

**CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS  
JULY 2018****LEADER OF THE COUNCIL****(i) Proposal to close Ripley CofE Primary School****Details of decision:**

The proposal to close Ripley CofE Primary School was approved.

**Reasons for decision:**

It is recognised that the majority of representations made objected to the proposal, and that the school is valued highly by the local community. However, this particularly difficult and sensitive recommendation is put forward due to the following reasons which cannot be overcome despite the overwhelming community support for the school:

1. No appropriate realistic options for the future of the school have arisen during the informal consultation and the statutory representation period.
2. Progress of children is significantly below average, despite meeting average attainment. Ofsted raised concerns regarding outcomes for pupils lower down the school, pupils from deprived backgrounds and pupils with special educational needs.
3. The number of children on roll now is untenable and it is not viable to continue the school. Children that have moved during the period of uncertainty have been able to find places in other schools due to the number of vacant places in the surrounding areas. Schools in surrounding areas have sufficient places to accommodate displaced pupils.
4. Three year groups only have 1 child in each year, and a further year group only has 2 children. This limits the opportunities for children to learn and play with children of their own age.

*(Decision taken by the Leader of the Council – 17 July 2018)*

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ALL-AGE LEARNING****(i) Approval of Maintained Schools' Deficits****Details of decision:**

The level of balances held by Surrey maintained schools was noted, and licensed deficits for two schools, Chart Wood School and Spelthorne Primary School, were approved.

**Reasons for decision:**

Approval of a licensed deficit will set the parameters within which these two schools can be monitored prior to their conversion to academy status during the year.

*(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning – 17 July 2018)*

**(ii) Changing the age range and increasing pupil numbers at the specialist centre at Ashford Park Primary School**

**Details of decision:**

It was agreed that the change in age range and increase in pupil numbers at Ashford Park Primary School's specialist Learning and Additional Needs (LAN) centre be approved, taking into account the outcome of the informal and statutory consultation period.

**Reasons for decision:**

1. Increasing the age range at the LAN centre would aim to enable the specialist centre to have an age range aligned with the rest of Ashford Park School. This will enable greater integration, a smoother transition between key stages, increased efficiency and improved sustainability of the provision.
2. Demand for specialist centre provision in the north west area for pupils with LAN needs is high and other provision in the local area is operating at high levels of occupancy. The provision of additional key stage 1 places in a specialist LAN centre will help support local families who otherwise have to travel further afield. This will enable a decrease in home to school travel times and costs.

*(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning – 17 July 2018)*

**(iii) Changing the age range and increasing pupil numbers at the specialist centre at The Hythe Primary School**

**Details of decision:**

It was agreed that the change in age range and increase in pupil numbers at The Hythe Primary School's specialist LAN centre be approved, taking into account the outcome of the informal and statutory consultation period.

**Reasons for decision:**

1. Increasing the age range at the LAN centre would aim to enable the specialist centre to have an age range aligned with the rest of The Hythe Primary School. This will enable greater integration, a smoother transition between key stages, increased efficiency and improved sustainability of the provision.
2. Demand for specialist centre provision in the Runnymede area for pupils with LAN needs is high and other provision in the local area is operating at high levels of occupancy. The provision of additional key stage 1 places in a specialist LAN centre will help support local families who otherwise have to travel further afield. This will enable a decrease in home to school travel times and costs.

*(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning – 17 July 2018)*

**(iv) Changing the age range and increasing pupil numbers at the specialist centre at William Cobbett Primary School**

**Details of decision:**

It was agreed that the change in age range and increase in pupil numbers at William Cobbett Primary School's specialist Communication and Interaction Needs (COIN) centre be approved, taking into account the outcome of the informal and statutory consultation period.

**Reasons for decision:**

1. Increasing the age range at the specialist centre would aim to enable it to have an age range aligned with the rest of William Cobbett Primary School. This will enable greater integration, a smoother transition between key stages, increased efficiency and improved sustainability of the provision.
2. Demand for specialist centre provision in the south west area for pupils with COIN needs is high and other provision in the local area is operating at high levels of occupancy. The provision of additional key stage 1 places in a specialist COIN centre will help support local families who otherwise have to travel further afield. This will enable a decrease in home to school travel times and costs.

*(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning – 17 July 2018)*

**(v) Changing the age range and increasing pupil numbers at the specialist centre at Wey House School**

**Details of decision:**

It was agreed that the change in age range and increase in pupil numbers at Wey House School be approved, taking into account the outcome of the informal and statutory consultation period.

**Reasons for decision:**

1. Demand for specialist provision in the county for pupils with Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs is high. The provision of additional places in a specialist school will help support local families who otherwise have to travel further afield. This will enable a decrease in home to school travel times and cost. Where places are currently unavailable at Wey House, there is demand for placements in the NMI sector at high annual costs.
2. Some Key Stage 1 places will be on an 'assessment basis' to allow a period of intervention with highly specialist staff for very young pupils exhibiting significant SEMH needs.
3. The current planned places at the school is a low number for a special school. This can present a challenging financial environment, as economies of scale are hard to gain. An increased number of pupils will generate increased funding into the school.

*(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning – 17 July 2018)*

**(vi) Amalgamation of Manor Mead and Walton Leigh Schools and increase in pupil numbers to 160**

**Details of decision:**

It was agreed that a Statutory Notice is issued in the new academic year stating the Local Authority's intention to amalgamate the two schools, such that there will be one school for pupils with severe learning development and disability (SLDD) in the north east area from 1 January 2019. The newly amalgamated school will be further extended by 8 additional places to become a 160 planned place school.

**Reasons for decision:**

This proposal will streamline SLDD provision in the north east of Surrey and will formalise the existing hard federation arrangements. This proposal will create a more sustainable single special school based over two sites for SLDD in the north east quadrant of Surrey. The proposal will provide additional planned places for pupils in the area that require provision of this nature.

*(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning – 17 July 2018)*

**CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS  
AUGUST 2018**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT**

**(i) Public Bus Contract Awards**

**Details of decision:**

That following consideration of the results of the tendering process in Part 2 of this meeting, the award of six bus contracts be made to these operators: Stagecoach South Ltd., C E Jeatt & Son Ltd. (White Bus), Falcon Coaches Ltd. and Metrobus Ltd.

**Reasons for decision:**

The award of these contracts was delegated by Cabinet on 26 June 2018 to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, in consultation with the Executive Director Highways, Transport & Environment and the Section 151 Officer.

To enable Surrey residents the ability to access employment, healthcare, educational and essential shopping, and ensure the Council complies with Procurement Standing Orders, requiring Cabinet approval for those contracts that reach a specified value.

*(Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport – 22 August 2018)*

## **CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **CABINET MEMBER FOR ALL-AGE LEARNING**

#### **(i) Proposed Expansion of St Bede's School**

##### **Details of decision:**

That the Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning determined the Statutory Notice, thereby bringing into effect the formal expansion of St. Bede's School by two Forms of Entry (2FE) for September 2019.

##### **Reasons for decision:**

There is an increasing demand for primary school places around the Reigate and Redhill area which reflects a rise in the primary-age population over recent years that is beginning to transition into the secondary sector. In order to meet this demand, Surrey County Council (the Council) is overseeing an ongoing school expansion programme designed to increase the capacity of the school estate. The proposal to expand the capacity of St. Bede's School by 2FE is a core element of the Council's strategy to deliver additional places in this area. In line with this, the Council has undertaken the requisite statutory consultation to inform the decision-making process and a note of support for the proposal was received as part of this. For these reasons, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member determines the Statutory Notice (appended to this report as Annex 1), so as to bring the expansion of the school formally into effect.

*(Decision taken by Cabinet Member for Children – 3 September)*

### **CABINET LEAD MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SUPPORT**

##### **Details of decision:**

The Cabinet Lead Member for Corporate Support agreed to:

- I. the Head of Legal Services being appointed to apply as a nominee in an application to the probate register, and
- II. the Head of Legal Services being authorised to seal copies of each of the nominations made for the purpose of this application.

##### **Reasons for decision:**

The Council will be able to recover debt owed to it from the deceased's estate.

*(Decision taken by Cabinet Lead Member for Corporate Support – 11 September)*

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