

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 8 July 2013 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Charlton spoke on item 4 (See Minute 8)
Councillor Field spoke on item 4 (see minute 8)
Councillor Tidy spoke in item 4 (see Minute 8)

6. MINUTES

6.1 Councillor Bennett approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 18 June 2013.

7. REPORTS

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

8. PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IN EAST SUSSEX

8.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Interim Director of Children's Services which sought approval to consult on the proposal to close Mountfield and Whatlington CE Primary School. Sarah Philips, Strategic Education Adviser, Diocese of Chichester was also present at the meeting.

DECISION

8.2 **RESOLVED** to approve the proposal to consult on the closure of Mountfield and Whatlington CE Primary School.

Reasons

8.3 The Council is concerned about the long term sustainability of the school on the grounds of standards, pupil numbers and declining popularity. The Church of England Diocese of Chichester, the Chair of the Interim Executive Board and the Executive Headmaster share this concern.