

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	20 January 2016
Title:	Amalgamation of Crestwood Secondary and Quilley Secondary Schools
Reference:	7118
Report From:	Interim Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Chris Holt - Programme Manager, Children's Services

Tel: 01962 845673

Email: Chris.holt@hants.gov.uk

1. The decision:

That public notices be published in accordance with Sections 15 and 19 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to:

- a) Discontinue Quilley Secondary School with effect from 31 August 2016
- b) Enlarge Crestwood Secondary School through the utilisation of Quilley Secondary School's site and buildings, with effect from 1 September 2016.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. There are some significant challenges facing secondary education in the areas served by both Quilley and Crestwood secondary schools. These challenges relate to the educational performance of Quilley and the need to secure sufficient, quality secondary school places in the medium term to match the growth in demand for primary school places in this part of Eastleigh.
- 2.2. The governing bodies of both Quilley and Crestwood schools are of the view that the interests of pupils in the area which the schools serve will be best served through a single secondary school based on the two current sites.
- 2.3. Consultation with the schools' communities and other interested parties on a proposal to amalgamate Crestwood and Quilley schools did not reveal any clear consensus either for or against the proposal. On balance the parents of pupils at both Crestwood and Quilley schools who responded to the consultation via the online response form are in favour of the proposal, as are the Quilley pupils who responded online.
- 2.4. The issues facing Quilley of year on year poor educational performance together with low pupil numbers, form something of a vicious circle. As such significant change is needed. The amalgamation of Quilley with Crestwood

Secondary School represents a new approach to secondary education in this part of Eastleigh designed to capitalise on the good practice which presently exists in both schools and raise pupils' attainment across the board.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To maintain the status quo of separate secondary schools.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel

5.1. None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent

6.1. Not applicable

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

20 January 2016

**Executive Member for Education
Councillor Edgar**