

HARROW COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

30 OCTOBER 2007

Extract from Cabinet Minutes - 11 October 2007 - Key Decision - Strategic Approach to School Organisation

The Director of Schools and Children's Development introduced the report which outlined the reasons for considering a strategic approach to school organisation at this time and proposed a framework for seeking stakeholder support for a way forward.

The Portfolio Holder for Schools and Children's Development reported that formal consultation carried out in 2002 with stakeholders had identified wide support for the proposed changes, and further extensive consultation was planned. It was anticipated that the proposed change would assist with retention of children in the Borough's schools past primary age. The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services echoed her support for the proposed changes which she felt would enhance Harrow's highly valued and diverse community.

RESOLVED: That (1) commitment be affirmed to implementing a change in the age of transfer from 12 to 11 years;

(2) a stakeholder reference group be established;

(3) the submission of a revised Building Schools for the Future (BSF) bid in accordance with the Department for Children, Schools and Families guidance be agreed;

(4) an amended amalgamation policy be agreed.

Reason for Decision: To deliver school re-organisation so that Harrow schools are in line with the national agenda.

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