

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Offerton Hall Nursery and Dial Park Primary Schools' Proposals

Report to Cabinet

Date: 19/12/17

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Education

Key Decision: (b) No

Forward Plan ☒ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

Offerton Hall Nursery has been identified as requiring review following a proposal by the Nursery School in 2016 to improve sustainability of the provision. With upcoming changes to nursery education provision nationally, consideration must be given to the future viability and sustainability of the setting.

The Cabinet is asked to consider feedback from public consultation and requests a decision on whether to publish related statutory proposals for future nursery education arrangements at Offerton Hall Nursery and Dial Park Primary Schools.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

The following report proposes to discontinue Offerton Hall Nursery School, and then subsequently reduce the lower age limit of Dial Park Primary School to accommodate the existing nursery provision. This would take effect from 1st September 2018.

The two schools already share the same postcode and front gate. Both buildings will remain physically unchanged, other than some minor amendments to assist access, although the management of the Nursery School will transfer to the Primary School. For parents, carers and children there will be no obvious change. There might be some impact for a small number of staff which will need to be carefully managed, with all staff supported throughout; however, for most there will be little change.

While part of the reason for the change is to make the best use of the limited resources and improve the long term sustainability of early years provision for families in Offerton, there is also the potential for significant benefits to young people's experiences. The creation of one school will promote integrated education for pupils aged 2 to 11 in Offerton, and this is a known contributor to children's wellbeing, attainment and progress.

The Cabinet is asked to approve the report.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

The Cabinet is requested to consider feedback from the consultation.

The Cabinet is requested to approve the publication of related statutory proposals to:

- Discontinue Offerton Hall Nursery School with effect from 31st August 2018; and
- Reduce the lower age limit of Dial Park Primary School in order to accommodate nursery provision with effect from 1st September 2018.

The Cabinet is also requested to delegate authority for the final decisions to the Corporate Director, People, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education if there are no significant objections received during the formal representation period.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(e)** Children & Families

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(f)** There are none.

Additional Information Attached

Enclosure 1: Consultation Feedback Summary Document

Enclosure 2: Consultation Document

Enclosure 3: Equalities Impact Assessment

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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'Urgent Business': **(g)**

~~Yes~~ No (Please circle)

Certification (if applicable) Not applicable.
