

## **COUNTY COUNCIL – 10 MAY 2016**

### **Item 7 - Petition – To Save Rodmell CE School and Pells CE School from closure.**

At its meeting on 10 May the County Council had a Full Council debate regarding a petition that had been received regarding the future of Rodmell CE and Pells CE Primary School. The petition had 5218 signatures and as the number exceeded 5000 the Council's Petition Scheme allowed for the petition to be debated by the Full Council. As the issue is one on which the Council's Cabinet/Lead Member is required to make the final decision, the Council had the opportunity to decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.

As set out in the Council's Petition Scheme, the Council must provide confirmation of the Council's decision regarding the Full Council debate in relation to the petition. The Council agreed the following motion as its recommendation to inform the Cabinet/Lead Member's decision

*In view of the increasing need for Primary School places in and around Lewes in the next five years, the strength of public feeling shown by a petition of over 5,000 signatories and the emerging plans for the future at both Rodmell School and Pells School, the Council recommends to Cabinet that the process towards the closure of these two schools is halted at the end of the consultation to enable these plans to be put into place.*