

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 24 October 2011

Decision No: (CAB 11/12 7373)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING
SUBJECT:	JOINT WORK WITH THE ISLE OF WIGHT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES
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THE DECISION

Having complied with paragraph 15 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules:

- (i) To agree to the development of a working relationship with the Isle of Wight Council to provide school improvement and related education functions for an initial period covering the academic year 2011/12.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning following consultation with the Acting Head of Legal and Democratic Services to do anything necessary to support, plan and implement the collaborative working arrangements.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. This report is submitted for consideration as a General Exception under paragraph 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the City Council's Constitution, notice having been given to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Public. In order to progress the joint working arrangements, a decision is required as soon as possible and before the publication of the next forward plan.
2. Both the Isle of Wight and Southampton City councils are seeking greater efficiencies in their delivery. Through this joint working relationship, both authorities will be able to rationalise delivery whilst maintaining a focus on statutory duties and outcomes for children, young people and families.
3. The Isle of Wight Council has a number of statutory responsibilities which it is currently relying upon contractors to fulfil. This limits continuity or confidence amongst the school community. A traded services arrangement with Southampton City Council would provide immediate access to a broader range of expertise than the council currently is able to secure. It would give some Southampton City Council staff the opportunity to work on a broader scale and will ease the sharing of expertise across the head teacher groups in both local authorities.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not to work in partnership with the Isle of Wight Council to deliver school improvement and related services. This would reduce the ability of both authorities to gain efficiencies in the management and delivery of services.

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: 24th October 2011

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 *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*