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REPORT TO LIONEL GRUNDY OBE, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE MAINTAINED NURSERY AT ST DUNSTAN C. E. V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Purpose of Report

1. This report sets out the background to and results of consultation undertaken between Wednesday 9th January and Wednesday 20th February 2013. It recommends that Wiltshire Council should publish statutory proposals to close the Maintained Nursery at St Dunstan C.E. V.C. Primary School.

Background

2. The school currently has 10 Nursery pupils being accommodated in two Reception classes.
3. In response to the diminishing numbers on roll in the Nursery, combined with the fact that there is a voluntary Pre - School on the school site which has the capacity to expand, the governors of St Dunstan decided to consult the St Dunstan Primary School community about the proposal to close the maintained Nursery.

Consultation process carried out

4. The consultation document attached at Appendix 1 was sent on 9th January 2013 to:
 - Parents of pupils currently attending the maintained Nursery at the school.
 - Parents of a child enrolled to join the Nursery in September 2013
 - Parents of other children in the school
 - Teachers and other staff at the school.
 - Diocese of Salisbury – Joy Tubbs
 - The Local Wiltshire Councillor - Councillor Chuck Berry and you, Wiltshire Council's Lead Member for Children's Services Councillor Lionel Grundy OBE
 - The Local MP – James Gray.
 - The County Secretaries of the relevant trade unions and professional associations.
 - Heads and Chairs of Governors of cluster primary schools.
 - Manager and Committee of the voluntary pre – school on site (Sunbeams)
 - Owners or managers of other pre – schools or nurseries within Calne Town
 - Calne Town Council
5. Further copies of the consultation document were made available at the school, and it was also published on the Wiltshire Council website for online response.

6. A public meeting was held at the school on Wednesday 23rd January 2013.

Consultation results

7. Minutes of the public meeting are attached at Appendix 2.

In total there were 40 consultation responses received from all the parties consulted. Of these 18 (45%) agreed with the proposed closure of the Nursery and 22 (55 %) disagreed.

Of the 24 responses from parents of children currently at the school, 9 (4.5%) agreed with the proposed closure and 12 (6%) disagreed. 89% of school families consulted did not respond.

Of the 6 prospective parents who responded, 1 agreed with the proposed closure and 5 disagreed.

These samples are too small to be statistically significant.

A summary of the responses (paper and electronic) is attached at Appendix 3.

Recommendation

9. Having considered the matters set out in this report, we recommend that Wiltshire Council should publish statutory proposals to close the Maintained Nursery at St Dunstan Primary School.

Statement

We confirm that all applicable statutory requirements in relation to the proposals to consult have been complied with.

Signed:

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MARY. E. POPE
HEADTEACHER

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ANNE DAVEY
CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

APPENDIX 1 – COPY OF CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

**APPENDIX 2 – MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd
JANUARY AT 6.00PM**

APPENDIX 3 – SUMMARY OF RESPONSES RECEIVED