

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	22 January 2014
Title:	Amalgamation of Siskin Infant School and Siskin Junior School to become a primary
Reference:	5446
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Education approves statutory consultations taking place with:

The governing body, parents, pupils, staff and parents of the Siskin Schools together with the governing bodies, staff and parents of any other schools that may be affected, trade unions, diocesan authorities, MPs, district, borough and parish councils, neighbouring local authorities and other interested parties.

- b) That a consultation document be prepared and made available to all consultees in advance of any consultation
- c) That a report on the outcome of the consultation be prepared for submission for the 24 March 2014 decision day.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Following an Ofsted inspection in February 2013 Siskin Infant School was judged to have serious weaknesses.
- 2.2. An examination of all options on the future of the Siskin Schools (currently a federation) by the governing body resulted in the local authority receiving a letter asking that a consultation be carried out to close Siskin Infant School and extend the age range of Siskin Junior School to become a primary school.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The status quo. This would give rise to Siskin Infant School becoming an academy and is not the preferred option of the governing body.

3.2. Closing both the infant and junior school and opening a new primary school.
As a new school this would be an academy and the Governing Body of the Siskin federation wish to continue to work alongside the local authority and the potential for the establishment of an academy is not the preferred option of that body.

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:
Not applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

22 January 2014

**Executive Member for Education
Councillor Peter Edgar**