

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION**

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Education held on Tuesday, 11 September 2018 at 4.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

### **Present**

Councillor Suzy Horton (in the Chair)

Councillors Tom Coles

### **Apologies for Absence**

Hannah Hockaday

#### **28. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hannah Hockaday.

#### **29. Declarations of Members' Interests**

Councillor Coles declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as he is on the Local Advisory Board at Penhale Infant School (Thinking Schools Academy Trust).

Councillor Horton declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as she is the Vice Chair of Governors at Craneswater Junior School.

#### **30. Dedicated Schools Grant 2018-19 quarter one budget monitoring**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The report was introduced by Alison Egerton, Group Accountant.

#### **DECISION:**

**The Cabinet Member noted the forecast year-end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 30 June 2018, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.**

#### **31. Education Portfolio Budget Monitoring Report for the First Quarter 2018-19**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The report was introduced by Beverley Pennekett, Finance Manager. Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director Children, Families and Education added that the service is managing the budget pressures carefully and the full picture on the home to school transport budget will not be known until October.

**DECISION: The Cabinet Member noted the Education Portfolio forecast revenue and capital budget positions, as at the end of June 2018, together with the variance and pressure explanations.**

**32. Change of age range for Portsdown Primary School**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The report was introduced by Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director Children, Families and Education - Education.

**DECISION: The Cabinet Member authorised the Director for Children, Families and Education to proceed to the representation stage of the statutory process by publishing a proposal to change the age range of Portsdown Primary school from 3 to 11 years to 4 to 11 years.**

**33. School Modernisation and Sufficiency Programme**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The report was introduced by Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director of Children, Families and Education - Education.

With regards to the SEN sufficiency, Mr Stoneman said that the authority are currently developing a strategy for special school places as part of the SEND strategic review. Officers have already taken forward the planned remodelling works at both Cliffdale Primary Academy (due to be completed in January) and Redwood Park Academy (works due to start next year) and plans are in place to address further demand of places.

**DECISION:**  
**The Cabinet Member noted the progress on the school modernisation "urgent condition" projects and the secondary school sufficiency projects (as set out in the report and in Appendix A).**

The meeting concluded at 4.20 pm.

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Councillor Suzy Horton  
Chair