the proposal to reorganise Grays Infant School and Southdown Junior School in Newhaven.

Reason

46.3 A change to the current organisation of Grays Infant School and Southdown Junior School will build on the excellent progress made by the Headteacher and her team in the last 12 months and will lead to a sustained improvement in educational standards at Key Stage 2. The proposal is in line with the Primary Review Policy.

47. PROPOSED RELOCATION AND ENLARGEMENT OF SIDLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

47.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval to approve the enlargement of Sidley Community Primary School from September 2013, increasing its capacity from 210 places to 525 places by relocating to Gunters Lane, Bexhill. There is a need to create extra places to begin to address the predicted shortfall of primary schoolplaces in Bexhill as a result of a rising birth rate in recent years and planned housing development in the town. The Lead Member also considered a request to amend the condition, namely the date by which planning permission should be granted.

DECISION

47.2 RESOLVED to approve the enlargement of Sidley Community Primary School from September 2013, increasing its capacity from 210 places to 525 places by relocating to Gunters Lane, Bexhill, conditional on the granting of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations by 31 September 2012.

Reason

47.3 The enlarged school will enable the County Council to fulfil its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places across Bexhill for the foreseeable future.

48. PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF ST MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BEXHILL

48.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval to enlarge the premises at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School, Bexhill, increasing the capacity from 210 pupils to 315 pupils by September 2013. The Lead Member also considered a request to amend the condition, namely the date by which planning permission should be granted.

DECISION

48.2 RESOLVED to approve the enlargement of the premises at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School, Bexhill from 210 places to 315 places by September 2013, conditional on the granting of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations by 31 December 2012.

Reasons

48.3 The Council and the Governing Body believe that enlargement of the school's premises from 210 places to 315 places will facilitate the Council in meeting its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places in Bexhill, and to enable the Governing Body to provide adequate Catholic places in the local area to meet demand.