

Decision No: CMM8 – 01/12/2008

Forward Plan No: CYP6439

This record relates to Agenda Item 59 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: ST LUKE'S INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL MERGER

AUTHOR: GILLIAN CHURCHILL

THE DECISION

1. That the proposal to amalgamate St Luke's Infant and Junior Schools be noted and endorsed.
2. That the publication of the required Statutory Notices to progress this proposal be agreed.
3. That the results from the statutory consultation process be referred to Cabinet Member Meeting on 2 March 2009 for decision.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. The Council produced their Primary Strategy for Change in June 2008. This document reflected Brighton and Hove City Council's policy of supporting the amalgamation of infant and junior schools where appropriate.
2. The Council believes the advantages of the creation of all through primary schools are as follows:
 - Greater continuity in teaching, pupil care and development under a single head teacher and teaching staff. It is very important to ensure continuity in planning the curriculum across the stages of education so that pupils make the best possible progress in learning.
 - The school could offer a greater range of teaching skills, including the opportunity to appoint curriculum co-ordinators with the time to oversee the effective teaching of individual subjects across the whole 4–11 age range.
 - Greater flexibility that a 4–11 school has in organising classes, deploying teachers and support staff and using resources, including buildings, more effectively.
 - Closer contact with parents over a longer period of time and covering the full span of the children's primary education.
 - Practical advantages to parents' e.g. same staff development days, the same school policies relating to home links, uniform, codes of conduct etc.
 - Transfer to a different school environment after three years or less of schooling might be seen as an unnecessary disruption to pupil's sense of security and well being. A positive feature of 4–11 schools is the social interaction between younger and older pupils.
3. The Proposal will create one larger school from two. However the schools currently operate from this one building at present, the infant school has a separate entrance and playground from the junior school and there is no intention to change this as a result of the proposal.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The alternative option is to leave the schools as separate infant and junior schools.

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:

01 December 2008

Decision Maker:

Councillor Vanessa Brown
Cabinet Member for Children & Young
People

Signed:



Proper Officer:

01 December 2008

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

Signed:



SCRUTINY

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Or: This decision is urgent and not subject to call-in (date of CE's agreement to urgency of decision).

Call-In Period

02 – 08 December 2008

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CMM9 – 01/12/2008

Forward Plan No: CYP6436

This record relates to Agenda Item 60 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR VANESSA BROWN

PORTFOLIO AREA: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF BALFOUR JUNIOR SCHOOL

AUTHOR: GILLIAN CHURCHILL

THE DECISION

1. That the proposal to expand Balfour Junior School by one form of entry be noted and endorsed.
2. That the publication of the required Statutory Notices to progress this proposal be agreed.
3. That the results from the statutory consultation process be referred to Cabinet Member Meeting on 2 March 2009 for decision.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. Brighton and Hove City Council has a legal requirement to provide sufficient school places for all school age children in the city. School places should be provided in such a way that parents and pupils can access a local school wherever possible. This proposal will provide additional places where they are wanted by parents and carers.
2. The views of the parents and carers, staff, governors and pupils of the school expressed during the consultation have been considered.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The alternative option is to leave the schools as a three form entry school.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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