

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, and the Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness – Councillor Nick Bennett on Tuesday 20 November 2012 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Ensor spoke on Items 4 and 7 (see minute 24 and 27)
Councillor Field spoke on Items 4 and 7 (see minute 24 and 27)
Councillor Ost spoke on Items 4 and 5 (see minute 24 and 25)
Councillor St Pierre spoke on Items 4, 6 and 7 (see minute 24, 26 and 27)

21. REPORTS

21.1 A copy of the reports referred to below are contained in the minute book.

22. MINUTES

22.1 Councillor Bennett approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 15 October 2012.

23. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

23.1 Councillor Ost declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in Item 5 as a governor of another school in Newhaven, and as a member of Newhaven Town Council.

24. 2014/15 ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS

24.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval for the annual statutory consultation exercise for the school admission arrangements for 2014/15.

DECISION

24.2 **RESOLVED** to (1) agree to consult on the admission arrangements for the 2014/15 school year as set out in the appendix to the report;

(2) agree to consult on whether the central co-ordination on in-year admissions applications should cease from the 2014/15 school year; and

(3) approve for consultation –

- The proposed admission criteria
- The proposed admission numbers
- The proposed co-ordinated admissions schemes
- The proposed procedures for in-year admissions from September 2014

as set out in the appendices to the report.

Reasons

24.3 The consultation is part of the statutory process, and the results of the consultation will be reported back to the Lead Members in March 2013 with any necessary recommendation for amendments.

25. NEWHAVEN PRIMARY REORGANISATION

25.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval to discontinue Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012 and to alter the age range at Grays School from 1 January 2013. The Lead Members were informed that the local member had expressed his support for the proposal.

DECISION

25.2 RESOLVED to (1) approve the discontinuance of Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012; and
(2) approve the alteration of the age range at Grays School from 3-7 years to 3-11 years on 1 January 2013.

Reason

25.3 The bringing together of Grays School and Southdown Junior School to form an all-through primary school will build on the excellent progress made by the Executive Headteacher and her team and will lead to sustained improvements in educational standards at Key Stage 2. No comments or objections were received during the statutory consultation period.

26. CROWBOROUGH PRIMARY REORGANISATION

26.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval to publish statutory notices in respect of a proposal to discontinue Herne Junior School on 31 August 2013 and alter the age range at White Hill Infant School from 1 September 2013.

26.2 RESOLVED to (1) authorise the publication of statutory notices in respect of the proposal to discontinue Herne Junior School on 31 August 2013 and alter the age range at Whitehill Infant School from September 2013; and
(2) delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services to amend the proposals prior to their publication if required.

Reason

26.3 The bringing together of Whitehill Infant School and Herne Junior School together as one all-through primary school will build on the excellent progress made by the Executive Headteacher and her team over the past three years, and will lead to a sustained improvements at Key Stage 2.

27. SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLAN 2012/13 to 2016/17

27.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval to publish a School Organisation Plan covering 2012/13 to 2016/17.

DECISION

27.2 RESOLVED to approve publication of the School Organisation Plan.

Reason

27.3 In the light of rising birth rate and increasing pressure on school places it is considered good practice to produce a planning document which sets out where it is anticipated there will be a need to provide additional places, remove surplus places or reorganise existing provision in the future, and to share this information with District and Borough Councils.