

## **LEADER DECISION**

### **Decision:**

#### PROPOSAL TO CLOSE RIPLEY CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

##### **(i) Details of decision**

It was agreed that the proposal to close Ripley CofE Primary School be approved.

##### **(ii) Reasons for decision**

It is recognised that the majority of representations made objected to the proposal, and that the school is valued highly by the local community. However, this particularly difficult and sensitive recommendation is put forward due to the following reasons which cannot be overcome despite the overwhelming community support for the school:

1. No appropriate realistic options for the future of the school have arisen during the informal consultation and the statutory representation period.
2. Progress of children is significantly below average, despite meeting average attainment. Ofsted raised concerns regarding outcomes for pupils lower down the school, pupils from deprived backgrounds and pupils with special educational needs.
3. The number of children on roll now is untenable and it is not viable to continue the school. Children that have moved during the period of uncertainty have been able to find places in other schools due to the number of vacant places in the surrounding areas. Schools in surrounding areas have sufficient places to accommodate displaced pupils.
4. Three year groups only have 1 child in each year, and a further year group only has 2 children. This limits the opportunities for children to learn and play with children of their own age.

##### **(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected**

The Leader of the Council considered the option of a collaboration with Shere CofE Infant School, as detailed in the supplementary agenda.

##### **(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report**

None

### **Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted**

**(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)**

None

### **Other Members present:**

Mrs Julie Iles, Local Members, Horsleys

Mrs Mary Lewis, Cabinet Member for All-Age Learning

**Decision taken by:**

- (i) **Name:** Mr David Hodge CBE
- (ii) **Portfolio:** Leader of the Council

**Date of Decision:** 17 July 2018

**Date of Publication of Record of Decision:** 17 July 2018

**Date decision effective (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Children and Education Select Committee):**  
25 July 2018

## **CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

### **Decision:**

- (i) Details of decision
- (ii) Reasons for decision
- (iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected
- (iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

### **Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted**

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)

### **Decision taken by:**

- (i) Name:
- (ii) Portfolio:

### **Date of Decision:**

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### **Decision:**

- (i) Details of decision
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**Decision taken by:**

**(i) Name:**

**(ii) Portfolio:**

**Date of Decision:**

**Date of Publication of Record of Decision:**

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