

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member (Education) held at 10.00 am on
Thursday, 19 December 2013

Present:

Members: Councillor D Chater (Cabinet Member)
Councillor J Blundell (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Other Members: Councillor Clifford (Nominee of Chair of Scrutiny
Co-ordination Committee)

Employees (by Directorate):

People: D Haley, A Simpson

Resources: E Atkins, Resources Directorate
M Salmon, Resources Directorate
D Haley, People Directorate
A Simpson, People Directorate

Apologies: There were no apologies

Public Business

20. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

21. Proposed Expansion of Edgewick Primary School 2015/16

The Acting Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director, People, on a proposal to increase the number of school places at Edgewick Primary School from one to two forms of entry with effect from 2015. The City was experiencing a significant rise in birth rate and inward migration, for September 2014 admissions sufficient places were available for the citywide reception cohort but there were insufficient reception places to meet parental demand in some parts of the City. In March 2013, the Government announced one-off funding for a Targeted Basic Need Programme to support areas of the country that were experiencing high levels of demand for additional pupil places in schools. In April 2013 bids were submitted on behalf of 7 Coventry school expansion projects, six applications for projects were included in the approved Education Capital Programme and Edgewick Primary School was identified as an additional priority scheme.

In accordance with paragraph 4.2.27 of the Constitution, Councillor Clifford, as the nominee of the Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, was invited to attend the Cabinet Member (Education) meeting to agree the need for urgency such that call-in arrangements would not apply. The reason for urgency was that in order to meet commitments towards the grant conditions for targeted basic need, the

statutory consultation needed to be completed by the end of May 2014 and to meet this deadline formal consultation would begin on 6th January 2014 for recommendation to Cabinet in March 2014.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member agrees:

- 1) That formal consultation be undertaken on proposals to increase the size of Edgewick Primary School from one to two forms of entry with effect from September 2015.
- 2) That the consultation material is accessible to all stakeholders.
- 3) To delegate authority from Cabinet Member (Education) to the Director of Education and Inclusion to agree any necessary consultation arrangements.
- 4) That a report on the outcome of the consultation be submitted to Cabinet in March 2014.
- 5) That a further report be submitted to Cabinet in Spring 2014 recommending the publication of formal statutory notices to expand additional schools in September 2015.

22. **Appointment of Authority Governor**

RESOLVED that, having met the Local Authority criteria for the appointment of Local Authority school governors, Cabinet Member approves the appointment of the person listed below for the school and term of office indicated:-

Additional Authority Governor: New Appointment

Name	School	Term of Office
Councillor D Chater	Alice Stevens School	9 December 2017

23. **Any Other Items of Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 10.25 am)