

# Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People & Families) and Portfolio Holder (Customers, Workforce and Partnership) Decision Making Session

## Agenda

**18 September 2009**

A Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People & Families) and Portfolio Holder (Customers, Workforce and Partnerships) Decision Making Session will be held at SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on **Friday 18 September 2009 at 10.12 am** or on the rising of the Portfolio Holder (Resources) Decision Making Session if that is later.

The agenda will be:

### 1. General

#### **Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Membership of a district or borough council is classed as a personal interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

### 2. **Constitution of a Temporary Governing Body for the Proposed New Community Primary School in South Atherstone**

Report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families enclosed.

### 3. **Any Other Urgent Business**

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September 2009

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**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Decision Making Session**      **Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People & Families) and Portfolio Holder (Customers, Workforce & Partnerships) Decision Making Session**

**Date of Decision**      **18 September 2009**

**Report Title**      **Constitution of a Temporary Governing Body for the Proposed New Community Primary School in South Atherstone**

**Summary**      The Local Authority needs to establish a temporary governing body for the proposed new Community Primary School, following the publication of notice of its proposal to close Arden Hill Infant and Oakfield Junior Schools, Atherstone.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? [please identify relevant plan/budget provision]**      No

**Background papers**

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:**      Details to be specified

- Other Committees       .....
- Local Member(s)       Cllr Carol Fox, Hartshill
- Other Elected Members       CYP&F O&S Chair and Vice-Chair for information:  
Cllr John Ross  
Cllr Carolyn Robbins *"no further comment"*

CYP&F O&S Spokespersons for information:  
 Cllr Peter Balaam  
 Cllr Tim Naylor  
 Cllr Carolyn Robbins

- Cabinet Member  Cllr Izzi Seccombe *“approved for committee”*  
 Cllr Heather Timms
- Other Cabinet Members consulted  .....
- Chief Executive  .....
- Legal  Diane Nation *“comments incorporated in the report”*
- Finance  David Clarke, Strategic Director of Resources  
*“Oliver Winter on behalf of David Clarke - no comments”*
- Other Strategic Directors
- District Councils  .....
- Health Authority  .....
- Police  .....
- Other Bodies/Individuals  .....

**FINAL DECISION** **YES**

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:**

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee  .....
- To Council  .....
- To Cabinet  .....
- To an O & S Committee  .....
- To an Area Committee  .....
- Further Consultation  .....

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Partnerships)  
Decision Making Session – 18 September 2009**

**Constitution of a Temporary Governing Body for the  
Proposed New Community Primary School in South  
Atherstone**

**Report of the Strategic Directors for Children,  
Young People and Families and Customers, Workforce &  
Governance**

**Recommendations**

- (1) That the Cabinet approves the arrangement described in this report for the constitution of a temporary governing body for the proposed new Community Primary School in South Atherstone.
- (2) That the 2 Local Authority governor seats on the temporary governing body for the proposed new Community Primary School in South Atherstone be allocated as follows:  
Conservative Group: 1 seat  
Labour Group: 1 seat
- (3) That the Strategic Directors for Children, Young People and Families and Customers, Workforce and Governance be authorised to approve the appointment of 4 parent governors and 2 community governors to the temporary governing body for the proposed new Community Primary School in South Atherstone.

1. At its meeting on 28 May 2009, Cabinet agreed that statutory notices be published proposing the closure of Arden Hill Infant School and Oakfield Junior School and the establishment of a new Community Primary School in South Atherstone.
2. The School Governance (New Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 provide for the establishment of a temporary governing body in anticipation that these proposals will be approved.

3. The governors of the existing schools also wish to have a forum established as soon as possible within which issues relating to the proposed new school can be jointly considered.
4. It is suggested that arrangements should be made to establish a temporary governing body for the proposed new Community Primary School from September 2009. The constitution of the temporary governing body will be in accordance with Regulation 16 of The School Governance (New Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 and will be as follows:
  - 4 parent governors (to be appointed by the LA taking account of recommendations made by the existing governing bodies)
  - 3 staff governors
    - 2 appointed by the other temporary governors at their first meeting; and
    - the Head Designate, when appointed
  - 2 LA governors (to be appointed by the County Council)
  - 2 community governors (to be appointed by the LA taking account of recommendations made by the existing governing bodies)
  - Total number of governors : 11
5. LA governor seats on the temporary governing body: the adopted policy is to consider the Local Authority (LA) governor seats on temporary governing bodies as a separate group from permanent governing bodies. There are 2 LA governor seats on the temporary governing body and it is recommended that these 2 LA governor seats be allocated as follows:
  - 1 seat: Conservative Group
  - 1 seat: Labour Group
6. Parent governors and community governors on the temporary governing body : there are 4 parent governor appointments and 2 community governor appointments to be made to the temporary governing body.
7. In order to maintain continuity and enable experienced governors to serve on the temporary governing body, it is recommended that nominations are invited from the governing bodies of the two schools which are to be discontinued, and that the Strategic Directors for Children, Young People and Families and Customers, Workforce and Governance be authorised to make these appointments.

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