

# CABINET

## 21 NOVEMBER 2013

### DECISIONS NOTICE

(PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2013)

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken on the substantive items at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday 21 November 2013. These decisions will be implemented on the expiry of 5 clear working days, unless there is a call-in of any of the decisions (for details on how to do this, please contact Una Sullivan, Democratic & Electoral Services Officer, on 020 8424 1785 or by email [una.sullivan@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:una.sullivan@harrow.gov.uk) or Alison Atherton, Senior Professional – Democratic Services on 020 8424 1266 or by email [alison.atherton@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:alison.atherton@harrow.gov.uk)) in which case any such decision may not be implemented until the resolution of the call-in process. If no request for call-in is received by 5.00 pm on Friday 29 November 2013 then the decisions will be implemented.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Daksha Ghelani, Senior Democratic Services Officer on 020 8424 1881 or by email [daksha.ghelani@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:daksha.ghelani@harrow.gov.uk)

#### 9 Key Decision - Future Organisation of Stanburn First School 4-7 Years and Stanburn Junior School

**RESOLVED:** That, having determined the statutory proposals in relation to Stanburn First School (4-7 Years) and Stanburn Junior School, the two schools be amalgamated in January 2014, namely to:

- extend the age range of Stanburn First School (4-7 Years) to establish a primary school with an age range of 4 years (reception) to 11 years (year 6) from 1 January 2014;
- expand the capacity of Stanburn First School (4-7 Years) from 1 January 2014; and
- discontinue Stanburn Junior School on 31 December 2013.

**Reason for Decision:** In line with the Council's amalgamation policy, combining the two schools would give the opportunity to further improve educational standards by enabling planning as a coherent whole across the primary phase of the national curriculum. It would also provide a greater flexibility across and between key stages. Access to the whole primary curriculum supports and informs whole school planning, assessment, pastoral systems, etc., and provides opportunities for wider staff development and experience across the full primary phase.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** Reject the proposals. Approve the proposals with modifications, for example in relation to the implementation date. Approve the proposals subject to meeting a separate condition.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

## 10 Key Decision - School Expansion Programme

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the outcomes of the statutory consultations on proposals for primary school expansions be noted;
- (2) the publication of statutory notices to expand permanently the following schools be agreed:
  - Aylward Primary School
  - Pinner Wood School
  - Grange Primary School
  - Norbury School
  - Belmont School
  - Priestmead School and Nursery
  - Newton Farm Nursery, Infant and Junior School
  - Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery School
  - Kenmore Park Junior School
  - Whitchurch First School and Nursery
  - Whitchurch Junior School;
- (3) in relation to Cannon Lane Primary School the following be agreed:
  - to extend the consultation period for the Governing Body of Cannon Lane Primary School to respond to the consultation by 4.00 pm on Friday 29 November 2013;
  - to delegate to the Corporate Director of Children and Families, in consultation with Portfolio Holder for Children and Schools, the decision whether to publish statutory proposals to expand permanently Cannon Lane Primary School;

- (4) in relation to St Anselm's Catholic Primary School and St John Fisher Catholic Primary School, it be agreed to delegate to the Corporate Director of Children and Families the decision whether to make representations on any published statutory proposals and for the Corporate Director to liaise with the schools and the Diocese of Westminster through the statutory process;
- (5) the Demographic Information School Roll Projections 2014-2022 Report be noted;
- (6) the Secondary School Place Planning Strategy be approved.

**Reason for Decision:** To enable the Local Authority to fulfil its statutory duties to provide sufficient school places in its area.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** As set out in the report.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

## **11 Accessible Transport - Scrutiny Review Group Report and Recommendations**

**RESOLVED:** That the actions recommended by officers in response to the recommendations made in the Accessible Transport Scrutiny Review Group report be approved.

**Reason for Decision:** To improve accessibility on the borough transport network.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** None.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

## **12 Key Decision - Review of the Council Tax Support (CTS) Scheme**

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) for the purposes of calculating income support entitlement, the key figures, as set out in the report, be uprated in line with the rate used by the government;
- (2) having considered whether to review the Local Scheme, it be agreed that there was no need to review it, and the two year Council Tax Support (CTS) Scheme, as originally adopted by full Council on 21 January 2013, be continued;
- (3) it be noted that the Council Tax Support (CTS) Scheme was fit for purpose and required no fundamental changes.

**Reason for Decision:** The localised Council Tax Support (CTS) Scheme was determined by full Council and implemented on 1 April 2013 after extensive consultation designed to ensure that residents within Harrow were given the opportunity to comment and help shape the final scheme provisions.

The Scheme design and consultation process were based upon retaining the provisions for two consecutive financial years, 2013/14 and 2014/15, so long as key conditions remained unchanged. This was to ensure that awards of Council Tax Support did not exceed the government funding made available and for it, as far as reasonably practicable, to enable a degree of stability for claimants and their families.

There had been no significant fundamental changes, either in caseload, demographics, the economy or funding, which required the Council to consider reviewing or replacing the Scheme as determined by full Council. However, some parameters required an inflation uplift as set out in the determined Scheme. Harrow was updating the Local Scheme to meet those requirements and as such was recommending minor changes to ensure, operationally, assessments were carried out under the same rules and applied consistently.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** To undertake a review of the Scheme.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

**13(a) Motion Referred to Executive - Chief Executive - Senior Management Structure**

**RESOLVED:** That the Motion be noted.

**Reason for Decision:** To meet with the requirements set out in the Constitution (Council Procedure Rules).

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** None.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

[Call-in does not apply].

**13(b) Motion Referred to Executive - Blacklisting of Employees**

**RESOLVED:** That the Motion be noted.

**Reason for Decision:** To meet with to meet with the requirements set out in the Constitution (Council Procedure Rules).

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** None.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member /  
Dispensation Granted:** None.

[Call-in does not apply].

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.30 pm, closed at 8.21 pm).