

Cabinet 14 October 2019

Report from the Head of Executive & Member Services

Outcome of Call-In – The Future School Organisation Arrangements of Roe Green Infant School

Wards Affected:	Barnhill, Fryent, Kenton, Northwick Park, Preston, Queensbury, Welsh Harp.
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Original Cabinet decision was classified as Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	 Three: Appendix A – Cabinet (9 September 19) report – The Future School Organisation Arrangements of Roe Green Infant School Appendix B – Call-in form Appendix C – Supplementary report on the future use of the Roe Green Strathcona site
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report details the outcome of a call-in considered by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday 2 October 2019. The call-in relates to the decision taken by Cabinet on 9 September 2019 in respect of the "The Future School Organisation Arrangements of the Roe Green Infant School".
- 1.2 Under the call-in procedure set out in Standing Order 14 of the Constitution, the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee agreed to refer the decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration.
- 1.3 Cabinet is now required to reconsider the original decision, taking into account the reasons why the Scrutiny Committee decided to refer the matter back, and

the recommendations made by the committee as an outcome of the call-in.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That as required under the call-in procedure, Cabinet reconsider its original decision on the Future School Organisation Arrangements of Roe Green Strathcona Infant School, taking into account the views expressed and recommendation made by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (set out in section 3.6 of this report) and agree one of the following outcomes:
 - 2.1.1 To amend the decision, having taken account of the views expressed and recommendation made by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (having considered the supplementary information provided in Appendix C); or
 - 2.1.2 To confirm the original decision taken by Cabinet on 9 September 2019 enabling it to take immediate effect.

3.0 Background

3.1 At the meeting held on 9 September 2019, Cabinet considered the report from the Strategic Director of Children and Young People, "The Future School Organisation Arrangements of Roe Green Infant School" where it was **RESOLVED:**

That Cabinet determined the proposal published in a statutory notice on 26 June 2019 to:

- i) change the age range of Roe Green Infant School from 3-11 to 3-7;
- ii) reduce the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 150 to 120 for September 2020;
- iii) implement a phased closure of the provision on the Roe Green Infant School Strathcona site so that no new admissions are made into any Reception cohort from September 2020 and the site is fully closed at the end of July 2022.
- 3.2 The 9 September 2019 Cabinet report on which the called-in decision was based is attached as Appendix A.
- 3.3 The Cabinet decision was subsequently called-in by 8 members. Details of the call-in are attached as Appendix B.
- 3.4 The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on Wednesday 2 October to consider the call-in. The Committee heard from the Cabinet Member for Schools, Employment and Skills and received representations from representatives of the councillors who had called-in the decision, ward members and a number of stakeholders.

- 3.5 Based on the information provided and discussion undertaken, the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee agreed to refer the original decision back to Cabinet (as the original decision-maker).
- 3.6 In making this decision, the Committee has asked Cabinet to reconsider the decision and the alternative suggestions that have come forward in relation to alternative and additional educational provision on the site.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this covering report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no direct legal implications from this covering report. Under Standing Order 14 (h) (i) the Cabinet, having reconsidered any called-in decision referred back by a Scrutiny Committee has the options to amend or proceed with implementation of its original decision, as it sees fit having taken account of the views expressed and any recommendations made as a result of the call-in.

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 There are no direct equality implications arising from this covering report.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 None required for this report.
- 8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)
- 8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Report sign off:

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