

DECISION RECORD

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Subject:

The lowering of the admission age of Widford School by changing the age range from 4 to 11 years to 2 to 11 years from 8th January 2018.

Staff Contact: Melany McQueen

Executive Member: Terry Douris

Tel: 01992 555874

Portfolio: Executive Member for Education,
Libraries & Localism

1. Decision

To agree the statutory proposal to change the age range of Widford School, Ware Road, Widford, Hertfordshire, SG12 8RE, ("the School") a community school, by changing the age range from 4 to 11 years to 2 to 11 years from 8th January 2018, taking into consideration the outcome of the statutory notice period.

2. Reasons for the decision

At the Hertfordshire County Council Cabinet meeting of 13th November 2017, Cabinet authorised the Director of Children's Services to publish a statutory notice to change the age range of Widford School from 4 to 11 years to 2 to 11 years, to enable the school to offer nursery provision to children from the age of 2 from 8th January 2018.

The statutory notice period ended on 21st December 2017 and no objections to the proposal were received. It is now for the Director of Children's Services, under the terms of the delegated powers invested in her, to approve the proposal.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

None

4. Consultation

(a) Comments of Executive Member

The Executive Member has no comments other than to concur with the Director's intention to agree the proposal.

(b) Comments of other consultees

None

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5. **Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed:

A large yellow rectangular box redacting the signature of the Director of Children's Services.

Title: Jenny Coles, Director of Children's Services

Date: 22nd December 2017

6. **Copies of agreed document to:**

- **The Headteacher & Governing Body of Widford School**
- **The Diocese of Westminster (John Paul (JP) Morrison: jpmorrison@rcdow.org.uk)**
- **The Diocese of St Albans (David Morton: dde@stalbans.anglican.org)**
- **The Schools Adjudicator**
- **Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
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