

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Petitions

(i) Details of decision

That the response, attached to this decision sheet as Appendix 1, be approved

(ii) Reasons for decision

To respond to the petition.

(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 petition was presented to the Cabinet Member for Education who was informed of the large amount of community support for the expansion.

Cllr Chris Botten was present at the meeting.

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: Mary Lewis

(ii) Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Education

Date of Decision: 23 January 2018

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 24 January 2018

Date decision effective (This decision cannot be called-in): 24 January 2018

Cabinet Member for Education

23 January 2018

RESPONSE TO PETITION REGARDING THE EXPANSION OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL TO A PRIMARY SCHOOL

Petition:

St Peter and St Paul is a Church of England infant school located in Chaldon that feeds into St John's in Caterham Valley for KS2 (7-11 year olds). Following the recent announcement by St Johns of their proposed change to admissions policy from 90 to 60 children from Y3 we are looking to expand St Peter and St Paul to a Primary School.

Submitted by: Sarah Shoebridge

Signatures: 664

Response:

The Council is currently working in tandem with its local partners to explore options with respect to the expansion of St. Peter & St. Paul School and how this may viably be funded. Whatever the outcome of these discussions, stakeholders can be assured that the Council will continue to deliver on its statutory duty to provide sufficient pupil places in the local area to meet demand. Should a viable option for expanding St. Peter & St. Paul not materialise in advance of the relevant cut-off date (15 May 2018), it would be necessary for the Council to object to the St. John's proposed Y3 Published Admission Number (PAN) removal and refer this matter to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator, in order that it can continue to deliver on its statutory duty. However, even if this proves necessary, the Council will continue to explore options regarding the potential reformulation of these schools with the Diocese, the school governing bodies and all other interested parties. If the requisite funding were subsequently located it would then be possible to bring the proposals to expand St. Peter & St. Paul and close the Y3 entry at St. John's at a later date.

Mary Lewis

Cabinet Member for Education

Surrey County Council