

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	29 March 2010
Title:	Proposed closure of Chineham Park Primary School
Reference:	1391
Report From:	John Coughlan – Director of Children’s Services

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1. The decision:

That approval be given to the following proposal, published by the Local Authority in accordance with Section 15 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 :

To discontinue Chineham Park Primary School, Basingstoke with effect from 31 August 2010.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. The Local Authority believes the proposal will lead to improvements in the standard and quality of educational provision for children, better preparing them for their next stage of education and for their future economic wellbeing.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The school to remain open.

- a) The school has struggled to ensure its pupils have received a satisfactory standard of education for a number of years. During this time the school has failed Ofsted inspections on three separate occasions, the latest being January 2009.
- b) The latest monitoring inspection by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate judged that progress since the Ofsted inspection was inadequate.
- c) The Secretary of State has written to the Local Authority expressing concern about the failings of the school, reminding the LA of the reserved powers which he has to direct closure of the school, and seeking “clear and compelling” evidence why these powers should not be used in the event of the LA not deciding to close the school.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

None

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

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

6.1. The matter is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred in order that the Council's position is not compromised or disadvantaged by any inability to act. To delay the decision to close the school would result in an inadequate school continuing for longer than necessary to provide an unsatisfactory standard of education.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor T. K. Thornber, CBE	Date: 29 March 2010
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