

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Education Services</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Proposal to make a prescribed alteration to the Kilnhurst Autism Resource Centre</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Children and Young People's Services</b>

### **5. Summary**

This report seeks approval to enter a pre-statutory consultation phase on proposals to transfer the Kilnhurst Autism Resource Unit from Kilnhurst J & I to Milton School Control.

### **6. Recommendation:**

**It is recommended that pre-statutory consultation should commence on proposals to:**

- a) Discontinue the Kilnhurst Autism Resource Centre as an Annex of Kilnhurst J & I School**
- b) Transfer control of the Unit to become a Satellite Unit of Milton School**

**And, that a further report be brought to Members with details of the outcome of that consultation.**

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## **7. Proposals and Details**

It is proposed to discontinue the Kilnhurst Autism Resource Centre as an annex of Kilnhurst J & I School and to transfer control of the Unit under the management of Milton School to become a Satellite Unit of the School.

The discontinuance or transfer of an SEN Unit attached to a Maintained 'mainstream' School is classed as a 'prescribed alteration' under the 'School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013'. It is therefore necessary to consult on the proposals including a 4 week representation period prior to implementation.

## **8. Finance**

There are no cost implications to this proposal, the building, associated resources and Staff employed at the Unit will transfer from under the control / employment of Kilnhurst J & I School to control / employment under Milton School. A Service Level Agreement will be implemented between the two Schools to ensure smooth transition and onward operation.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

If the Local Authority proceeds to the statutory phase of consultation, then formal objections may be lodged during the four week representation period following the publication of the statutory notice. A final decision should be determined by the Cabinet Member within 2 months from the end of the representation period. If this fails to be done, then the matter is referred to the Schools Adjudicator for decision.

## **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'.

### Rotherham School Improvement Mission:

- ~ All children will make at least good progress
- ~ There will be no underperforming cohorts
- ~ All teachers will deliver at least good learning
- ~ All schools will move to the next level of successful performance

## 11. Background Papers and Consultation

The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013

School Organisation (Maintained Schools) guidance for proposers and decision makers (January 2014)

Consultation will be undertaken with the Governing Body of the School, Parents and Carers of Pupils attending the school, staff and union representatives, Parliamentary, Borough and Parish Elected Members, All schools within the Borough and any other pre identified interested parties / stakeholders.

If the proposal was to progress to the statutory phase of consultation then the timetable would be as shown below:

Report to Cabinet Member Seeking approval to consult	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2015
Pre statutory consultation period	
Report to Cabinet Member Seeking approval to proceed to Statutory consultation phase	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
Publication of statutory notices	WC 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2015
4 week period for representations and objections closes	WC 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2015
Members to determine LA decision	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
Implementation	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2015

This proposal is linked to the proposal to make prescribed alterations to Milton School.

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