

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

JANUARY 2014

(i) PROPOSED EXPANSION: HYTHE PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 1 TO 2 FORMS OF ENTRY

Details of decision

That the proposal to implement the expansion of this school, as set out in the statutory notices, be approved.

Reasons for decision

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places in Surrey. Expansions have recently been commissioned at a number of primary schools in Runnymede including Darley Dene Infant School, Trumps Green Infant School, St Ann's Heath Junior School and Thorpe Church of England Infant School. Even with these additional places, most primary schools in Runnymede are expected to be full and to continue to be full in the future with more schools places needed. Pupil mapping data indicates that there are a large number of pupils living within the Egham and Hythe area and that further reception places will be required to keep up with demand.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 15 January 2014)

(ii) EXPANSION: LYNE AND LONGCROSS COFE INFANT SCHOOL FROM 1 FORM OF ENTRY TO 1 FORM OF ENTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2015

Details of decision

That the proposal to implement the expansion of this school, as set out in the statutory notices, be approved.

Reasons for decision

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places in Surrey. Demand for school places has increased significantly in Runnymede in recent years and the Local Authority has commissioned projects at a number of primary schools to provide more places (Trumps Green Infant School, St Ann's Heath Junior School, Darley Dene Primary School, Thorpe Church of England Primary School, and the Hythe Primary School).

Even with these additional places, most primary schools in Runnymede are expected to be full and will continue to be full in the future. There is a need for more junior places in the area and this is an opportunity to create primary provision through a basic need project – a stated strategic policy of the Local Authority.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 15 January 2014)

(iii) FINAL DETERMINATION OF A PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE SPECIALIST CENTRE FOR SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION AT THE ECHELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL, ASHFORD

Details of decision

That the proposed closure of the Specialist Speech, Language and Communications Needs (SLCN) Centre at Echelford Primary School, Ashford be approved, with effect from 31 January 2014.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Pending a final decision on the future of The Echelford Centre, and at the request of the Executive Head Teacher and Governing Body, there have been no admissions to the SLCN Centre since September 2013. Prior to this date there has been a legacy of unfilled places at the Centre. This is partly due to fewer SLCN pupils in Surrey requiring this sort of provision and partly due to operational difficulties. The Echelford School Governing Body has been unable to secure appropriate specialist teaching and leadership of the Centre after standards there were judged as being unsatisfactory by OFSTED. The proposed closure will enable the Executive Headteacher and Governing Body to concentrate on raising standards in the mainstream school which currently also requires special measures and has become an academy within the Lumen Learning Trust. More suitable and effective alternative provision has been identified for the six pupils formerly on roll at the Centre.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 15 January 2014)

(iv) EXTENSION OF GRANT AGREEMENT FOR HEALTHWATCH SURREY

Details of decision

That the grant agreement for the provision of Healthwatch Surrey be extended for one additional year from 1 April 2014.

Reasons for decision

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced a new role for local authorities in the co-ordination, commissioning and oversight of health and social care, public health and health improvement. This new role included a statutory duty to commission a local Healthwatch service from 1 April 2013.

The existing one year grant agreement awarded for the provision of Healthwatch Surrey comes to an end on 31 March 2014.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Public Health and Health & Wellbeing Board – 15 January 2014)

(v) **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND – PANEL
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Details of decision

That the proposed grant funding, totalling £423,237.00 set out in the attached annex be approved, and the position of the applications agreed within the previous meetings held on 11 September and 14 November 2013 be noted.

Reasons for decision

Approval of the proposed grant funding will enable the Community Partnerships Team to progress with facilitating the payments relating to the Community Improvements Fund.

(Decision of Leader of the Council – 16 January 2014)

ANNEX

Name and Description	Amount approved	Any Conditions relating to approval
17th Reigate Scout Group To build a new scout hall	£47,760	No additional conditions
A2 Dominion Group The Big Garden Project	£12,000	To be spent on the capital items of the project only
Betchworth Parish Council To construct an open sided oak framed shelter	£9,351	No additional conditions
Trustees of Chaldon Village Hall To provide improved access and reception area	£25,000	1) The funds only to be released once all other monies are in place and the project to ready to proceed. 2) Trustees to discuss with other main users to fund a proportion of the outstanding balance.
Chobham Recreation Ground Charitable Trust To replace four major items of play apparatus	£25,000	1) The funds only to be released once all other monies are in place and the project is ready to proceed. 2) A formal tender process is carried out to obtain best value and copies of three quotes are provided. 3) The work to be completed by May 2015
Egham Museum To renovate and refit Egham Museum and to renovate the entrance and main corridor of the Literary Institute.	£41,800	Funding agreed subject to: 1) A signed lease, of at least 25 years, to be in place. 2) Confirmation that all outstanding critical repairs to the building have been completed. 3) The museum confirm and accept guaranteed museum public opening arrangements for the next 2 years. 4) The Museum to confirm that they will fully comply with all fire and safety regulations after refurbishment in view of their plan to increase the number of visitors and make the Museum more amenable for research and visits by school children
Guildford City Youth Project To construct new dressing rooms	£6,000	No additional conditions
Lloyd Hall Management Committee To rebuild a new community hall in Outwood	£40,000	The funds only to be released once all other monies are in place and the project is ready to proceed.
Runnymede Foodbank To provide a platform lift to carry both goods and people to the first floor	£18,472	The funds only to be released once: 1) The lease has been signed by The Community Life Trust allowing Runnymede Foodbank free use of the space. 2) The relevant planning permissions for change of use are in place. 3) A full structural survey, by a qualified engineer has been undertaken to confirm that the ceiling will take the relevant loading, and a signed copy of this survey is provided to the Community Partnerships Manager..

<p>Skaterham (CR3) Youth Project To replace the old lighting with LED lights, to replace the CCTV system and update the Fire Protection system.</p>	£21,300	As many of the users reside in Croydon, the applicants may wish to consider approaching the London Borough of Croydon for a contribution towards the project.
<p>St Annes Catholic Primary School To provide an all weather sports surface</p>	£48,000	<p>1) Funding only to be released once the relevant planning permission is in place. 2) That there is a clear binding agreement by the school to opening up the MUGA to the community, for a period of at least 15 years, and that a user friendly booking system for 12 months of the year is set up to the satisfaction of the Community Partnerships Manager in consultation with the Community Improvements Panel. 3) That the drainage works on the field are carried out in advance of any works taking place.</p>
<p>St Clare's Church (CofE) Parish of Westborough Improvements to sustain a community hall</p>	£20,000	The funds only to be released once all other monies are in place and the project is ready to proceed.
<p>St Mary Oatlands Church Community Centre Upgrade facilities for two community halls</p>	£44,000	No additional conditions.
<p>Tatsfield Community Composting Scheme under the auspices of Tatsfield Horticultural Society To purchase a more powerful shredder for the composting scheme</p>	£14,554	No additional conditions.
<p>Woking Borough Council in partnership with Horsell Common Preservation Society To create a community memorial garden at the site of the Muslim Burial Ground</p>	£50,000	The funds only to be released once planning approval has been granted.

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