

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 16 April 2012

Decision No: (CAB 11/12 8039)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN SERVICES AND LEARNING
SUBJECT:	OAKLANDS PRE-SCHOOL
AUTHOR:	Karl Limbert

THE DECISION

- (i) Subject to obtaining consent from the Secretary of State to dispose of the relevant area (as identified in Appendix 1), to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning, following consultation with the Heads of Legal, HR and Democratic Services, Property and Procurement and Finance, and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning, to approve the details and completion of the letting of the pre-school facilities on the Oaklands site to Oasis Community Learning at the appropriate time, following the vacation of the former Oaklands Community School site by Oasis Community Learning. A 2-year lease will be offered, which will be reviewable after 1 year.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Under the terms of the existing Short Term Lease, the Oasis Academy: Lord's Hill will vacate the Oaklands site upon completion of its new buildings (currently scheduled for September 2012). This will serve as a trigger for the Short Term Lease being terminated and, as such, for the Oaklands site being handed back over to the Authority. On this basis, it is now necessary to put in place arrangement for the operation of the onsite pre-school (who would otherwise be left without rights to occupy their element of the building from September 2012). Although the Council is exploring options in relation to the long-term use of the Oaklands site, the arrangements for this facility to operate in the short-term are yet to be established.
2. This report, therefore, seeks to secure agreement for a short term lease solution relating to the facilities in question, with a view to having this in place in time for the handover of the site in September 2012.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

As there is currently a pressure on early years places throughout the city, it has been determined that the pre-school provision currently located at the Oaklands site should be maintained. The option of disbanding this provision has thus been discounted. As maintaining this pre-school in its current location represents the most cost-effective option available (as this space would otherwise be vacant) and even serves to offset some of the maintenance liabilities that would otherwise fall to SCC; it has been determined that the offer of a lease to the pre-school in their current location represents the most practical means of maintaining provision in a sustainable fashion (as opposed to relocating them elsewhere).

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 16th April 2012

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council’s Scrutiny “Call-In” provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed <i>(if applicable)</i>
Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>