

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Proposal to change the age range and extend the premises at St Paul's CofE Infant School, Tongham

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning determined the statutory notices published thereby bringing into effect the formal commencement of the proposal to change the age range and extend the premises at St Paul's CofE Infant School.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The proposal supports and delivers the Local Authority's statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places to meet demand and forms part of a reorganisation of primary places in Guildford and Waverley.

Implementing the proposal will:

- Allow pupils to transition through the school from Reception year, without the need to apply elsewhere, giving them and their families the reassurance of a continuity of educational provision
- Seek to enhance pupils' experiences, enabling higher standards of education to be provided
- Enable the school to deliver the curriculum in a continuous and coherent way, putting them in a stronger position to plan for both continuity and progression in learning
- Provide the opportunity to build partnerships with pupils, parents and families over a longer period of time
- Enable siblings to remain together during their primary education, rather than parents having to travel to two different schools
- Create a sustainable school to serve the local community

The Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning's approvals and recommendations completes the statutory process in accordance with the DfE guidance "Making significant changes ('Prescribed Alterations') to Maintained Schools."

(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:** Clare Curran
- (ii) Portfolio:** Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Lifelong Learning

Date of Decision: 27 February 2024

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CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

SEND CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET: GUILDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL NEW SEN UNIT

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member:

1. Approved the use of £3.33m of the total approved SEND Capital budget of £180.4m for 2023/24 to 2027/28 for Guildford County School's new mainstream SEN Unit. This will create permanent accommodation for 25 additional state-maintained specialist school places in Surrey from September 2025 onwards.
2. Approved entry into any associated legal agreement and terms agreed with Director Land and Property to facilitate the contract award and project delivery for the mainstream SEN Unit at Guildford County School.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Investing in Guildford County School's capital project will generate a positive impact on outcomes for children with complex additional needs and disabilities, as well as improving the Council's financial sustainability.

The committed expansion project is business critical to ensure Surrey County Council (the Council) discharges its statutory duties under Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999, Sections 13 and 14 of the Education Act 1996 and Part 27 Section 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

Capital Programme Panel (CPP) endorsed the project's Strategic Business Case on Tuesday 16 January 2024. The confirmed budget for the project is above the threshold for CPP approval. Cabinet's authority to allocate resources from the approved SEND Capital budget required for individual projects, and agreement to enter any associated legal agreement to facilitate the contract award and project delivery is delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning, following CPP's financial scrutiny and endorsement. This is in line with Full Council approved amended Financial Regulations from March 2023.

To that end, agreement is sought to use defined resources to enable project progression against the Procurement Forward Plan, so that contracts can be awarded in March to facilitate the target delivery timescale of June 2025.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

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