

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	20 January 2016
Title:	Amalgamation of Vigo Infant and Vigo Junior Schools
Reference:	7117
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 Vigo Junior School with effect from 31 August 2016
- b) Establish a community primary school for up to 630 pupils by enlarging Vigo Infant School through the utilisation of Vigo Junior School's site and buildings, and extension of Vigo Infant School's age range to form a primary school for ages 4-11, with effect from 1 September 2016.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. In July 2015 the Chair of Governors of both Vigo Infant and Vigo Junior schools' wrote on behalf of both governing bodies to the Executive Member for Education. The letter from the junior school governing body acknowledged that the school had been underperforming for a number of years, endorsed by the October 2014 Ofsted judgement that the school was failing to provide an adequate education for its pupils and successive Ofsted monitoring visits in May and October 2015 which concluded that the school was not improving rapidly enough. The letter set out the governing body's view that a fresh start was needed through the creation of an all through primary school.
- 2.2. The letter from the infant school governing body expressed the view that it would make sense to have an all through primary school, made reference to the latest Ofsted inspection in April 2015 which judged the infant school to be good, and asked for assistance in bringing a primary school about.
- 2.3. The decision was taken to consult with the schools' community and other interested parties on the proposal to amalgamate Vigo Infant and Junior schools to form a primary school.

- 2.4. Both Vigo Infant and Vigo Junior schools' governing bodies want the schools to amalgamate to form an all through primary school.
- 2.5. There is a clear consensus amongst parents who responded to the consultation in favour of the proposal to amalgamate.
- 2.6. The amalgamation of Vigo Infant and Junior schools and the creation of a primary school is the option most likely to be successful in effectively bringing about rapid improvement in the quality of provision for Key Stage 2 pupils.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

To maintain the status quo of separate infant and junior schools.

4. Conflicts of interest:

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	