



## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The following is a record of the decisions taken at the meeting of **CABINET** held on **Wednesday 3 April 2019**. The decisions will come into force and may be implemented from **Monday 15 April 2019** unless the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee or its Committees object to any such decision and call it in.

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### **Proposal to change the Age Range of Cotsford Junior School from 7-11 to 4-11 from 1 September 2019 to create a Primary School and to close Cotsford Infant School as a Registered School on 31 August 2019 [Key Decision: CYP/02/2018]**

#### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services which sought approval to change the age range of Cotsford Junior School from 7-11 to 4-11 from 1 September 2019 to create a primary school and to close Cotsford Infant School as a registered school on 31 August 2019.

The Cabinet agreed at its meeting on 14 November 2018 the outcomes to be taken that would lead to an amalgamation of Cotsford Infant and Junior Schools. Initial non-statutory consultation on a proposal to amalgamate Cotsford Infant and Junior Schools was carried out between 19 November and 30 December 2018. Five responses were received to this consultation, all of which were in support of the proposal.

In a report dated 7 January 2019, the Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services used delegated powers to approve the issuing of a statutory notice proposing to change the age range of Cotsford Junior School from 7-11 to 4-11 from 1 September 2019 to create a primary school and to close Cotsford Infant School on 31 August 2019. The proposed primary school would be located in Cotsford Junior School and part of Horden One Point building which is next to the junior school. Any person wishing to object or make comments on the proposal had four weeks from that date to do so. No comments were received to the proposal.

Amalgamating Cotsford Infant and Junior Schools into one primary school will provide a more viable establishment for the long term and will provide educational benefits that separate infant and junior schools do not. In the view of the Council, amalgamating infant and junior schools is in the best interests of children and their families. Primary Schools have more opportunity through daily contact, for those working within the school to work together in the best interests of pupils. They benefit from the consistency that working under the leadership of one Head Teacher and one Governing Body brings. A single primary school can reduce the potential for disruption, which some children experience, when they transfer from infant to junior school.

Although there was limited response to the consultation and statutory notice, the responses received were all in favour of the proposal. The views expressed at the consultation meetings were also positive. The lack of objections from Governors, parents and the community together with the rationale put forward by the Council for the proposed reorganisation illustrates that an amalgamation of Cotsford Infant and Junior Schools is the correct strategy to preserve and enhance education in Horden and the surrounding area.

## **Decision**

The Cabinet agreed:

- a) that the age range of Cotsford Junior School be changed from 7-11 to 4-11 from 1 September 2019 to create a primary school using the existing Junior School building and part of Horden One Point; and
- b) that Cotsford Infant School should close as a registered school on 31 August 2019.

## **Annual Enforcement Programme Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991 and Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which reviewed enforcement activities under the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991, the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 and the Licensing Act 2003 for the period April 2018 to March 2019 and sought approval of a new enforcement programme for 2019/20.

The County Council has statutory responsibility for enforcement of age restricted products, namely tobacco, nicotine inhaling products, spray paint containers, alcohol, videos and DVDs, cigarette lighter refills, fireworks and the proxy sale of tobacco products and supply of nicotine inhaling products to under 18s. The Authority has also elected to enforce the age-restricted sales of solvents and glue, knives, access to gaming establishments and access to sunbed premises.

The report provided details of enforcement activity during 2018 / 2019, in relation to age restricted products and tackling supplies of illicit tobacco. Information was provided in relation to complaints, test purchase and seizure activity for this period. Details of the outcomes of enforcement action were also provided.

The proposed enforcement programme for 2019/2020 was detailed in the report which consists of the following activities:

- a) An intelligence led approach to under age sales enforcement and tobacco. This will continue to develop the intelligence from the "Keep it Out Campaign" to deliver enforcement action where possible. Continue to develop sources of community intelligence through partnership working and publicity activity.

- b) Working in partnership with the Police and other enforcement agencies to identify and disrupt the involvement of organised criminality in the illicit tobacco supply chain.
- c) Investigation of all consumer and trader complaints.
- d) Undertaking market surveillance project activity in relation to age restricted products
- e) Continuation of joint working with the Police Harm Reduction Unit and other agencies to adopt a holistic approach to solving problems associated with the accessibility and misuse of age restricted products.
- f) Hold events to raise public awareness of the harms associated with illicit tobacco, to publicise the work of the service and encourage reporting of this criminal activity.
- g) Continuation of the 'Do You Pass' retailer training as a way of assisting business.
- h) Continuation of work in partnership with the police, HMRC and other agencies to tackle sales from private premises to children, particularly in relation to alcohol and tobacco.
- i) Working with the County Durham Tobacco Alliance partners, provide guidance to traders on the legal requirements surrounding E Cigarettes / Vaping equipment and products and access of their customers to advice on smoking cessation support.
- j) Continuation with a practice of reviewing premises when appropriate.
- k) Continuation of work to tackle health inequalities and antisocial behaviour associated with the misuse and illegal supply of age-restricted products, in particular alcohol and tobacco.
- l) Deliver business advice on and carry out enforcement of new legislation for which we may be statutorily responsible including all new legislation, which may emerge in relation to knife sales and corrosive substances.

## **Decision**

The Cabinet approved the proposed enforcement programme for 2019 / 2020.

**The Cabinet resolved to exclude the press and public by virtue of paragraph 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 during discussions on agenda items 12, 13 and 14**

## **New Industrial Development [Key Decision: REAL/03/19]**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services and the Corporate Director of Resources which sought approval to finance new industrial development.

### **Decision**

The Cabinet approved the recommendations contained in the report.

## **Acquisition of Property at Seaham**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which sought approval for the acquisition of a property at Seaham

### **Decision**

The Cabinet approved the recommendation contained in the report.

## **Acquisition of Land at Dragonville Industrial Estate**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which sought to approve the acquisition of land at Dragonville.

### **Decision**

The Cabinet approved the recommendation contained in the report.

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5 April 2019