

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**MARCH / APRIL 2015****(i) COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANT SCHEME****Details of decision**

That the proposed Community Buildings Grant Scheme funding totalling £156,447.04 which includes £6447.04 underspend from previous years be approved, as set out in Annex A.

Reasons for decision

Each year the Council commits £150,000 to the Community Building Grant Scheme. This is a tripartite grant scheme and grants are awarded for refurbishment and renovation of community buildings to widen access for community use. Any grant the County Council awards requires match funding from the Borough or District Council in which the community building resides and from the applicant organisation themselves. The scheme is administered and managed on behalf of the County Council and Borough and District Councils by Surrey Community Action.

Each year the scheme generates in excess of £500,000 of capital funding to renovate community buildings which sit at the heart of vibrant and active communities. By providing this funding there are huge benefits for the residents of Surrey in terms of community cohesion, addressing social isolation and improving the health and wellbeing of the communities

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Community Services – 27 March 2015)

(ii) THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE SPECIALIST HEARING IMPAIRED CENTRE AT BISHOP DAVID BROWN SCHOOL**Details of decision**

That the Statutory Notice stating the local authority's intention to close the specialist Hearing Impaired Centre at Bishop David Brown School be determined, such that the centre will close from 31 August 2015.

Reasons for decision

Demand for places at the specialist Hearing Impaired Centre has declined over the past three to four years. At the time of the proposed closure there will be no pupils accessing the provision. Analysis of younger aged pupils with Hearing Impairments indicates that there will be no future demand for places in the area in the foreseeable future.

Any net gain of the resources currently available and under-utilised at the centre will be redeployed to support areas of growth within Special Educational Needs provision.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 9 April 2015)

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