



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION

THURSDAY 15 JULY 2021 AT 4PM

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Membership

Councillor Suzy Horton (Cabinet Member)

Councillor Terry Norton

Councillor Jeanette Smith

Councillor Judith Smyth

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for absence

2 Declarations of Members' Interests

3 Change of age range for Manor Infant School (Pages 7 - 12)

Purpose

This report sets out the outcome of the 4 week statutory consultation on the proposal to change the age range of Manor Infant School, which commenced on 19th May 2021.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member:

- **consider the response to the statutory consultation carried out on the proposal to change the age range of Manor Infant School**

- **authorise the Director for Children, Families and Education to implement the proposal so that Manor Infant School becomes a school for pupils aged 2 to 7 years of age from 1st September 2021**

4 School Modernisation and Sufficiency Programme Update (Pages 13 - 18)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of:

- Urgent school condition projects
- School place update and School sufficiency schemes aimed at increasing school place capacity within the city

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the Cabinet Member notes the progress on the school modernisation "urgent condition" projects, the secondary school sufficiency projects and the special school sufficiency projects.**
- (2) It is recommended that the schemes agreed with the Lead Member since the last report are formally approved.**

5 Local Authority Maintained School Balances as at 31st March 2021 (Pages 19 - 32)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the Cabinet Member of the level of Local Authority maintained schools' revenue and capital balances as at 31st

March 2021.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member notes the level of Local Authority maintained schools' revenue balances and capital balances as at 31st March 2021 as shown in Appendices 2 & 3 and the monitoring action taken by the council.

6 Early Years Sufficiency Update (information report) (Pages 33 - 36)

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on sufficiency in early years due to the impact of COVID 19 including the latest information about sufficiency across the city and any long term impact from the pandemic that may continue to affect providers.

7 Dedicated Schools Grant 2020/21 Outturn report (information report) (Pages 37 - 42)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the Cabinet Member of the year end outturn position of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) as at the end of March 2021.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member:

Notes the year end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 31 March 2021, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.

8 Children, Families and Education Portfolio 2020/21 Outturn report (information) (Pages 43 - 52)

Purpose

To inform the Cabinet Member of the revenue outturn position in respect of the portfolio cash limit and capital programme for the financial year 2020/21. This report sets out the budget position and contributing factors to the final portfolio cash limit underspend at the end of the year.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member:

Notes the Children, Families and Education Portfolio revenue and capital outturn positions, as at the end of March 2021, together with the variance explanations.

9 Variation to Admission Policies 2021/22 & 2022/23 for community and voluntary controlled schools (information report) (Pages 53 - 54)

Purpose

To note statutory change/variation to Admission policies 2021/22 & 2022/23 which have already been determined for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools from 1 September 2021.

10 An evaluation of initiatives to promote greater inclusion and manage the Dedicated School's Grant (DSG) High Needs Block spending (Pages 55 - 64)

Purpose.

The purpose of this report is to provide an evaluation of the impact of initiatives implemented with the aim of promoting greater inclusion and managing demand on the DSG's High Needs Block funding, all of which have been discussed at Schools Forum, in particular:

The establishment of a SEND 'Monitoring and Review' Hub to monitor the impact of element 3 funding attached to EHCPs.

A pilot project to test the use of AV1 'No Isolation' robots to increase the inclusion of children who are unable to physically attend school, and thereby increase the value for money of the medical tuition offer.

The Turnaround project, funded by a DfE grant which has now come to an end, and which focused on increasing the successful reintegration of children from Alternative Provision (AP) to mainstream schools thus increasing the availability of AP places.

The paper also provides some context and background providing details of the progress that has been in achieving greater inclusion in education in Portsmouth, in line with the aim of the SEND Strategy.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member notes:

- 1 The progress that has been made in achieving greater inclusion in education in Portsmouth, in line with the aim of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy.**
- 2 The progress the SEND Monitoring and Review Hub has made and that a full evaluation of the impact of the work after 18 months will be brought to the Cabinet Member in 2022.**
- 3 Continued funding of 6 AV1 'No Isolation' robots at £15k per annum.**

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member approves:

- Funding the Turnaround project circa £100k per annum with a minimum commitment of 3 years. Any future funding would be based on a full evaluation of the project.**

Schools Forum discussed and were in support of all of the above.

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