

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Petitions

(i) Details of decision

- (i) Greville Primary School, Ashtead

That the response to the petition, attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

- (ii) Dovers Green Playgroup, Reigate

That the response to the petition, attached as Appendix 2, be approved.

(ii) Reasons for decision

To respond to the petitions.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

(i) The Greville Primary School

The petition was discussed together with the following item considering the expansion of the school.

Ms Sarah Pullen, presented the petition and made a statement highlighting the petitioners key areas of concern, on behalf of Ms Claire Pealling.

Mr Chris Townsend, local County Councillor for Ashtead also attended. He said that a number of his concerns had been answered at the meeting but he was still concerned about the highways issues and asked that a senior highways officer attend a future meeting of the school's governing body to go through the Travel Plan and proposed mitigating action.

The School Commissioning Officer confirmed that the Statutory Notices would be published at the beginning of September.

(ii) Dovers Green Playgroup

Members of the public in attendance:

Louise Gannon, Helen Dixon, Katie Bryant, Rebecca McSorley, Angela Dodimead

The petition was presented by Ms Louise Gannon, who made a detailed statement. (A copy is available on request)

Both the Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning and the Head of the Early Years and Childcare Service responded to the points made and gave assurances that the Early Years Childcare Service would work hard to secure an alternative location for the playgroup.

Barbara Thomson, local County Councillor for Earlswood and Reigate South was present and asked for details about possible alternative provision and also whether there could be an extension to the lease.

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None

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- (ii) **Portfolio:** Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning

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CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Greville Primary School, Ashtead

(i) Details of decision

That the publication of Statutory Notices stating the Council's intent to expand the Greville Primary School, subject to satisfactory consideration and, where appropriate, mitigation of the concerns raised in the consultation, be approved.

(ii) Reasons for decision

This action is reflective of an increasing demand for school places in the Ashtead area, resulting from both an increase in birth rate and new house building.

The provision of places both meets the increased demographic pressures in the area and will allow the Council to admit those people who name the school as their preferred option, meeting the wider statutory duty to offer all applicants a school place.

A programme of building works will provide a modern teaching environment.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

This item was discussed in conjunction with the petition for this school.

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

None.

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CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Investment in St Paul's CofE School and Sure Start Children's Centre

(i) Details of decision

That, a grant to Nurturing Childcare Limited of £140,000 be approved, to facilitate capital investment on the site of St Paul's Church of England Infant School and Sure Start Children's Centre so that two year old children can access the free early education entitlement.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The Department of Education requires all local authorities in England to secure free early education places for two year old children who meet the eligibility criteria based on household income. This report will ensure that plans are in place to make provision for such places in the Tongham area of Surrey where there is a current shortfall in provision.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

The Head of Early Years and Childcare Service confirmed that the Investment Panel had met on 15 July 2014 and had given assurance in relation to the robustness of the business case.

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CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Investment in the Spinney Children's Centre, Guildford

(i) Details of decision

That, the action to move forward with the plans for capital investment in the Spinney Children's Centre so that two year old children can access the free early education entitlement be approved.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The Department of Education requires all local authorities in England to secure free early education places for two year old children who meet the eligibility criteria based on household income. This report will ensure that plans are in place to make provision for such places in the Westborough area of Guildford in Surrey where there is a current shortfall in provision.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None.

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

The Head of Early Years and Childcare Service confirmed that the Investment Panel had met on 15 July 2014 and had given assurance in relation to the robustness of the business case.

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Decision:

Cranmere Primary School, Esher

(i) Details of decision

1. That the school be enlarged by two forms of entry (from its original capacity of one form of entry to three forms) plus the addition of a new twenty-six place nursery.
2. That the school be rebuilt on the Grove Farm site, which is land owned by Surrey County Council adjacent to the current Cranmere school.
3. That this expansion be effective from 1 September 2016, as the new school is unlikely to be ready for new admissions by September 2015.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Cranmere Primary is a popular and successful school delivering high quality education. It was rated by OFSTED, at its last inspection (Nov 2011), as good with some outstanding features. The school has taken additional (bulge) reception classes every year since September 2009. The provision of additional places at a new Cranmere with greater capacity meets the Government's policy position to expand successful schools in order to meet parental preferences.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None

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Decision:

Approval of Schools' Deficits 2014/15

(i) Details of decision

1. That the level of balances held by Surrey maintained schools be noted.
2. That the one-year licensed deficit request from Gosden House be approved.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Approval of a licensed deficit will ensure the school is operating within the County's Scheme for Financing Schools and will set the parameters within which a recovery plan can be developed.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None

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CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

In Year Fair Access Protocol

(i) Details of decision

That the proposed Primary and Secondary Fair Access Protocols for 2014/15 be approved.

(ii) Reasons for decision

- The local authority is required to have a Protocol in place that all schools must participate in
- The proposed Protocols meet the requirements of the School Admissions Code
- Schools have been involved in the review
- The Protocol will ensure that children who are out of school can be placed in school quickly
- The Protocol will ensure that no school is expected to admit more than their fair share of children with challenging behaviour or children previously excluded from other schools

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

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