

SCHOOL PLACE REVIEW POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2007

Present – Councillors J. Byrne, Hollick, Mrs. Swarbrick, Mrs. Thomas and A. Wilkinson

Mr. M. Chapman	-	Primary Headteacher Representative
Mr. B. Carney	-	School Partnership Governor
Ms. J. Cowley	-	Representative Manchester Church of England Diocese
Mr. K. Howells	-	Secondary Headteacher Representative

Also in attendance

Ms. S. Sollazzi	-	Manager, Asset Management Unit
Mr. G. Kelly	-	Deputy Manager, Asset Management Unit
Mrs. C. Davies	-	Head of Finance
Mrs. V. Fogg	-	Manager, Pupil and Student Services
Mrs. V. Ridge	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. Brierley, L. Byrne and Rock, Mr. Burrows, Mr. Conway, Mr. Lochery and Mrs. Gutteridge.

Mr. M. Chapman in the Chair.

7. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Policy Development Group held on 7th June, 2007 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

8. GENERAL COMMENTS ON PROCEDURE, TIMETABLE AND MEETINGS

The Chairman explained to the Group the process that had been undertaken to date with regard to Phase 3 of the Primary School Review, in terms of consultation with parents, headteachers and governors.

With regard to the decision making process, the Group was informed that this Group would make recommendations to the Executive in October, 2007 and then the formal proposals would be published, with a consultation process lasting six weeks.

It was agreed that the position be noted.

9. **CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR PHASE 3**

The Director of Children's Services submitted details of all the comments and objections that had been received to the published proposals during the initial consultation exercise.

Members of the Group discussed the content of the submissions received and Ms. S. Sollazzi outlined other appropriate background details in respect of each proposal.

It was agreed that the Executive be recommended to:-

(i) Blackrod

Agree to discontinue Scot Lane End CE Primary, in order to remove 15 surplus places, with effect from 31st August, 2008.

(ii) Horwich

Agree to reduce the Pupil Admission Number at Chorley New Road Primary School to 30 in the short term, with an option to increase again should this be required to accommodate increasing pupil numbers in the future.

(iii) Westhoughton

- 1) Agree to discontinue Westhoughton Community Primary School, in order to remove 30 surplus intake places, with effect from 31st August, 2008.
- 2) Agree that the Pupil Admission Number at Washacre Community Primary School remain at 20 for the foreseeable future.

(The meeting started at 3.30 p.m. and finished at 5.00 p.m.)