

Time started	15:01
Time ended	15:04

Education and Skills Cabinet Member Meeting 19 July 2017

Present: Councillor Russell

In Attendance: Gurmail Nizzer (Acting Director of Commissioning and Head of School Organisation and Provision), Clare Harrison (Democratic Services Manager)

01/17 Apologies

There were no apologies.

02/17 Late Items

There were no late items.

03/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/17 Academy Commercial Transfer Agreements (CTAs) –
Hardwick Primary School and Firs Estate Primary
School

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills considered a report of the Report of the Strategic Director for People Services to approve the Council signing two CTAs for Hardwick Primary School and Firs Estate Primary School.

The Acting Director of Commissioning and Head of School Organisation and Provision reported that Cabinet Member approval was required to facilitate moving forward with the two CTAs based on the Department for Education's (DfE) standard form template. It was further reported that the conversions could be in place by September 2017, but that this had not been confirmed.

The Cabinet Member reiterated the Council's position of 2012 that the leadership of the Council is not in favour of supporting the conversion of maintained schools to academy status. However, the Cabinet Member agreed that, in line with the Academies Act 2016, the Council could find itself in difficulties if it continued to refuse to sign CTAs and impede the conversion of schools to academies. In this vain the Cabinet Member agreed to accept the recommendation to agree to the signing of CTAs for both schools.

It was resolved to approve the Council signing CTAs for Hardwick Primary School and Firs Estate Primary School.

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