

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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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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