

Central Bedfordshire Council

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Proposed change of designation, of Church End Lower School, from a Foundation school to a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School

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This report relates to a decision that is non-key

Purpose of this report

1. The Committee are asked to recommend to the Executive, support for the application from Church End Lower School, Marston Moretaine to the Department for Education (DfE), under Section 10 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, as amended by the Education Act 2011, for a change of designation from a Foundation school to a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School.
2. If supported the Section 10 application will be submitted by the school to the DfE for consideration. If approved by the DfE a further statutory consultation by the school will commence.
3. The school referred to within the report serves the Ward of Cranfield and Marston Moretaine.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to recommend to the Council's Executive: -

1. **To support the application from Church End Lower School to the DfE for the consideration of a change of designation from a Foundation school to a Voluntary Controlled school and note the favourable responses to the preliminary consultation carried out by the school. (As set out in Appendix 1).**
2. **Subject to approval by the DfE, to support the statutory process to be carried out by the school, which will require publication of**

a statutory notice followed by formal consultation of at least four weeks

- 3. Approve that determination for the proposed change of designation be made by the Executive Member for Families, Education and Children, if responses to the formal consultation are favourable. If responses to the formal consultation are not favourable determination to be made by the Executive.**

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

4. Overview and Scrutiny are asked to recommend to the Executive the recommendations as set out in Appendix 1.

Council Priorities

5. The report supports Central Bedfordshire's Five Year Plan 2015- 2020 and the specific priority of Improving Education and Skills.

Legal Implications

6. As set out in the Legal Implications section of the report attached as Appendix 1.

Financial and Risk Implications

7. As set out in the Financial Implications section of the report attached as Appendix 1.

Equalities Implications

8. As set out in the Equality Implications section of the report attached as Appendix 1.

Conclusion and next Steps

9. Subject to the Council's Executive approval, Church End Lower School will submit their Section 10 application to the DfE for a change of designation.

10. Subject to approval by the DfE, the school will launch a formal consultation which will require publication of a statutory notice for at least four weeks.
11. Determination for the proposed change of designation will be made by the Executive Member for Families, Education and Children, if responses to the formal consultation are favourable. If responses to the formal consultation are not favourable determination to be made by the Executive.

Appendices

Appendix 1 is attached.

Appendix A and B are referred to in the Council's Executive report

Background Papers

None

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