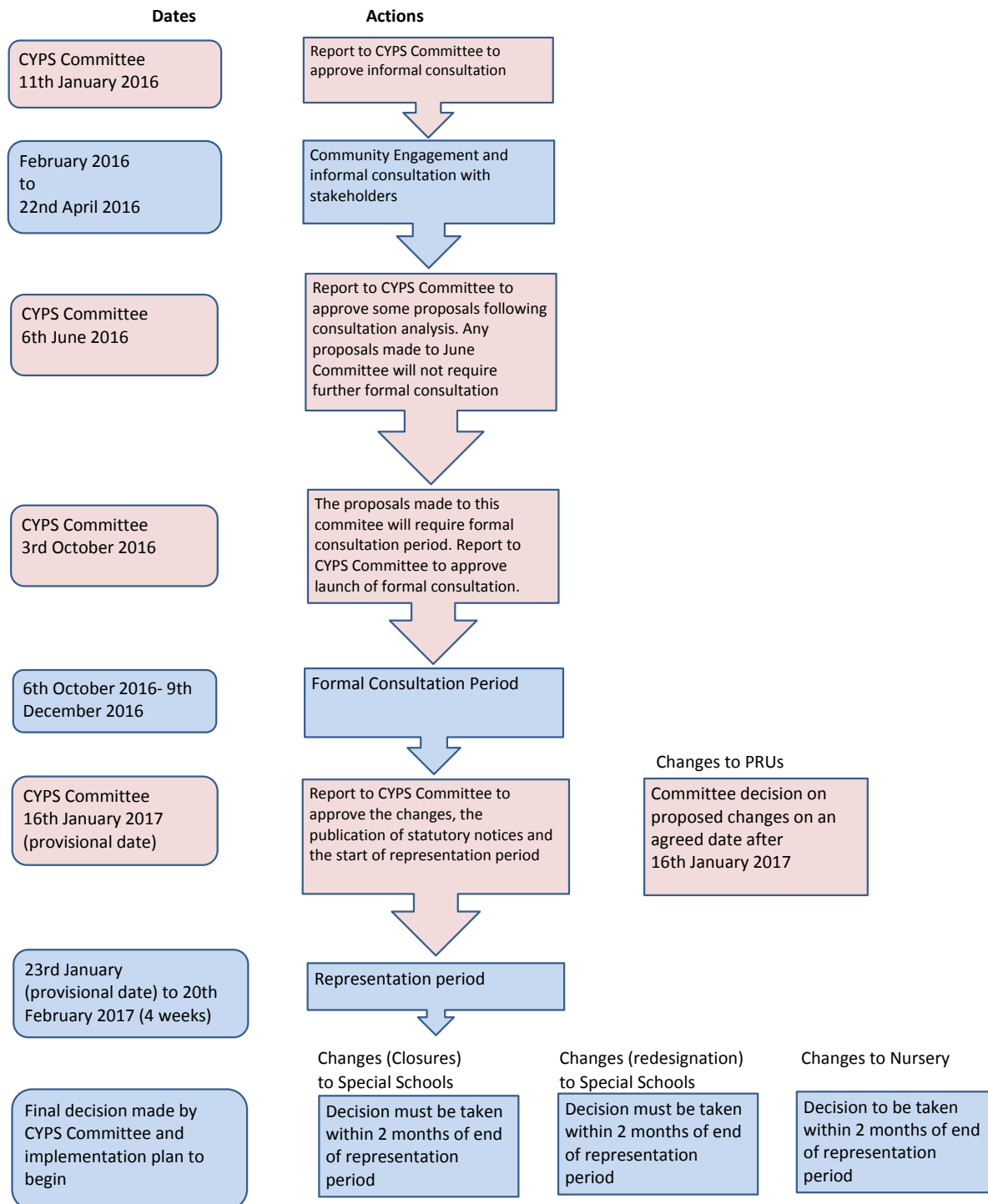


**Appendix 3 - REVISED timeline for the process of change**



**Statutory stages of closure process**

Statutory formal consultation period of at least 6 weeks, is followed by publication of statutory notices and a representation period of 4 weeks. The final decision on closure must be taken within 2 months of end of representation period.

Proposals for prescribed alterations (change of age range, re- designation, expansion) also require a consultation period (not a statutory requirement but is expected) followed by publication of statutory notices, a 4 week representation period and decision as above.

For proposed changes to PRUs there is no statutory process to follow. A period of consultation is required and then a decision can be taken

