

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 8 December 2014 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Ensor spoke on item 4 (minute 22)
Councillor Field spoke on items 5 and 6 (minutes 23 and 24)
Councillor Forward spoke on items 4 and 6 (minutes 22 and 24)
Councillor Galley spoke on item 4 (minute 22)
Councillor Stephen Shing spoke on item 6 (minute 24)
Councillor Shuttleworth spoke on items 4 and 6 (minutes 22 and 24)
Councillor Tidy spoke on item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Whetstone spoke on items 5 and 6 (minutes 23 and 24)

20. MINUTES

20.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 3 November 2014.

21. REPORTS

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

22. EDUCATION COMMISSIONING PLAN 2014-2018

22.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval to publish the Education Commissioning Plan 2014-2018.

DECISION

22.2 **RESOLVED** to approve publication of the Education Commissioning Plan 2014-2018.

Reasons

22.3 The County Council is required to ensure sufficient school places to meet demand now and in the future. The Council is facing very real challenges in planning for new places, both in terms of the changing education landscape and the ability to deliver places within the current capital programme, due in part to the significant increase in construction costs.

23. PRIMARY SCHOOL REORGANISATION IN CROWBOROUGH

23.1 The Lead Member considered a report which sought approval to consult on a proposal to amalgamate Herne Junior School and Whitehill Infant School.

DECISION

23.2 RESOLVED to authorise the commencement of statutory consultation procedures in respect of a proposal to amalgamate Herne Junior School and Whitehill Infant School in Crowborough with effect from 1 September 2015.

Reasons

23.3 The Local Authority and Governing Body believe that a change to the current organisation of the schools will build on the progress made since federation in September 2009 and lead to a sustained improvement in educational standards at Key Stage 2.

24. SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA

24.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval for a change to the Schools Funding Formula, transferring £200,000 from the Secondary Free School Meal funding factor to the Education as an Additional Language funding factor.

DECISION

24.2 RESOLVED to approve the change to the Schools Funding Formula.

Reasons

24.3 Schools and the Schools Forum have been consulted on the proposed formula change, and the majority of respondents agreed with the change.