

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet
2.	Date:	24th July, 2013
3.	Title:	Proposal to make a prescribed alteration to the age range at Trinity Croft Junior and Infant School from 4-11 to 3-11.
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

Proposals to change the age range at Trinity Croft CE J & I School from 4 to 11 years to 3 to 11 years by establishing a Foundation Stage 1 class have stood from 16th January 2013 including the Statutory Notice Period from 3rd May 2013 to 14th June 2013. After consideration of the one formal objection, the matter can now be determined by Cabinet.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) **After consideration of the formal objection, that Cabinet approves the proposal to change the age range at Trinity Croft CE J & I School from 1st September 2014.**
- 2) **That the Secretary of State for Education be informed accordingly, by the School Admissions, Organisation and SEN Assessment Service.**

7. Proposals and Details

Cabinet have previously agreed to consult on the proposals as follows:

Report to Cabinet Member and Advisors Seeking approval to commence consultation	16 th January 2013
Consultation with Parents) Consultation with Staff) Consultation with School Governors) Consultation with affected schools / providers)	January – March 2013
Report to Cabinet	24 th April 2013
Publication of Statutory Notices	3 rd May 2013
6 week period for representations and objections closes	14 th June 2013
Cabinet decision	24 th July 2013
Implementation Date	1 st September 2014

There are no other 'linked proposals to consider.

8. Finance

The cost of accommodating the additional Foundation Stage 1 pupils will be met from within existing school resources.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The proposal may cause some movement from existing pre statutory age provisions in the local area, but the increased demand for places for 2 year olds that will need to be accommodated will mean that places freed up will be reallocated by this demand.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The major theme supported by the proposal is 'to ensure that everyone has access to skills, knowledge and information to enable them to play their part in society'.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Report to Cabinet Member and Advisers of the 16th January 2013.

Report to Cabinet of the 24th April 2013.

Minutes of the meetings held with relevant School Governors, staff and parents.

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