

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Learning and School Effectiveness  
Children and Families

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Children and Families – Councillor Sylvia Tidy and the Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness – Councillor Nick Bennett on Monday 24 March 2014 at County Hall, Lewes

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Councillor Field spoke on items 4, 5 and 6 (see minutes 41, 42 and 43)  
Councillor Forward spoke on items 4, 5 and 6 (see minutes 41, 42 and 43)  
Councillor Shuttleworth spoke on items 4 and 6 (see minutes 41 and 43)  
Councillor Tutt spoke on item 4 (see minute 41)  
Councillor Ungar spoke on item 4 (see minute 41)

### 38. MINUTES

38.1 The Lead Members approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 26 February 2014.

### 39. INTERESTS

39.1 Councillor Shuttleworth declared a personal interest in item 4 in that a relative is a teaching Assistant at Ratton School, but he did not consider this to be prejudicial.

39.2 Councillor Tutt declared a personal interest in item 4 in that a relative is a pupil at Ratton School, but he did not consider this to be prejudicial.

39.3 Councillor Ungar declared a personal interest in item 4 in that he is a governor at Ocklynge School, but he did not consider this to be prejudicial.

### 40. REPORTS

40.1 A copy of each report referred to below is contained in the minute book.

### 41. EASTBOURNE PRIMARY PLACES ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

41.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Acting Director of Children's Services which provided an update on the alternative options in Eastbourne for providing primary places.

41.2 The Lead Members heard from Cathy Allen, a resident who lives near Cavendish School, who expressed concerns about the proposal to establish a primary school on the site. Kenny Fitzpatrick and Nigel Askew, the Headteacher and Chair of Governors of Cavendish School spoke in support of the proposal.

41.3 Those present discussed: the fact that the proposal regarding At Andrew's CE Infant School and Tollgate Community Junior School was a linked one; further options suggested by Members from Eastbourne, and in particular sites six and seven in Sovereign Harbour; and the need for continued consideration of all options for providing school places in Eastbourne.

## DECISION

41.4 RESOLVED to (1) reverse the decision taken on 9 December 2013 to expand St Andrew's CE Infant School and Tollgate Community Junior School; the schools will remain at their existing sizes;

(2) progress the establishment of a new two form entry primary school on the Cavendish School site to open by September 2015; and

(3) agree to the progression, subject to the outcome of the options appraisal on the Ratton School Academy Trust site, of this option, possibly linked to the reorganisation of existing primary places in the town, in consultation in particular with Ocklynge Junior Schools, Pashley Down Infant School and Motcombe Community School.

### Reasons

41.5 The Council has a statutory duty to ensure the provision of sufficient school places in Eastbourne to meet demand in the foreseeable future.

## 42. ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2015/16 SCHOOL YEAR

42.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Acting Director of Children's Services which presented the final admissions arrangements for the 2015/16 school year.

## DECISION

42.2 RESOLVED to (1) agree the proposed admissions arrangements for the 2015/16 school year, including the following two changes to the existing policy:

The removal of exceptional social or medical need category

The inclusion of a final tie-breaker of random allocation

(2) note that the coordination of admissions to studio schools will not be carried out by the County Council; and

(3) agree the following documents, as set out in the appendices to the report:

Admissions criteria (Appendix 1)

Admissions numbers (Appendix 2)

Co-ordinated admissions schemes (Appendix 3)

### Reasons

42.3 The County Council is required by law to carry out consultation on admissions arrangements. There have been no comments on the proposed arrangements following the consultation.

## 43. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT: INTER BLOCK TRANSFERS

43.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Acting Director of Children's Services which sought approval for a transfer of £700,000 between the Schools block and the High Needs block of the Dedicated Schools Grant.

## DECISION

43.2 RESOLVED to approve the inter block transfers of funds of the Dedicated Schools Grant, as outlined in paragraph 3 and Appendices A to D of the report.

## Reasons

43.3 The recommendation was supported by the Schools Forum at its meeting on 15 January 2014.