

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Learning and School Effectiveness  
Children and Families

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness –  
Councillor Nick Bennett on Monday 11 October 2013 at County Hall, Lewes

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Councillor Field spoke on items 4 and 5 (see Minutes 18 and 19)  
Councillor Forward spoke on items 4 and 5 (see Minutes 18 and 19)  
Councillor Shuttleworth spoke on items 4 and 5 (see Minutes 18 and 19)  
Councillor Whetstone spoke on items 4 and 5 (see Minutes 18 and 19)

### 15. MINUTES

15.1 Councillor Bennett approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 8 July 2013.

### 16. INTERESTS

16.1 Councillor Whetstone declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 4 as the local member for one of the joint community areas identified in the report.

### 17. REPORTS

17.1 A copy of the report referred to below are contained in the minute book.

### 18. REMOVAL OF COMMUNITY AREAS FOR THE HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY

18.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Interim Director of Children's Services which sought approval to begin consultation on a proposal to remove community areas from the home to school transport policy.

### DECISION

18.2 **RESOLVED** to approve the proposal to consult on removing the community areas from the Home to School Transport policy for statutory aged pupils from September 2015.

### Reasons

18.3 The proposal is necessary to ensure the County Council retains some control of expenditure from the home to school transport budget should academies choose to change their community areas through an annual consultation.

19. ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2015/16 SCHOOL YEAR

19.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Interim Director of Children's Services which sought approval to begin the annual statutory consultation exercise for the school admission arrangements for 2015/16.

DECISION

19.2 RESOLVED to (1) agree to consult on the proposed admissions arrangements for the 2015/16 school year, which are proposing two changes to the existing policy:

- i) the removal of the exceptional social or medical need category
- ii) the inclusion of a final tie-breaker of random allocation;

and to note that co-ordination of admissions to studio schools will not be carried out by the County Council; and

(2) approve for consultation:

- i) the proposed admissions criteria as shown in Appendix 1;
- ii) the proposed admission numbers outlined in Appendix 2;
- iii) the proposed co-ordinated admissions scheme in Appendix 3.

Reasons

19.3 The Council is required by law to carry out consultation on admissions arrangements every seven years or sooner if there are any changes to those arrangements for the schools where the local authority is the admission authority. The results of the consultation will be reported back to the Lead Member in March 2014.