

Decision No: CHS06

Date: 21/07/09

Forward Plan No: CHS11599

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## **RECORD OF KEY DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**Date of Decision 21 July 2009**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION:** *The record of the decision will be published on the council's website within 2 working days.*

**DECISION MAKER:** Di Smith

**SUBJECT:** REMOVAL OF NURSERY PROVISION  
FROM CARLTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**CONTACT OFFICER:** Caroline Parker

### **THE DECISION**

1. To confirm the statutory notice and permanently remove the nursery class from Carlton Hill Primary School from September 2009.

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

1. Take up of places in the nursery has been low for a number of years. The nursery was reduced from 50 to 25 part-time places from September 2008, there are only 18 pupils on roll in the nursery class. 13 of these pupils will move to reception classes in September 2009 leaving just 3 pupils who will need to find alternative settings in September 2009.
2. There are a large number of early education places close by including a large maintained nursery school.
3. The impact of the empty nursery places on the school's budget has been significant and closing the nursery is part of the plan to reduce the school's budget deficit.
4. There were no objections in response to the statutory consultation.

This decision has been fully discussed and agreed in consultation with Councillor Vanessa Brown, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People and Lead Member, Children & Young People's Trust.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The option of reducing the size of the nursery has already been tried. The alternative would be to keep the nursery open and to offer more flexible provision to parents. Because of the large number of early years places nearby it is not likely that this would increase the take up of places enough to make the nursery viable.

#### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The decision maker did not declare a personal or prejudicial interest in the matters set out in the report.

#### **CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision

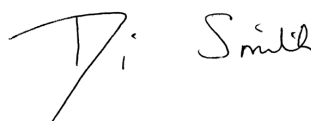
#### **Date:**

21 July 2009

#### **Decision Maker:**

Di Smith  
Director of Children's Services

#### **Signed:**



#### **Proper Officer:**

21 July 2009

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

#### **Signed:**



#### **Report attached:**

*A Copy of the report considered by the Director is attached.*

#### **SCRUTINY**

Call-In Period: 21-28 July 2009

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the meeting at which the decision was taken subject to any requirement for earlier implementation of the decision.