

Summary of Decisions taken at a meeting of the Cabinet meeting that took place in the Council Chamber at County Hall on Thursday 15 December 2022

Please note that this is a summary of decisions taken at the meeting only. A full account of proceedings will appear in the minutes of the meeting which will be published on the Council's website by Monday 9 January 2023.

Published with effect from Thursday 15 December 2022. Provided that a decision is not called-in by close of business on **Tuesday 20 December 2022**, it can then be implemented.

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Present:

| Councillor | Cabinet Member Responsibility |
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| Cllr Kevin Bentley | Leader of the Council (Chairman) |
| Cllr Louise McKinlay | Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community, Equality, Partnerships and Performance (via Zoom) |
| Cllr Tony Ball | Education Excellence, Lifelong Learning and Employability |
| Cllr Malcolm Buckley | Waste Reduction and Recycling |
| Cllr Graham Butland | Devolution, the Arts, Heritage and Culture |
| Cllr Beverley Egan | Children's Services and Early Years |
| Cllr Lee Scott | Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport |
| Cllr John Spence | Health and Adult Social Care |
| Cllr Lesley Wagland | Economic Renewal, Infrastructure and Planning |
| Cllr Chris Whitbread | Finance, Resources and Corporate Affairs |

Cllrs Mark Durham, Peter Schwier and Mike Mackrory were also present. Cllr Ivan Henderson attended remotely, via Zoom.

1. Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest.

The report of Membership, Apologies and Declarations was received and the following were noted:

1. There had been no changes of membership since the last report.
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Chris Pond, Leader of the Non-Aligned Group, and Cllr David King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.
3. Whilst not declarable interests, for transparency Cllr John Spence noted that the Beaulieu Park School was in his division and his wife was a board member of the Chelmsford Learning Partnership. Cllr Mike Mackrory also advised he was a governor at a school within the Chelmsford Learning

Partnership.

2. Minutes: 15 November 2022

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15 November 2022, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Questions from the public

None.

4. Expansion of The Beaulieu Park School by 420 primary places on a phased basis with effect from September 2024 (FP/526/10/22)

This report was considered in conjunction with a Confidential Appendix – minute 9 below refers.

The Cabinet received a report concerning a proposal to meet a growing demand for primary places through expansion of The Beaulieu Park School by two forms of entry over a split school site.

Resolved:

1. Agreed to support the expansion of The Beaulieu Park School by increasing primary aged capacity from 420 places (2 forms of entry) to 840 places (4 forms of entry) on a phased basis with effect from September 2024.
2. Agreed to approve the capital budget for construction and associated project fees as profiled in paragraph 2.3 of the Confidential Appendix to report FP/526/10/22.
3. Agreed that the Head of Infrastructure Delivery is authorised to award the contract for the new build of Beaulieu Park School on the new S106 site when he is content that the following conditions have been met:
 - a) a satisfactory planning permission has been granted;
 - b) the construction costs are within the agreed budget as stated within the Confidential Appendix to report FP/526/10/22 and represent value for money; and
 - c) arrangements are in place for the end user(s) of the building to be provided with collateral warranties by the principal contractors.

5. Decisions taken by or in consultation with Cabinet Members (FP/549/11/22)

The report was noted.

6. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet was scheduled at 10.15am on Tuesday 17 January 2023 at County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH.

7. Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).

8. Confidential Appendix: Expansion of The Beaulieu School by 420 primary places on a phased basis with effect from September 2024 (FP/526/10/22)

The confidential appendix to report FP/526/10/22, to which minute 4, above, refers, was agreed.

9. Urgent Exempt Business

There was no urgent exempt business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.32am.