

DECISION RECORD

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Subject: Whether to agree to the statutory proposal to change the age range of Oxhey Early Years Centre, Watford by altering the lower age limit from 3 to 5 years to 2 to 5 years from January 2022.

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Head of Early Years
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Executive Member: Terry Douris
Portfolio: Executive Member for Education, Libraries &
Lifelong Learning

1. Decision

To agree the statutory proposal to change the age range of Oxhey Early Years Centre (a community school), Eastbury Road, Watford, WD19 4RL by altering the lower age limit. This will change the age range from 3 to 5 years to 2 to 5 years, enabling the school to start offering places to 2-year-old children from January 2022.

2. Reasons for the decision

At the Hertfordshire County Council Cabinet meeting of the 12 July 2021, Cabinet authorised the Director of Children's Services to publish a statutory notice to change the age range of Oxhey Early Years Centre, to enable the Nursery to start offering places to 2-year-old children from January 2022.

The statutory notice period ended on the 29 September 2021 and no objections to the proposal were received.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

None

4. Consultation

Was any Councillor consulted? Yes

If yes:

(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. **Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision**

None received

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

Signed:

Title: Jo Fisher, Director of Children's Services

Date: 29 September 2021

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- Elaine Shell, Democratic Services Manager, Room 213, Old Block, County Hall (signed paper original).
Electronic copy to: Democratic.Services@hertfordshire.gov.uk

and following the expiry of the call-in period to:

- Executive Member - Councillor Terry Douris
- Local Member – Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst
- Chair (Councillor David Andrews), and Vice-Chairs (Councillors Richard Butler and Sandy Walkington) of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Office of the Schools Adjudicator (osa.team@osa.gsi.gov.uk)
- The governing body of Oxhey EYC School - email to head teacher to forward to chair of governors for distribution to governing body members
- The local Church of England diocese - Canon David Morton, Director of Education, Diocese of St Albans (dde@stalbans.anglican.org)
- The local Roman Catholic diocese - Peter Sweeney, Interim Director, Diocese of Westminster Education Service (education@rcdow.org.uk)