



# Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	<b>CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
Date	<b>11 JULY 2023</b>
Topic	<b>PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - AMALGAMATION OF CHILLERTON &amp; ROOKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH GODSHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>

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## BACKGROUND

At the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills on 1 September 2022, representatives from headteachers and school governors made a submission that highlighted the issue of school place planning, its impact upon the education of children and over-sufficiency of primary school places.

It was resolved that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills be requested to submit a report on school place planning, together with the statements from Isle of Wight Primary Headteachers and Primary Chairs of Governors, to Cabinet for consideration and identification of options regarding the future provision of primary education on the Island.

A paper was due to go to Corporate Scrutiny and Cabinet in June 2023 but was revoked ahead of the meetings. A new item was added to the Council's Forward Plan that focuses solely on the proposed amalgamation of Chillerton & Rookley Primary School with Godshill Primary School. The committee will review the paper ahead of it going to Cabinet on 13 July 2023.

## FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY

The role of the committee is not to act as a 'shadow Cabinet'. Its function is to ensure that the principles of decision making have been complied with:

- taking into account all relevant considerations and ignoring those which are irrelevant
- compliance with finance, contract and all other procedure rules
- due consultation and proper advice is taken, and alternative options considered before decisions are reached
- impartiality and an absence of bias or pre-determination
- any interests are properly declared
- decisions are properly recorded and published
- decisions are proportionate to the desired outcome
- respect for human rights and equality impacts
- a presumption in favour of transparency and openness
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes
- due consideration of all available options
- reasons are given for decisions

## OUTCOME

Does the committee support the proposed recommendations, or wish to report any comment to Cabinet?

## APPROACH

The Cabinet report to be submitted to the committee.

## DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Report to Cabinet on 13 July 2023 – Amalgamation of Chillerton and Rookley Primary School with Godshill Primary School

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