

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

MARCH 2014

(i) DISPOSAL OF PERRY HILL LODGE, WORPLESDON

Details of decision

1. That the disposal of Perry Hill Lodge, Worplesdon, as set out in paragraph 1 of the submitted report and subject to planning change of use into residential accommodation, be approved.
2. Should completion not take place, the Chief Property Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Assets and Regeneration Programmes, be authorised to pursue completion with other bidders.

Reasons for decision

To expedite the sale of a property no longer required for service reasons, to reduce the cost of managing an empty property and to maximise potential receipts without additional risk.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Assets and Regeneration Programmes – 11 March 2014)

(ii) SPEED LIMIT REVIEW – A217 REIGATE ROAD, HOOKWOOD

Details of decision

That the extent of the reduced speed limit on the A217 Reigate Road, Hookwood be defined as 'from a point 255m north of the northern kerb-line of Horse Hill, southwards and south-eastwards to a point 2 metres north of the boundary between the properties known as "Maynel" and "Hamilton", Reigate Road'.

Reasons for decision

To reduce vehicle speeds on the southbound approach to the junction of the A217 Reigate Road with Mill Lane.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment – 12 March 2014)

(iii) SAYES COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL: PROPOSED EXPANSION

Details of decision

Agreed to publish statutory notices indicating the Local Authority's intention to expand Sayes Court Primary School from one to two forms of entry by September 2015.

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. Expansions have 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, Lyne and Longcross Church of England Infant 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 and more schools places are needed.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 13 March 2014)

(iv) PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ONE FORM OF ENTRY CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HORLEY

Details of decision

Approved that Statutory Notices determining that the proposer, SDBE, establish the Primary School from September 2014, and that subsequent to that approval the proposer, SDBE, asks the Secretary of State to designate the school as one of religious character.

Reasons for decision

This action is reflective both of an increasing demand for school places in the Horley area, resulting from an increase in birth rate and significant house building, and an opportunity to provide primary school structure throughout the town. It has been consulted in on with the cooperation of Surrey County Council.

The provision of places both meets the increased demographic pressures in the area and will allow the Council to admit those people who name a Church of England faith school as their preferred option. Furthermore it meets the wider statutory duty to offer all applicants a school place.

It will enable a diversity of provision to be enhanced within the Horley area, where there are currently no faith school spaces, and be part of a strategy that enables Horley residents' access to a local Primary School.

A programme of building works, currently underway, will provide a modern teaching environment that will aid the learning experience for pupils, parents and staff.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 13 March 2014)

(v) MANBY LODGE INFANT SCHOOL, WEYBRIDGE: TO DETERMINE THE PROPOSAL TO PUBLISH PUBLIC NOTICES TO EXPAND

Details of decision

1. Approved that Statutory Notices be published to the effect that:
 - Manby Lodge Infant School is enlarged by 1 form of entry (from 2 FE to 3 FE) on 1 September 2015
 - The school roll will increase by one form each year until September 2017 when its capacity will be 270 pupils
2. Approved that an associated building programme goes ahead, in a single phase, to provide appropriate new classrooms and facilitate the removal of all temporary accommodation on site. The new build will improve the overall layout of the school and is intended to provide a modern educational facility which will enhance learning.

Reasons for decision

School rolls have been rising steadily across Elmbridge since 2003. Over this period the birth rate has risen by 24.6%; additionally families have chosen to move into the borough, in part due to housing development. Weybridge primary school pupil numbers have reflected this borough trend. In 2007 there were around 220 applications for Reception places; by 2020 this is predicted to rise to 270 places, or 9 forms of entry (9FE); this is one more form of entry (or 30 Reception places) per year than is currently provided.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning– 13 March 2014)

(vi) ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, EAST MOLESEY: TO DETERMINE THE PROPOSAL TO EXPAND

Details of decision

1. Approved that the school is permanently enlarged by 1 form of entry (from 1 FE to 2 FE).
2. Approved that this expansion would be effective from 1 September 2015.

3. Approved that the expansion is managed incrementally, starting with an additional Reception class in 2015 and building up a year at a time until the school is 2FE in every year group by 2020.
4. Approved that an associated building programme is commissioned to provide additional accommodation to meet the basic need for more classrooms to support the expansion. This will be funded by a Department for Education grant for the project awarded to the County Council as a result of its Targeted Basic Need bid in 2013.

Reasons for decision

Additional school places are required in the Moleseys and there is an associated project to expand Hurst Park Primary School in the same timeframe. This expansion, together with St Alban's, would add another two forms of entry, equivalent to 420 primary school places into the planning area. Our analysis of the forecast data indicates that this is the right amount of expansion required to meet the demand for places for the foreseeable future.

There is also a wider need for Catholic school places in Elmbridge, which is served currently by St Alban's (Molesey), St Paul's (Thames Ditton), Cardinal Newman (Hersham) and St Charles Borromeo (Weybridge). All these schools are oversubscribed, and all but St Alban's have 'space-restricted' sites. The current combined published admission number of the three schools in the eastern side of the Weybridge Deanery (St Alban's, St Paul's, Cardinal Newman) is 150 – a shortfall against the number of baptisms, which has averaged 185 annually.

St Alban's RC Primary is a popular and successful school which serves this area and delivers a high quality education. It was rated good (Grade 2) by OFSTED, at its last full inspection (December 2012). The provision of additional places at St Alban's therefore meets the Government's policy position to expand successful schools in order to meet parental preferences.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning– 13 March 2014)

(vii) TO DETERMINE A PROPOSAL TO PUBLISH NOTICES TO CLOSE THE STANWELL NEW ROAD BASE OF RIVERBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL, STAINES

Details of decision

Approved that Statutory Notices be published to the effect that:

- Stanwell New Road Base ceases to operate as part of the Riverbridge Primary School with effect from the end of the present academic year – July 2014. Other educational uses for this site are being considered as part of the overall strategy for education provision.

- An associated building programme goes ahead in a single phase to provide three new classrooms and some improvements to outdoor play space on the Park Avenue Base.

Reasons for decision

This proposal affords the school the opportunity to consolidate its operations on two adjacent sites thus giving the feel of a fully integrated primary school. The proposal also offers the County Council the opportunity to consider other educational uses for the site.

The school reports as having had many parents who have not wanted a Reception place for their child at the Stanwell New Road Base, but would prefer a place at Knowle Green base from the start of their child's schooling. The Headteacher has confirmed that they currently have a large waiting list of parents wishing to transfer to the Knowle Green Base.

There are sound educational and operational benefits to the proposal: first, the consolidation on two adjacent sites will enable the school to have one base dedicated to Early Years education and the other set up for Year 2 leading into Key Stage 2 junior classrooms. Teachers will be able to meet and plan together more easily. It will also give the Senior Leadership Team more time to spend with staff and pupils and cut down on travelling time between bases. This will be a much more productive use of their time and expertise.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning– 13 March 2014)

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