

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

14 June 2011

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

Present:

Councillor Cath Hill (Children's Services Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Caroline O'Neill, Assistant Director, Performance and Achievement
Ann Turner, Governor Support Officer
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

1. Ward Jackson Community Primary School – Change Of Status To Church Of England Voluntary Aided Primary School *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

The report set out the background to the linked proposal of the Governing Body and the Diocese of Durham's Board of Education to seek Church of England Voluntary Aided Status.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Governor Support Officer reported on the outcome of the statutory procedure following the publication of the linked proposals of the Governing Body of Ward Jackson Community Primary School ('the Governing Body') and the Diocese of Durham Board of Education (the Diocese) to close the School on 31st August 2011 and reopen as a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School on the 1 September 2011. The report set out the detailed procedure undertaken to date and the next steps in the process that were required.

Submitted with the report as an appendix was the Governing Body's proposed Instrument of Government and Constitution to establish a new Governing Body to reflect the change of status of the school from a Community School to a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School which was agreed by Governors at a meeting held on 24th March 2010 and agreed by the Diocese of Durham Board of Education to be effective from the 1st September 2011. Details of the new governing body membership were also set out.

The Portfolio Holder supported the proposal and considered that it could only enhance the school's position in the community. The Assistant Director also commented that the school had had a recent very positive inspection report.

Decision

1. That the decision of the Governing Body and of the Diocese of Durham Board of Education to change the status of the school with effect from 1st September 2011 be noted.
2. That in accordance with the School Governance Constitution (England) Regulations 2007, the Local Authority approves and makes the new Instrument of Government with effect from 1st September 2011 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
3. That the work which officers will be undertaking with the school to ensure the process for a change in status is appropriately undertaken be noted.

2. Appointment of Local Authority Representatives to Serve on School Governing Bodies *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

To request the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services consideration and approval of the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in respect of the appointment of Local Authority representative Governors to serve on school governing bodies.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Governor Support Officer submitted a schedule setting out details of current Governing Body vacancies together with applications received in respect of those vacancies which was considered by the General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 18th April 2011.

Decision

That the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in respect of the appointment of Local Authority representative governors to serve on school Governing Bodies as set out below be approved: -

Brougham Primary School - Miss A J Swann

Catcote School – Mr S D Wallace

Throston Primary School - Councillor A Barclay

English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College - Councillor R W Cook

The meeting concluded at 10.20 a.m.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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