

**Extract from the minutes of 26 July 2018 Cabinet meeting.**

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**29 CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF MARYPORT INFANT AND MARYPORT CE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

A report was considered which provided analysis on the formal consultation held between 30 April and 8 June 2018 by the County Council, to allow members to decide whether or not to bring forward a statutory proposal to close Maryport Infant School in order to facilitate the proposed amalgamation of Maryport Infant School and Maryport CE Junior School.

The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning provided the reasoning behind the amalgamation, stating that it would become a Voluntary Controlled CE school and asked Cabinet to support the publication of the Statutory Notice.

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport stated that he had been consulted as Local Member on the amalgamation. The Monitoring Officer advised that he would not have to declare an interest as the recommendation referred to the publication of the Statutory Notice rather than to make a decision.

Members were reminded by the Leader to keep an open mind during the Consultation as Cabinet would be asked to make a decision on the amalgamation later in the process.

**RESOLVED** to publish the statutory notice proposing the closure of Maryport Infant School which is required to facilitate the amalgamation of Maryport Infant School and Maryport CE Junior School.