

Council: Tuesday, 4 November 2014

11.5: Report from Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee – 28 October 2014 – Nursery Schools Review

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Salinger

Delete recommendations and replace with:

1. That the Council note the update on the recommendations of the Early Years Task and Finish Group.
2. Council re-affirms its support for high quality teacher led Early Years Education and instructs officers to prepare a revised Early Years Funding Formula that properly reflects the costs of Early Years Education differentiating between those settings that employ qualified teachers and have buildings and associated costs and those that do not, and to report back on the proposed revised formula to a future meeting of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding committee.
3. That the Council approve consultation on a proposal for an amalgamated Nursery School with a single management and governance structure to be achieved by the closure of Brookhill and St Margaret's Nursery Schools and the expansion of Hampden Way School on split sites.
4. Council instructs officers to report the outcome of the consultation, to a future meeting of the Children's Education, Safeguarding and Libraries committee, so that decisions on the merger are taken by elected Members of the Council.
5. Council notes that Moss Hall Nursery School has chosen not to be involved in this amalgamation, and that the school has produced a budget proposal of its own which will give the Council a long term saving of £160,000 per annum from 2016/7 against their current budget allocation. Council instructs officers to work with the school to ensure that these proposals, along with the changes to the Early Years Funding Formula, will ensure that the school is financially sustainable, and to report back to a future meeting of the Children, Education Libraries and Safeguarding committee if the school's proposals cannot be supported.