

Decision Schedule



Cabinet Member for Education & Young People

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decision on 7 February 2017. It will take immediate effect, the reason for this decision being the short turnaround required to establish a new school in time for September 2017.

The decision is not subject to the “Call in” Process.

In accordance with Standing Order 24 – Urgent Matters, this matter will be forwarded to the Audit Committee.

Reports relating to staffing issues/Confidential reports are not circulated to all members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

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New Primary School (Jubilee Park) - Move to Statutory Notice

Options considered/Reasons for Decision

Subject to the final determination, it was intended that the new school, being provided by the developer, would open in September 2017 with its own dedicated Headteacher and Governing Body. In advance of that final determination, it is appropriate to note that a Headteacher post cannot be advertised until the final decision on the proposal is effective. Under the usual statutory and democratic timeframes, this was unlikely to be until week commencing 24th April 2017 at the very earliest. Any Headteacher wishing to apply for a new position effective in September 2017 would be required to resign from an existing post by 30th April 2017 at the very latest. The current timeframe did not accord with this, and therefore it was requested that this decision was made urgently, by-passing the consultation and call-in stages. This would enable a statutory proposal to be published immediately for the required period of 28 days following which in the event of no objections being received, a final decision could be taken on this proposal.

Formal consultation has been carried out on the proposal “**to establish a new Primary School for pupils aged 3 – 11, on the Jubilee Park housing development, with effect from September 2017**”. The proposal was for a new Primary School which was to be situated on the Alcan housing development and currently has the working title of “Jubilee Park” Primary School. The consultation process was carried out during the period 15th November 2016 to the 2nd January 2017 and a “Consultation Report” is attached, which described the findings in some detail, this has also been published on the Council web site. This report references those findings and makes a recommendation to move to the publication of a statutory notice in respect of this proposal. During that statutory notice period legal objections could be set by any consultee, which would need to be considered before any final determination is taken.

Decision

To move to the publication of a statutory notice for 28 days in respect of the proposal “to establish a new Primary School for pupils aged 3 – 11, on the Jubilee Park housing development, with effect

from September 2017”, and to take this decision urgently as it is so urgent that it cannot go through the Council’s agreed consultation process and/or must be implemented immediately and therefore not subject to the Council’s call in procedures for the reasons set out under ‘Reasons for Urgency’ above.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change.

Implemented by: Chief Education Officer

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Councillor G Giles, Cabinet Member for Education & Young People

Date: 7 February 2017