

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 4 July 2011

**Decision No:** (CAB 11/12 6466)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN SERVICES AND LEARNING
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN SERVICES AND LEARNING
SUBJECT:	SCHOOLS DEFICIT BUDGETS 2011/12
AUTHOR:	CAROLYN WORTHY

### THE DECISION

- (i) that the deficit budgets for the following schools for 2011/12 be approved:

	Years in Deficit	Deficit
Ludlow Junior School	1	£19,000
Chamberlayne College of the Arts	3	£57,000
St George Catholic VA College	5	£37,000
Vermont School	9	£42,000
<b>Total Requested</b>		<b>£155,000</b>

- (ii) that unless the school can demonstrate at a meeting in September that their recovery plan is achievable, notice will be given that a deficit application in 2012/13 will not be supported.
- (iii) to note that the approval of the above deficits does not confirm the Council's acceptance of the management of the overall financial position in relation to the schools in question, or in any way limit or remove the Council's power to undertake intervention action in schools in accordance with the Scheme for Financing Schools or otherwise, as provided for under the Education Acts.
- (iv) to delegate Authority to the Director of Children's Services and Learning, following consultation with the Head of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, to take any intervention action necessary under the Scheme for Financing Schools or otherwise as provided for in the Education Acts, to secure to good management and governance of Southampton schools or to otherwise address the financial or performance management of maintained schools in Southampton.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Approval of the recommendation will allow schools to adjust to changes in pupil numbers without making significant cuts in staffing or other costs and without detrimentally affecting standards.

**DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The alternative is not to allow any deficit budgets. This would have a detrimental effect on school standards and would not allow some schools time to adjust to changes in pupil numbers or make the required changes to staffing structures.

**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: 4 July 2011

Decision Maker:  
Cabinet member for Children’s Services  
and Learning

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