

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

OCTOBER 2013

(i) DISPOSAL OF PERRY HILL LODGE, WORPLESDON

Details of decision

1. The disposal of Perry Hill Lodge, Worplesdon, as set out in paragraph 1 of the submitted report, be approved, subject to exchange of papers taking place within 21 days, with completion taking place within a further 28 days.
2. Should completion not take place within the required timeframe, the Acquisition & Disposal Manager, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Assets and Regeneration Programmes, be authorised to pursue completion with other bidders on the basis of the same timeline as set out above.

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 – 12 November 2013)

(ii) TO DETERMINE A PROPOSAL TO EXPAND STAMFORD GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Details of decision

1. That the school be permanently enlarged by 1 form of entry (from 2 FE to 3 FE).
2. That this expansion be effective from 1 September 2015.
3. That the expansion be managed incrementally, starting with an additional reception class in 2015 and building up a year at a time until the school is 3FE in every year group by 2020.
4. That an associated building programme be commissioned to provide additional accommodation to meet the basic need for more classrooms to support the expansion.

Reasons for decision

Additional school places are required urgently in the north west Epsom planning area. Stamford Green Primary is a popular and successful school which serves this area and consistently delivers a high quality education. It was rated good (Grade 2) by OFSTED, at its last full inspection (March 2010) and this judgement was confirmed by an Interim Assessment made in February 2013. The provision of additional

places at Stamford Green 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 November 2013)

(iii) ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

Details of decision

That the Principal Manager Admissions and Transport (Strategy) be authorised to go out to statutory consultation on the proposed changes to admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2015 and the coordinated schemes.

Reasons for decision

There is a statutory requirement to consult on admission arrangements every seven years, or sooner if there is a proposal to change any part of a school's admission arrangements. The Local Authority is proposing changes to the admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools and as such there is a statutory duty to consult on these changes.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 13 November 2013)

(iv) TO DETERMINE A PROPOSAL TO PUBLISH NOTICES TO EXPAND ASHFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Details of decision

1. That the publication of Statutory Notices be approved, to the effect that:
 - Ashford Park Primary School be enlarged by 1 form of entry (from 2 FE to 3 FE) on 1 September 2015.
 - The school roll would increase by one form each year until September 2021 when its capacity will be 630 pupils.
2. An associated building programme goes ahead in a single phase to provide appropriate new classrooms and some improvements to ancillary accommodation.

Reasons for decision

Based on the most recent forecast of pupil numbers, which projects the requirement for school places up to 2020 and beyond, one additional form of entry in this planning area would meet the basic need. Expansion of an existing school is the logical and most financially prudent response to this issue.

Ashford Park is currently the most suitable primary school for expansion in the area for the number of reasons set out in the submitted report.

(Decision of Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning – 13 November 2013)

(v) PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE HYPHE PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 1 TO 2 FORMS OF ENTRY

Details of decision

That statutory notices be published, indicating the Local Authority's intention to expand the school from one to two form entry.

Reasons for decision

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places in Surrey. Expansions have been recently 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 and more schools places are needed. Pupil mapping data indicates that there are 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 – 13 November 2013)

(vi) COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS FUND – PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Details of decision

That the proposed grant funding of £17,000 to The Woodland Trust from the Community Improvements Fund Budget, as set out in Annex 3 of the submitted report, be approved.

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 – 14 November 2013)

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