

Extract of Minute from the 6 June 2013 Cabinet meeting

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238 STATUTORY PROPOSALS - PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF FAIRFIELD INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL, COCKERMOUTH

The Leader set out in detail the procedure to be followed in relation to the school organisation proposals below having regard to the Protocol adopted by Cabinet on 4 September 2007 and noting this proposal was at stage 3 of the process and that a final decision was to be taken. The Corporate Director – Children’s Services presented a report on the Statutory Proposals – Proposed Amalgamation of Fairfield Infant and Junior School, Cockermouth. The paper dealt with three linked statutory proposals (1) to close Fairfield Junior School, Cockermouth effective on 31 August 2013, (2) extend the age range of Fairfield Infant School from 3-7 year olds to 3-11 year olds from 01 September 2013 and (3) undertake an enlargement of the school premises, to be achieved by Fairfield Infant School taking over the premises of the current Fairfield Junior school on 01 September 2013 in order to form Fairfield Primary School effective 1 September 2013. The report set out the background to the publication of the proposals and the outcome of the subsequent period for representations. Members, noting that of the responses received to the consultation 90% were in favour of the proposals, considered the approval of the proposals based upon all relevant factors as set out in the statutory guidance’s attached as Appendix A of the report. A number of Cabinet members spoke and outlined their support for the proposals which accorded with the Council’s preference for all through primary schools. Members noted that the Council would work with the two governing bodies concerned to bring a governing body together for the new school created by the proposals. The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services having carefully considered the report provided by the Corporate Director and the responses to the public consultation moved that Cabinet approve the three linked statutory proposals set out above to enable the formation of Fairfield Primary School effective 1 September 2013. The Assistant Director – Legal and Democratic Services confirmed that all the legal provisions having been complied with that Cabinet were able to take a final decision on the matter.

RESOLVED, that the three linked statutory proposals to close Fairfield Junior School, Cockermouth effective on 31 August 2013, extend the age range of Fairfield Infant School from 3-7 year olds to 3-11 year olds from 01 September 2013 and undertake an enlargement of the school premises, to be achieved by Fairfield Infant School taking over the premises of the current Fairfield Junior school on 01 September 2013 in order to form Fairfield Primary School effective 1 September 2013 be approved.