

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

(under regulations 10(1) and 10(3) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”))

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Children Education and Skills intends to make an executive decision not before 12 August 2021 regarding the holding of public consultation on the proposal to lower the school age range to start from three years of age at Hunnyhill Primary School.

This decision is regarded as a ‘key decision’ and ordinarily under regulation 9 of the Regulations at least 28 clear days’ notice is required to be given in advance on the Forward Plan, setting out that a key decision is to be made, the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made, the name of the decision-making body and its members or the name of the individual decision maker, the date on which, or the period within which, the decision is to be made, a list of the documents submitted, the address from where copies of documents may be obtained, notice that other documents may be submitted to the decision maker and the procedure for requesting details of these documents (if any) as they become available.

Where such notice is impracticable, a general exception notice may instead be given in accordance with regulation 10 of the Regulations.

The Monitoring Officer has by written notice informed the Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee of the matter about which the decision is to be made, namely the intention to make the following decision:

That consultation in relation to Hunnyhill Primary School on the proposal to lower the school age range to accept children from the age of three years old be undertaken (including the giving of public notice) and that the outcome of such consultation be reported to Cabinet on 11 November 2021.

The reason why it was impracticable to have complied with the standard advance notice requirement is because there is a need to undertake public consultation and the timeframes for any implementation mean that it was impracticable to give the standard notice and the matter cannot reasonably be deferred.

The background is that an existing provider of services is due to discontinue service provision in the next academic year and the school proposes to lower its school age range to 3 years old so that provision can be made.

A copy of this notice has been made available for inspection by the public and published on the Council’s website.

Dated 4 August 2021

Signed: Christopher Potter, Monitoring Officer