

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Questions from Nicola Grove – Governor Larkrise School

Agenda Item 6 – Proposals for Special Schools in the North of Wiltshire

To Councillor Pauline Church – Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Skills

Questions

1. Will the full 33 million pounds be committed to the site at Rowdeford for a 400 place school, or will some of the money be held back in the event that it is decided that the 400 places are not required at Rowde and it is deemed appropriate to maintain and improve the existing sites at St Nicholas and Larkrise?

2. I understand that a review of SEND provision across the county has been carried out by ISOS. It would seem sensible to await these findings before committing to a large build special school, which could turn out to be a very unwise fiscal decision. Can we be assured that final decisions regarding the need for a large single site special school will be taken in the light of recommendations of this later report?

3. I note that it is still envisaged that county wide support for mainstream will be provided from the Rowde site. Is it proposed that all support staff will be based there and have to travel out? or will the administrative centre be there, with flexible and devolved use of staff provided locally?