



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

MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2017

10.00 AM CC2, 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 14 November 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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MINUTES of a meeting of the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability held at County Hall, Lewes on 14 November 2016.

Councillors Field and Forward spoke on item 4 (see minute 21).

19 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 10 OCTOBER 2016

19.1 Councillor Bennett approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2016.

20 REPORTS

20.1 A copy of the report referred to below is contained in the Minute book.

21 SCHOOL AGE RANGE CHANGES

21.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval to publish statutory notices in respect of proposals to lower the age ranges at Telscombe Cliffs Community Primary School. This would enable the governing body to incorporate the onsite third party nursery provision.

21.2 It was RESOLVED 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 April 2017; and

2) delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services to amend the proposals prior to their publication if required.

Reasons

21.3 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.

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

Date: **16 January 2017**

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 Shinewater Community Primary School to enable the governing body to lower the school age range by one year to incorporate two year olds in their current nursery provision.**

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 Shinewater Community Primary School from 3-11 to 2-11. The proposal to take effect on 1st April 2017; and**
 - 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 runs a nursery class on site for 3-4 year olds. The governing body of the school wishes to lower their age range from 3-11 to 2-11 to accommodate families who wish to access funded two year old places at the school.

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 to secure good outcomes for all children in the future.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The governing body consulted between 7th November and 2nd December 2016 on a proposal to lower the school's age range with effect from 1st 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 proposal. It is intended that the notices would be published in the Eastbourne Herald, on the East Sussex County Council website and posted on the entrances to the school on Friday 3rd February 2017. 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 21st March 2017.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The proposal to lower the age range at Shinewater Community Primary school will help to build on work already done by the school, 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 Shinewater Community Primary School from 3-11 to 2-11. The proposal to take effect on 1st April 2017; and
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services to amend the proposals prior to their publication if required.

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