

NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR AND CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decisions on 6 September 2006, which will become effective on 20 September 2006 unless they are called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 19 September 2006.

1. REFERRAL FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – NEW SCHOOL SITE

Having referred to an officer report and listened to a presentation from the Chair of the Children & Young People Select Committee, the Mayor made the following responses to the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

(1) Recommendation 6.1 and the officer response be noted.

(2) Recommendation 6.2 and the officer response be noted.

(3) Recommendation 6.3 and the officer response be noted.

(4) Recommendation 6.4 - The Overview and Scrutiny Committee be informed the Mayor's practice had always been to rigorously examine and probe officer advice and that he did this on a daily basis. He was committed to actively engaging with other parties and he would be launching two new cross party Commissions within a couple of weeks which he hoped would establish new ways of joint working.

(5) Recommendation 6.5 - The Overview and Scrutiny Committee be informed the Mayor believed ward members should always be involved and informed about major schemes in their wards but should not expect to exercise a veto. He further advised he regarded the site of a new school as a strategic decision impacting on multiple wards and that therefore individual consultation with the ward members would not necessarily have been appropriate.

(6) Recommendation 6.6 - The Overview and Scrutiny Committee be reminded the Mayor had already agreed to engage independent consultants to look at alternative schools sites in consultation with opposition political groups.

(7) Recommendation 6.7 and the officer response be noted.

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