

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting1st February 2007

1. Title of Item/Report

Proposed Amalgamation of Roseberry Infant School and Roseberry Junior School - Establishment of Temporary Governing Body

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet was reminded that on 18 May and 10 August Members had considered reports on the proposals to cease to maintain Roseberry Infant and Junior schools and to form a new Community primary school on the same site.

At its meeting on 7 December 2006 the School Organisation Committee considered the proposal and agreed to the establishment of a new 420 place community primary school in Billingham, Stockton-on-Tees.

It was explained that as a result of this there was now the need to establish a temporary governing body to oversee the opening of the new school. The temporary governing body would have a total membership of 16, comprising of 6 Parent, 3 Staff, 3 LA and 4 Community Governorships.

It was agreed that the Council appoint the Local Authority, Community and Staff Governors.

The LA appointments would be dealt with in accordance with the procedure for the appointment of school governors approved as Minute 84 of the Cabinet (11 May 2000).

It was proposed that the community governorships be filled by Mr W Walton, Mrs L Smith, Mrs M Miles and Mr J McHale who were all serving as Governors on either the Infant or Junior School Governing Bodies.

It was also proposed that the staff governorships be filled by Mrs L Bardgetts and Ms J Jeffries who were employed at and serving on the governing bodies of the Infant and Junior schools respectively. The remaining staff governorship would be reserved for the Headteacher designate.

Members noted that where a temporary governing body was established, due to the closure of two existing schools, the local authority had the power to allow some or all of the temporary Parent Governors to be appointed by the outgoing governing bodies of the schools that were to close. It was, therefore, proposed that each Governing Body appoint three parents governor to the temporary governing body.

Finally, if for whatever reason any of the appointments were subsequently declined, there would be a need to ensure that the resulting vacancies were filled as soon as possible. It was, therefore, proposed that delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to appoint to any vacancies arising from declined appointments.

RESOLVED that:-

1. a temporary governing body, for a new Community primary school in Billingham, with a total membership of 16 governorships, be established.
2. the two outgoing Governing Bodies of Roseberry Infant and Junior schools be empowered to each appoint three parent governors to the temporary Governing Body.
3. Mrs L Bardgett and Ms J Jefferies be appointed to the Temporary Governing Body as Staff Governors.
4. Mr W Walton, Mrs L Smith, Mrs M Miles and Mr J McHale be appointed to the temporary Governing Body as Community Governors.
5. delegate authority be given to the Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to appoint to any vacancies arising from declined appointments.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Under the terms of Sections 34 of the Education Act 2002 and in line with the requirements of the New Schools (General) (England) Regulations 2003, local authorities had to establish a temporary governing body where a new school was to be established which the authority intended to maintain.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected
None
5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest
None
6. Details of any Dispensations
None
7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed
Midnight on Friday 9th February 2007

Proper Officer
06 July 2007