

CABINET 21 DECEMBER 2016

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Key Decisions

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that it is impracticable to comply with Regulation 9 in respect of the following key decisions which must be made by Cabinet is for the reasons set out below:

Amalgamation of Hope CE Primary School, Worthen CE Primary School and St Mary’s CE Primary School Westbury

The reason why the consideration of the item above cannot be reasonably deferred is due to:

Cabinet approved the timetable below at their meeting on 14 September and in order to meet the statutory timetable it must go to Cabinet on this date.

On 14 September 2016 Cabinet agreed to formally consult on the proposal to amalgamate Hope CE Primary School, Worthen CE Primary School and St Mary’s CE Primary School. Within the Cabinet report the timetable for the statutory decision making process was laid out – see highlighted below.

Wednesday 14 September 2016	Cabinet decision to consult on closures
Thursday 22 September – Wednesday 2 November 2016	6 week statutory consultation
Wednesday 21 December 2017	Cabinet decision to publish closure proposals
Thursday 12 January 2017	Publication of notice of closure proposals
Thursday 12 January 2017 – Wednesday 8 February 2017	4 week statutory representation period
Wednesday 1 March 2017	Cabinet decision on proposals to close schools

The key decision dates for Cabinet were laid out in the report and the item was inadvertently not added to the Forward Plan for Cabinet on 21 December. It is essential that the matter is considered at the meeting on 21 December Cabinet to fit in with the statutory timetable.

Financial Strategy – Impact of the Local Government Finance Settlement

The reason why consideration of the above item cannot reasonably be deferred is due to:

It is unlikely that the Provisional Local Government Settlement will render any material adjustments to the existing Financial Strategy as the Council signed up to the Government's offer of a multi-year settlement which includes 2017/18, for which we already have indicative figures. It is necessary to ensure an update to the Financial Strategy can be considered (if necessary) on 21 December should there be a material change as this can then be taken into account during the consultation period.

Date: 2 December 2016

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