

## **Minutes of Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families) Decision Making Session held on 4 December 2009**

### **Present:**

Councillor Mrs Izzi Seccombe Portfolio Holder (Chair)

### **Others present**

#### Officers

Phil Astle (Children Young People and Families Directorate)

Mark Gore (Children Young People and Families Directorate)

Jane Pollard (Democratic Services Manager)

### **1. General**

#### **(1) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Councillor Mrs Seccombe declared a personal interest in agenda item 2 as a member of Stratford District Council

#### **(2) Minutes of the Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

These were agreed as a correct record

### **2. Proposal to increase the number of primary school places in Stratford on Avon District**

Councillor Mrs Seccombe considered a report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families seeking approval to undertake a formal consultation upon proposals to expand Bridge Town Primary School and increase the admission number of The Dasset C of E (Controlled) Primary School. Councillor Seccombe was satisfied having read the report that it was appropriate to go out to consultation on the proposals.

#### **Resolved**

That approval is given to undertake formal consultation upon proposals to:

- i) Expand Bridge Town Primary School, Stratford-upon-Avon, from 45 to 60 places per year with effect from September 2011.
- ii) Increase the admission number of The Dasset C of E (Controlled) Primary School, Fenny Compton, from 25 to 30 places per year with effect from September 2011.

### **3. Proposed Changes to Primary School Priority Areas in Nuneaton**

Councillor Mrs Seccombe considered a report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families seeking approval to undertake a formal consultation upon proposals to change primary school priority areas in Nuneaton. Part of the Bermuda Park development currently falls within the priority areas of Glendale Infant School and Middlemarch School which is a

junior school. However parts of the housing development at Bermuda Park do not currently appear in a priority area for any primary school. This will mean that the children of families living on parts of the development will not receive priority for admission to any primary school.

**Resolved**

That approval is given to consultation taking place on the proposed increase to the current priority areas for both Glendale Infant School and Middlemarch School in Nuneaton to take account of the Bermuda Park Housing development.

**4. Proposed Changes to Secondary School Priority Areas in Nuneaton and Hartshill**

Councillor Mrs Seccombe considered a report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families seeking approval to undertake a formal consultation upon proposed changes to secondary school priority areas in Nuneaton and Hartshill, conditional on the closure of Manor Park School and Alderman Smith School and the opening of an Academy in their place.

If the development of an Academy is approved there will be one less secondary school in Nuneaton. With the removal of a school it will be necessary to review the priority areas of the remaining schools in the town.

It is proposed to make changes to the priority areas for Higham Lane School and Etone School. In addition we will be asking Hartshill School and The George Eliot School to make changes to their priority areas. As Trust Schools, Hartshill and George Eliot schools are their own admissions authority and can therefore determine their own priority areas. Proposals will also include consideration of the planned priority area for the Academy.

Councillor Mrs Seccombe was satisfied that it was appropriate to commence consultation on changes to secondary school priority areas for reasons set out in the report. Any changes would be conditional on the proposals for the Academy being approved.

**Resolved**

That approval is given to undertake formal consultation on proposed changes to secondary school priority areas in Nuneaton and Hartshill as detailed in Appendix A of the report.

**5. Any other items**

None.

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Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families)

The meeting rose at 12.12 pm