
Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee

9 January 2020

Consultation on proposed reorganisation of rural and small schools in West Sussex

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

Summary

The consultation on the proposed reorganisation of rural and small schools in West Sussex commenced on 7 October 2019 and closed on 25 November 2019. The attached draft decision report (Appendix A) outlines the findings from the consultation. The report goes on to provide details for the future operation of each school. The proposals for each school have been developed in light of the consultation responses and feedback received from the consultation public meeting events.

Following this meeting, any comments and recommendations will be presented to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills for his consideration ahead of the decision being taken collectively at Cabinet on 14 January 2020.

Focus for scrutiny

The Committee is asked to consider the attached draft Cabinet Member decision report and provide comment to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills prior to the formal decision being taken.

The Chairman will summarise the output of the debate for consideration by the Committee.

Details

The background and context to this item for scrutiny are set out in the attached reports (listed below), including resource and risk implications, Equality, Human Rights, Social Value, Sustainability and Crime and Disorder Reduction Assessments.

Issues for consideration by the Select Committee

- 1.1 The Committee is asked consider the attached draft Cabinet Member decision report, which has been informed by a period of engagement with stakeholders. Issues members may wish to explore include;
 - a) The outcome of the consultation process.

- b) The proposals, as set out in Paragraph 2.
- c) Other options considered as set out in Paragraph 7, for example the impact of not progressing with these proposals.

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Appendix A: Draft Decision Report: Consultation on proposed reorganisation of rural and small schools in West Sussex

Background papers

None