

# **CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

## **Decision:**

### **APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

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

It was agreed that:

- I. The Leader authorise the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Strategic Directors and Directors to commence public consultation on proposed modifications to public service, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder.
- II. The revised Section 3, Part 1 of the Scheme of Delegation as set out in Annex 1 to include a delegation on public consultation, is approved by the Leader of the Council.
- III. The revised Section 3, Part 1 of the Scheme of Delegation be recommended to the County Council for noting at its meeting in March 2017.

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

The revised delegation will enable officers to progress plans to deliver savings contained in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), whilst ensuring that the ultimate decision on changes to services remains with the Cabinet.

The revised Section 3 of the Scheme sets out the overall Executive functions that Officers of the Council that are authorised to exercise relating to their areas of responsibility and any changes to this are required to be approved by the Leader of the Council and reported to County Council.

#### **(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.

#### **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:** David Hodge
- (ii) **Portfolio:** Leader of the Council

**Date of Decision:** 14 March 2017

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## **CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

### **Decision:**

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF DOWNS WAY SCHOOL AND ST. MARY'S C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

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

It was agreed that the Leader of the Council determines the Statutory Notice, thereby bringing into effect closure of Downs Way School, as an integral element of the proposed amalgamation of this school with St. Mary's Church of England Junior School, inclusive of the expansion of Key Stage 2 provision, effective from 1 September 2018.

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

The schools serve the same geographic area and are on adjacent sites. The proposal will formalise existing partnership working; augment the cohesiveness of the school community; provide for more streamlined transitions between key stages; and allow for the most efficient allocation of resources. The proposal to expand the school is in response to the local demand for junior school places at this school and a basic need for more school places in the Oxted & Limpsfield area. In particular, as infant provision in the area has recently been expanded, through the enlargement of Downs Way, this amalgamation provides an appropriate opportunity to expand what would become corresponding junior provision in an amalgamated all-through primary school.

In line with this, Surrey County Council (SCC) has undertaken the requisite two-stage consultation to inform the decision making process and a significant majority of respondents at both stages have confirmed their agreement with the proposed alterations. For these reasons, it is recommended that the Leader of the Council determines the Statutory Notice (appended to this report as Annex 1), so as to bring the closure of Downs Way School formally into effect from September 2018, as an integral element of the proposed amalgamation of this school with St. Mary's C of E Junior School.

#### **(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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