

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM 5

REPORT TO CABINET

1 FEBRUARY 2007

REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

CABINET DECISION

Children and Young People – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Cunningham

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF ROSEBERRY INFANT SCHOOL AND ROSEBERRY JUNIOR SCHOOL – ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY GOVERNING BODY

1. Summary

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2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

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 must establish a temporary governing body where a new school is to be established which the authority intends to maintain.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct

(paragraph 8) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgment of the public interest (paragraph 10 of the code of conduct).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting is being held, whilst the matter is being considered; not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (paragraph 12 of the Code).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc.; whether or not they are a member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting, and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room during consideration of the relevant item.

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DETAIL

1. On 18 May and 10 August Members 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.
2. At their 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.
3. As a result there is now the need to establish a temporary governing body to oversee the opening of the new school.

4. The temporary governing body would have a total membership of 16, comprising of 6 Parent, 3 Staff, 3 LA and 4 Community Governorships.
5. The Local Authority shall appoint the LA, Community and Staff Governors. The LA appointments will be dealt with in accordance with the procedure for the appointment of school governors approved as Minute 84 of the Cabinet (11 May 2000).
6. It is proposed that the community governorships be filled by Mr W Walton, Mrs L Smith, Mrs M Miles and Mr J McHale who are all currently serving as Governors on either the Infant or Junior School Governing Bodies.
7. It is proposed that the staff governorships be filled by Mrs L Bardgetts and Ms J Jeffries who are currently employed at and serving on the governing bodies of the Infant and Junior schools respectively. The remaining staff governorship is reserved for the Headteacher designate.
8. Where a temporary governing body is established due to the closure of two existing schools, the local authority has the power to allow some or all of the temporary Parent Governors to be appointed by the outgoing governing bodies of the schools that are to close. It is, therefore, proposed that each Governing Body appoint three parents governor to the temporary governing body.
9. Finally, if for whatever reason any of these appointments are subsequently declined, there will be a need to ensure that the resulting vacancies are filled as soon as possible. It is, therefore, proposed that delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member and Corporate Director accordingly.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial

10. None

Legal

11. This proposal falls under Section 34 of the Education Act 2002 and is in line with the requirements of the New Schools (General) (England) Regulations 2003.

RISK ASSESSMENT

12. A risk assessment has been carried out. The proposal is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

Education and Lifelong Learning

13. The proposal has been put forward with the aim of supporting improved delivery of the curriculum and pastoral care for pupils, and increased efficiency in the management of the schools.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

14. As contained in the reports dated 18 May and 10 August 2006.

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Background Papers

School Organisation Plan 2003-08 available on the Council website.

Cabinet reports dated 18 May 2006 and 10 August 2006.

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Billingham North: Coun. Mrs J L Apedaile, Coun. K Dewison, Coun. C Leckonby

Billingham East: Coun. A Cunningham, Coun. M N Stoker

Billingham Central: Coun. N Teasdale, Coun. B Woodhouse

Property

The new school would continue to occupy the buildings currently used by the two separate schools