Decision Schedule



Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 18 November 2020. They will become effective at Noon on 26 November 2020 with the exception of any particular decision, which is the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 25 November 2020.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via Democratic Services.

Reports relating to staffing issues/Confidential reports are not circulated to all members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

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School Reorganisation Proposal – Amalgamation of Kimberley and Fairoak Nursery Schools

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The formal consultation has concluded on the school reorganisation proposal "to amalgamate Kimberley Nursery School and Fairoak Nursery School into a single nursery school on the current Fairoak site from September 2021".

The proposal was initially launched in March 2020, with the six-week period of formal consultation scheduled to run from 10th March 2020 until 21st April 2020. However, following the subsequent short-notice closure of all schools in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the proposal was withdrawn on 30th March 2020 and was later re-launched in June 2020 when schools re-opened. Formal consultation on the re-launched proposal was carried out between 29th June 2020 and 11th September 2020.

Following conclusion of this process a consultation report, which describes the consultation process and feedback received, has been drafted and is attached at Appendix 1. The report has also been published on the Newport City Council website and shared with stakeholders as outlined in the statutory School Organisation Code. This decision report referenced those findings, the result of which recommended that the Council move to publish a statutory proposal. During this statutory proposal period, legal objections could be lodged by any stakeholder, and will need to be considered before any final determination is taken.

Decision

To move to publish a statutory notice for a period of 28 days in respect of the proposal to amalgamate Kimberley Nursery School and Fairoak Nursery School into a single nursery school on the current Fairoak site from September 2021.

Consultation

Head of Law and Regulation, Head of People and Business Change and Chief Education Officer.

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

Implemented By: Chief Education Officer Implementation Timetable: Immediate

COUNCILLOR G GILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Date: 18 November 2020