

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES – CLLR L GRUNDY OBE

SCHOOLS AND LEARNING

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REFERENCE: CS-002-13 Intention

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGE OF RESOURCE BASE DESIGNATION AT ST DUNSTAN CCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Purpose of Report

I received a report dated 26th October signed by the Headteacher and Chair of Governors of St Dunstan CE Primary School. The report sets out the background to and results of a consultation undertaken by the school relating to a proposal to change the SEN resource base at the school from complex learning needs to communication and interaction (autism).

The report recommends that the Council should not publish statutory proposals to make the proposed change

Consultation

Other Council members including the local member for Calne have been consulted regarding this decision in accordance with Protocol 5 of Wiltshire Council's Constitution.

Options Considered

Not applicable

Reason for Decision

Having considered the content of the report and a subsequent meeting with the Chair of Governors and the Headteacher, I agree with the school's recommendation for the following reasons:

St Dunstan School is committed to being inclusive in its approach and raising standards of attainment for all pupils within the community it serves. In May 2011 the school was judged good by Ofsted and currently the priority for the governors is to ensure that the progress already made can be sustained in the longer term. The governors, having gone through the process of consultation, considered very carefully the number of responses and issues raised during the process such as increasing stress level for members of staff who feel that they are already responding to a number of significant pressures. The governors therefore do not feel that at this moment in time St Dunstan School is in a strong position to go through a period of

additional changes. Cllr Lionel Grundy had an opportunity to discuss these issues in detail directly with the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors.

INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION

Following consultation with officers I give notice that I intend to make the decision not to publish statutory proposals. If you would like to make any representations to me on this issue please do so by 17th January 2013.

The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above.

Consultation document - PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE RESOURCE BASE AT ST DUNSTAN C. E. V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM COMPLEX LEARNING NEEDS TO COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTION (AUTISM)

Consulation findings – REPORT TO LIONEL GRUNDY OBE, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN SERVICES

Date:8th January, 2013.....

Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE
Cabinet Member for Children’s Services