

EXECUTIVE – 7 JULY 2015

Recommendation to Executive from the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 June 2015

CS/15/12. Proposal to recommission primary specialist provision for Autistic Spectrum Condition in Dunstable

The Executive Member for Education and Skills introduced a report that outlined the proposal to recommission primary specialist provision for Autistic Spectrum Condition in Dunstable and to seek support from the Committee to start the consultation process.

In light of the report Member discussed the following details:-

- The process undertaken by officers that had resulted in Ardley Hill Academy emerging as the only school to submit a business case for consideration.
- Whether specialist experience existed within the Council to ensure standards were maintained. The Director of Children's Services confirmed that there are specialist officers within the Directorate who offered advice to schools.
- Whether specialist staff based at Streetfield would be transferred to Ardley Hill or that new staff would be recruited. The Director of Children's Services advised that at the present time it is expected that staff would transfer to Ardley.

RECOMMENDED that the Committee support the proposal to recommission primary specialist provision for Autistic Spectrum Condition in Dunstable and supported the start of the consultation process.