



**LEAD MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND INCLUSION, SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL  
NEEDS AND DISABILITY**

MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016

10.00 AM CC1, COUNTY HALL, LEWES

**DECISIONS** to be made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability, Councillor Nick Bennett

A G E N D A

- 1 Decisions made by the Lead Cabinet Member on 10 October 2016 (*Pages 3 - 4*)
- 2 Disclosures of interests  
Disclosure by all Members present of personal interests in matters on the Agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct
- 3 Urgent items  
Notification of items which the Lead Member considers to be urgent and propose to take at the end of the appropriate part of the Agenda
- 4 School age range changes (*Pages 5 - 6*)  
Report by the Director of Children's Services
- 5 Any urgent items previously notified under agenda item 3

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## LEAD MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND INCLUSION, SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY

MINUTES of a meeting of the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability held at County Hall, Lewes on 10 October 2016.

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Councillors Field, Forward and Tidy spoke on items 4 and 5 (see minutes 17 and 18)

### 16 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2016

16.1 Councillor Bennett approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2016.

### 17 ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018/19 YEAR

17.1 The Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability considered a report by the Director of Children's Services seeking approval to consult on the admission arrangements for the 2018/19 school year.

17.2 RESOLVED to approve consultation on the following proposed admission arrangements for the 2018/19 school year:

- To make a change to the community area for Eastbourne primary schools so that the Polegate and Willingdon area outside the borough boundary becomes a separate community area;
- To change the definition of 'Looked After Children' in the County Council's admission arrangements to include children accommodated under section 20 of the Children Act 1989;
- The proposed admissions numbers; and
- The proposed co-ordinated admissions schemes.

#### Reasons

17.3 The County 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 relating to schools where the local authority is the admission authority.

### 18 NOTICE OF MOTION: SELECTIVE EDUCATION IN EAST SUSSEX

18.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services regarding a Notice of Motion in relation to the County Council's response to selective education within East Sussex.

18.2 RESOLVED to recommend to the County Council to note the contents of the report and adopt an amended Motion as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

#### Reasons

18.3 East Sussex County Council, as set out in its "Excellence for All", retains its commitment to ensuring an excellent education for all children and young people in the county, irrespective of the type of school, college or setting they attend. In light of the success of the East Sussex Excellence for All strategy it is recommended that the amended Notice of Motion is adopted.

(The meeting ended at 10.25 am)

# Agenda Item 4

Report to: **Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability**

Date: **14 November 2016**

By: **Director of Children's Services**

Title of report: **School age range changes**

Purpose of report: **To seek Lead Member approval to publish statutory notices in respect of a proposal to lower the age range at Telscombe Cliffs Community Primary School to enable the governing body to incorporate the onsite third party nursery provision.**

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Lead Member is recommended to:**

- 1) Authorise the publication of statutory notices in respect of a proposal to lower the age range at Telscombe Cliffs Community Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11. With the proposal to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017;**
  - 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services to amend the proposals prior to their publication if required.**
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## **1 Background**

1.1 The school currently has a third party nursery provider on site who leases space from the school to operate provision for 2-4 year olds. The governing body of the school wishes to take on the management of the respective nursery provision by lowering their age range from 4-11 to 2-11.

1.2 The aim of the proposal is to integrate, fully, nursery provision into the Early Years Foundation Stage within the school. The governing body wishes to ensure that the nursery continues to support the local area and to offer high quality early education delivered by experienced and well-trained staff across the Early Years Foundation Stage. The aim is to build on the work already done by the school and nursery provider to secure good outcomes for all children in the future.

## **2 Supporting information**

2.1 The governing body consulted between 27<sup>th</sup> September and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 on a proposal to lower the school's age range with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. The governing body consulted with staff, families of children at the school, the local community and other interested parties.

2.2 By the close of the consultation period no responses had been received.

2.3 Proposed changes to the organisation of schools have to follow a prescribed process established by the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013. The next phase of the process is to publish statutory notices in relation to the proposals. It is intended that the notices would be published in the Sussex Express, on the ESCC website and posted on the entrances to the school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. A four week period of representation would follow, giving interested parties a further opportunity to comment on the proposals. The Council has a duty to determine each proposal within two months of the end of the representation period. We anticipate that a decision would be taken at the Lead Member meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

## **3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

3.1 In conclusion, we believe the proposal to lower the age range at Telscombe Cliffs Community Primary school will help to build on work already done by the school and nursery

provider, ensuring a fully integrated Early Years Foundation Stage to help secure good outcomes for all children.

3.2 For this reason, the Lead Member is recommended to:

- 1) Authorise the publication of statutory notices in respect of a proposal to lower the age range at Telscombe Cliffs Community Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11. The proposal to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017;
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services to amend the proposals prior to their publication if required.

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