

# Decision Schedule

## Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL**

### **Decision Schedule published on 28 February 2020**

The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 28 February 2020. They will become effective at Noon on 9 March 2020 with the exception of any particular decision, which is the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 6 March 2020.

**Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via Democratic Services.**

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**E&S 04/20**

### **School Reorganisation Proposal – Amalgamation of Kimberley and Fairoak Nursery Schools**

#### **Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

This report referenced the requirement to move to formal consultation on the proposal to amalgamate Newport's two remaining standalone nursery schools - Kimberley Nursery School and Fairoak Nursery School - into a single school on the Fairoak Nursery School site from September 2021.

Since September 2018, the substantive Headteacher of Fairoak Nursery School managed both schools under an Executive Headteacher arrangement. Take-up of places at the schools over recent years was around 50% of the respective Published Admission Numbers. Kimberley Nursery School was operating with a deficit budget for the last three years. This deficit was projected to be approximately £75,000 at the end of the 2019-20 financial year.

There was a requirement to move to the formal consultation stage of the statutory consultation process. The formal consultation pack would include further information regarding the proposal to enable all consultees and stakeholders to be fully informed of the proposals for the new school.

#### **Decision**

To move to a period of formal consultation on a school reorganisation proposal to amalgamate Kimberley Nursery School and Fairoak Nursery School into a single nursery school on the current Fairoak site from September 2021.

#### **Consultation**

Head of Law and Regulation, Head of People and Business Change and Chief Education Officer.

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

**Implemented By: Chief Education Officer**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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COUNCILLOR G GILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Date: 28 February 2020

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