



CABINET MEMBER DECISION 8 APRIL 2020

APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF BEWDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Relevant Cabinet Member
Mr M J Hart

Relevant Officer
Director of Children's Services

Local Member
Mr I Hardiman

Recommendation

1. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education and Skills is recommended :

(a) to approve the publication of Public Notice of the proposal to alter the age range of Bewdley Primary School by one year group from 3 -11 to 2-11. The Cabinet will decide the proposals for Public Notice or other proposal in 2018.

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Background

2. A request has been made by Bewdley Primary School to the Local Authority to consider a change of age range at the school from 3-11 to 2-11.

3. Bewdley Primary School currently offers 2-year-old provision as a Governor-led, non-maintained nursery. Under this proposal, the provision would become maintained along with the rest of the school.

4. As per the prescribed alterations regulations outlined in 'Making significant changes ('prescribed alterations') to maintained schools: Statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers October 2018' any proposal to alter the age range of a community school must follow the statutory process, which includes a 4-week representation period before a decision is taken. In this instance, only the Local Authority can be the formal proposer and decision maker of such alterations.

5. In April 2018 the Leader of the Council delegated authority for the publication of statutory proposals for prescribed alterations to maintained schools to the Director of

- d) *The school involved can demonstrate that appropriate facilities, staff and systems will be in place, including how they will manage additional revenue costs*

The change will ensure the continued provision of 2-year-old nursery places in this area, supporting the best start in life for children.

k) Funding for any necessary accommodation changes has already been secured

No additional accommodation is required.

l) Appropriate planning permission and any other consent required have been secured or a clear and transparent timetable for this change has been provided

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Director of Children’s Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

‘Prescribed Alterations’ regulations: *Making significant changes (‘prescribed alterations’) to maintained schools: Statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers October 2018*
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/756572/Maintained_schools_prescribed_alterations_guidance.pdf