

# CABINET MEMBER DECISION

## Decision:

Amalgamation of The Willows Primary and Wey Valley College

### **(i) Details of decision**

That the Statutory Notice stating the Local Authority's intention to amalgamate the two PRUs is determined, such that there will be one PRU in the south west area from 1 April 2016. The single establishment will be based across two sites: the primary provision at the Pewley Hill site and the secondary provision at the Southway site.

### **(ii) Reasons for decision**

This will lead to streamlined PRU provision in the south west area of Surrey which replicates that in the south east area. All pupils at risk of permanent exclusion in the area will be supported under the same leadership team leading to a consistent approach to pupils' needs and working arrangements.

### **(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected**

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

Julie Stockdale, Head of School Commissioning; David Green, Principal Account and Oliver Gill, School Commissioning Officer were in attendance for this item.

The Cabinet Member and officers in attendance discussed the possibility of deferring this decision to a later date due to some concerns expressed by the Head teacher of Wey Valley College about future funding for the school.

The officers advised that maintaining the Willows as a single Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) was unsustainable. Furthermore, the funding issue identified by the Headteacher would exist within the County Council irrespective of whether the Cabinet Member chose to agree the recommendation or not.

The Head of School Commissioning informed the Cabinet Member that the Council would support the Headteacher to resolve funding issues, should they arise

## **Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted**

**(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)**

None

## **Decision taken by:**

**(i) Name:** Linda Kemeny

**(ii) Portfolio:** Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills and Educational Achievement

**Date of Decision:** 03 March 2016

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## **CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

### **Decision:**

Proposed Expansion of Furzeffield Primary School

#### **(i) Details of decision**

That the Cabinet Member determines the Statutory Notice, thereby bringing into effect the formal expansion of Furzeffield Primary School by 1 Form of Entry (1 FE) for September 2016.

#### **(ii) Reasons for decision**

There is an increasing demand for primary school places in Merstham as well as the wider Reigate and Redhill area, which reflects a rise in the primary-age population over recent years. In order to meet this demand, there is a need to expand school capacity in the area. The proposal to expand the capacity of Furzeffield Primary School by 1 FE is a core element of Surrey County Council's (SCC) strategy in this respect. In line with this, SCC has undertaken the requisite statutory consultation to inform the decision making process and a single formal objection was received as part of this. For these reasons, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member determines the Statutory Notice (appended to this report as Annex 1), so as to bring the expansion of the school formally into effect.

#### **(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected**

None

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

None

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