

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

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability, Councillor Bob Standley, on 22 May 2023 at Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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### 1. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 28 MARCH 2023

1.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2023.

### 2. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

2.1 There were none.

### 3. URGENT ITEMS

3.1 There were none.

### 4. REPORTS

4.1 A copy of the reports referred to below is included in the minute book.

### 5. HOLY CROSS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

5.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services regarding the future of Holy Cross CE Primary School.

### DECISIONS

5.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve the Local Authority taking forward a statutory process to consult on the closure of Holy Cross CE Primary School by 31 December 2023.

### REASONS

5.3 The Local Authority is committed to ensuring all children in East Sussex are able to receive an excellent standard of education. Regrettably, the Local Authority and the Diocese no longer believe that the education on offer at the school meets this standard. Given the urgency of the situation in terms of the rapidly decreasing number of children, the challenge of securing appropriate leadership and teaching staff for the school and the concerns over the quality of education that children are receiving, the Local Authority and the Diocese believe that closure of the school at the earliest opportunity is in the best interests of the children and the school community.

### 6. POST-16 TRANSPORT POLICY STATEMENT 2023-2024

6.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services regarding the proposed Post-16 Transport Policy Statement for the 2023-2024 academic year.

#### DECISIONS

6.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement for the 2023-24 academic year as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

#### REASONS

6.3 The County Council has carried out its legal duty to consult on the annual Post-16 Transport Policy Statement. Following consultation, the proposed statement has been updated from the draft statement to reflect all the bus fare changes, the reduction to the Post 16 contribution and to the Vacant Seat rate.

#### 7. PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER (PAN) FOR IFORD & KINGSTON CE SCHOOL 2024-25

7.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services regarding an increase PAN for Iford & Kingston CE Primary School.

#### DECISIONS

7.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to agree to an increase in PAN for Iford & Kingston CE Primary School from 20 places to 30 places for the 2024-25 academic year.

#### REASONS

7.3 The request to increase the PAN was proposed following a change in leadership at the school and a higher than anticipated number of applications being received for the September 2023 intake.