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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2019 AT 5.00 PM

THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THIRD FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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### Membership

Councillor Suzy Horton (Cabinet Member)

Councillor Tom Coles

Councillor Hannah Hockaday

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### AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declarations of Members' Interests**
- 3 **Willows Centre for Children - end of statutory consultation to close and reopen the Centre under Solent Academies Trust (Pages 3 - 20)**

#### **Purpose of report**

The report sets out the outcome of the statutory consultation which was undertaken between 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 on the proposal to close Willows Centre for Children and to continue to deliver the specialist provision provided by Willows as part of an expanded Cliffdale Primary Academy, operated by Solent Academies Trust.

#### **Recommendations:**

**It is recommended that the Cabinet Member:**

- a) **Consider the response to the statutory consultation carried out on the proposal to close Willows Centre for Children**

- b) Authorise the Director for Children, Families and Education to implement the proposal so that Willows Centre for Children closes at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 provided that the application to make significant changes to Clifffdale Primary Academy from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 is approved by the Secretary of State.**

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