

Annex 1

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS JULY 2021

CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & LEARNING DECISIONS

1. PROPOSED 6TH FORM CLOSURE AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ENGLAND (AIDED) SCHOOL, DORKING

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning determined the statutory notice published thereby bringing into effect the formal commencement of the proposals. The proposal was approved without modification.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Over the last seven years, The Priory Church of England (Aided) School has seen a decline in the number of students attending the sixth form provision at the school. The school has a capacity of 200 places for post-16 pupils and as of January 2021 school census, only had 45 pupils on roll. Low sixth form numbers place a considerable financial burden on the overall school budget. The provision is underutilised and not sustainable to operate, therefore the Governing Body proposed, in conjunction with Surrey County Council and the Diocese of Guildford, that the sixth form provision be removed from September 2022.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Education & Learning – 6 July 2021)

2. PROPOSAL TO LOWER THE AGE RANGE AT STAMFORD GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning determined the Statutory Notices approving the proposal without modifications to lower the age range at Stamford Green Primary School.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The nursery is currently meeting a need identified through the Surrey County Council Childcare Sufficiency assessment. The proposed change will incorporate the current nursery provision as part of the maintained school. This will enable the school to build on and strengthen the arrangements already in place and provide a joined-up approach for all children from 2 to 11 years old.

As nursery children will be on roll as part of the whole school, the systems and processes will be streamlined, enabling the school to deploy our resources across the nursery and school to ensure that every child realises their potential.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Education & Learning – 6 July 2021)

3. ADDITIONAL SPECIALIST SCHOOL PLACES FOR PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning determined the statutory notices published for each of the 2 proposals below without modification, thereby bringing into effect the formal commencement of the proposals:

1. The Expansion of Freemantle's School, and
2. Creation of a SEN Unit at Chandlers Field Primary School.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Following the introduction of The Children and Families Act, 2014 and revised SEND Code of Practice in 2015, Surrey has seen the number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) increase by between 11-18% each year, resulting in the projected demand for 5,100 specialist school places within the next 5 years.

The SEND Capital Programme's approved strategy will deliver the additional 1,600 specialist school places which will be phased in to close the gap between the planned places of 3,513 in 2021 and the total projected demand by approximately 2026.

This significant increase in demand for specialist provision has led to a historic over reliance on the independent school sector. Surrey's ambition is to ensure sufficient maintained placement availability for the cohort of children and young people who have SEND and need specialist placements so that they are educated closer to home and are more connected to local communities and support services.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning 's approvals and recommendations completes the statutory process in accordance with the relevant legislation to make appropriate changes to Surrey's specialist estate.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Education & Learning – 6 July 2021)

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DECISIONS

4. GUILDFORD QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR AND BUS LANE ENHANCEMENT - A320 WOKING ROAD

(i) Details of decision

That the proposed changes to the operational times of the bus lane in Woking Road, Guildford between the Stoughton Roundabout and Stoke Cross-roads be amended to operate all day, every day.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The Quality Bus Corridor Project three main objectives are:

- 1) Improved bus journey time reliability and punctuality
- 2) Increased levels of bus patronage
- 3) Reduced bus journey times

In addition, the bus lane provides a useful facility for cycles and will be available for longer periods of the day.

This will help us achieve our 2030 Community Vision objectives

- Residents live in clean, safe and green communities where people and organisations embrace their environmental responsibilities.
- Journeys across the county are easier, more predictable, and safer

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Transport & Infrastructure – 6 July 2021)

CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & LEARNING DECISIONS

5. EXPANSION OF ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning determined the statutory notice published thereby bringing into effect the formal commencement of the proposal that St Andrew's Catholic School will enlarge to 1,200 places in national curriculum years 7 to 11 from September 2022. The proposal was agreed without modification.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The proposal supports and delivers the Authority's statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places to meet demand. The proposal responds to the increased demand for Catholic secondary places in the Leatherhead secondary planning area. St Andrew's Catholic School serves a large Catholic deanery and admits pupils from a wide area in accordance with its faith-based admissions criteria. The proposal also responds to the previous one-form entry expansion of St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Leatherhead in 2014 with the first cohort of additional pupils expected to feed into St Andrew's Catholic School from September 2021.

(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Education & Learning – 12 July 2021)

6. ADDITIONAL SPECIALIST SCHOOL PLACES FOR PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for Education and Learning determined the statutory notices published for each of the two proposals below thereby bringing into effect the formal commencement of the proposals:

1. Removal of the boarding provision at Sunnydown School
2. Expansion of Philip Southcote School and Sixth Form and creation of Satellite Centres at Chertsey High School and Kings International College

(ii) Reasons for decision

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