

## **Extract from Cabinet (14/03/2013)**

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The case for the approval of the statutory proposal and minute from the meeting are as follows:-

### **196 STATUTORY PROPOSALS - CLOSURE OF ST MARY'S CE NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL, CLOSURE OF WINDERMERE CE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ST MARTIN AND ST MARY CE (VA) SCHOOL**

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 introduced a report which covered in detail the statutory proposals on behalf of the Governing Bodies of St Mary's CE Nursery and Infant School and Windermere CE Junior School and the Diocese of Carlisle for the proposed amalgamation of the two schools. The report explained the background to the publication of the proposal and the outcome of the subsequent period for representations. The consultation on the proposals had complied with DfE guidance and had received a positive response from the diocese, parents and the local community. Members were asked to consider whether or not to approve the proposal based upon all relevant factors as set out in the statutory guidance at Appendix A of the report. A number of Cabinet members spoke and outlined their support for the proposals. The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning having carefully considered the report provided by the Corporate Director and the responses to the public consultation moved that Cabinet approved the statutory proposal to amalgamate St Mary's CE Nursery and Infant School and Windermere CE Junior School. The Interim 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 both St Mary's CE Infant School, Windermere and Windermere CE Junior School, Windermere effective on 31 August 2013 in order to form St Martin and St Mary CE (VA) Primary School effective 1 September 2013 be approved. (n.b following the commencement of section 37 of the Education Act 2011 DfE guidance it was possible to establish certain new schools, including voluntary aided (VA) schools, without the consent of the Secretary of State or the need to open as an academy).