

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

The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning presented a report on the Consultation on the Proposed Amalgamation of Maryport Infant and Maryport CE Junior School. Members were informed about the legal work that had been undertaken and the work of the Governing Body. Allerdale Local Committee had given consideration to the amalgamation and it was noted that the School would become Voluntary Aided.

It was raised that although its role had diminished, the County Council still had an important role in education in Cumbria. The Cabinet Member for Children's Services advised that the amalgamation had been under consideration for a number of years and congratulated the Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning and officers on their work. She considered it to be the right decision for Maryport.

The Leader commented on the eight respondents to the Consultation who did not agree with the amalgamation as they considered it to be a step towards the school becoming an Academy. He advised that it was not the intention for the school to become an Academy hoping that in time, this would become apparent.

RESOLVED that, after considering the feedback from the period of consultation, Maryport Infant School be discontinued (to facilitate the expansion of the age range of Maryport Junior School).