

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Children and Adult Services
Learning and School Effectiveness
Children and Families

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Children's and Adults' Services – Councillor David Elkin, the Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness – Councillor Nick Bennett and the Lead Member for Children and Families – Councillor Colin Belsey on Tuesday 19 June 2012 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Ensor spoke on Items 5 and 6 (see minutes 10 and 11)
Councillor Field spoke on Items 4, 5 and 6 (see minutes 9, 10 and 11)
Councillor Ost spoke on Item 6 (see minute 11)
Councillor Mrs Tidy spoke on Item 4 (see minute 9)

6. REPORTS

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

7. MINUTES

7.1 Councillor Bennett approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 22 May 2012.

8. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

8.1 There were none.

9. PRIMARY SCHOOL REORGANISATION IN CROWBOROUGH

9.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval to commence statutory consultation procedures in respect of a proposal to reorganise Whitehill Infant School and Herne Junior School in Crowborough.

DECISION

9.2 **RESOLVED** to authorise the commencement of the statutory procedure in respect of the proposal.

Reason

9.3 A change to the organisation of Whitehill Infant and Herne Junior schools will build on the excellent progress made by the Headteacher and her team and lead to sustained improvements in educational standards at Key Stage 2.

10. ESCC SCHOOLS FORUM CONSTITUTION

10.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which informed them of changes to the Schools Forum membership and sought delegated authority to amend the Forum's constitution in response to changes directed by legislation. The Lead Member was informed of a further proposed requirement, for a representative from a Pupil Referral Unit to sit on the Forum.

DECISION

10.2 RESOLVED to (1) approve the changes to the Schools Forum membership; and

(2) delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services to amend the constitution of the Schools Forum in response to changes directed by legislation.

Reason

10.3 The Department of Education intend to amend the regulations governing the Schools Forum and there is a deadline of 1 September 2012 for constitutions to reflect the changes. Changes in 14-19 representation and the rise in the number of Academies will mean that the membership will have to be amended to reflect those changes.

11. POST-16 TRANSPORT POLICY 2012/13

11.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which presented the revised Post-16 Transport Policy for 2012/13, contained in the Report at Appendix 2.

DECISION

11.2 RESOLVED to approve the revised Policy for 2012/13.

Reason

11.3 The County Council's policy is to support post-16 students from low income families to enable these students to continue in education beyond statutory school age and these proposals will maximise support from existing budgets.