

- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Governing bodies, staff and parents/carers of pupils at the two schools
Other local schools in the area, Diocesan Authorities, neighbouring Education Authorities and all other stakeholders

FINAL DECISION **NO**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet 23rd February 2006 – subject to the Area Committee’s decision to hold a special meeting
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee Late January or early February – subject to the Area Committee’s decision to hold a special meeting
- Further Consultation

Rugby Area Committee – 11th January 2006

Rokeby Primary Schools

Report of the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families

Recommendation:

That the Area Committee agree to set a date for a special meeting to discuss the proposal to amalgamate Rokeby Infant School and Rokeby Junior School and to make any recommendations it sees appropriate to Cabinet.

1. On 8th October 2005, Cabinet asked the County Education Officer to conduct formal consultations with stakeholders on a proposal to amalgamate Rokeby Infant School and Rokeby Junior School.
2. A consultation paper was published on 31st October and comments were requested by 12th December. The consultation paper was sent to other local schools, Diocesan Authorities, neighbouring Education Authorities, the local Community Association, and parents, staff and governors of the two schools. During the period of the consultation a series of scheduled meetings took place with the governing bodies and staff of the two schools and a joint meeting of the parents of both schools. In addition to these communications with statutory consultees, a public meeting was convened by local members of the County Council to open the process to a wider set of interested parties and to give consultees a further opportunity to discuss the issues arising.
3. It has become clear, during the consultation, that the location of any amalgamated school is the major though not only issue. While it was intended that the outcome of the consultation would be reported to this meeting of the Area Committee, it is considered that further work needs to be undertaken in order to take account of the views expressed in the consultation and the comments of elected Members.
4. This report seeks agreement to setting a date for a special meeting of the Area Committee to discuss the proposal and the feedback from the consultation and consider a recommendation to Cabinet. If the meeting could be held in late January or early February consideration by Cabinet could take place on 23rd February.

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