

**DECISIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED
BEFORE THURSDAY, 22ND JUNE, 2006**

CABINET
13th June, 2006

PRESENT - Councillor Williams (in the Chair); Councillors Dixon, Harker, McEwan, Thistlethwaite, L. Vasey and Wallis. (7)

APOLOGIES – Councillor Bristow and D. A. Lyonette. (2)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillors Armstrong, Johnson and Richmond. (3)

C23. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – In respect of Minute C24(1) below, Councillor L. Vasey declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she was Chair of Governors at North Road Primary School and left the meeting during consideration of that item only; Councillor Harker declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest as he was a Governor at Reid Street Primary School; and Councillor McEwan declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest as he had children at one of the schools referred to in the submitted report.

C24. KEY DECISIONS – (1) (URGENT ITEM) Building Schools for the Future Primary Programme and Building Schools for the Future Primary Pilot Proposal - The Cabinet Member with the Children's Services Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Children's Services (previously circulated) providing Members with information concerning primary school capital investment (including infant and junior schools); informing Members of the recently announced Every Child Matters Primary Capital Programme (PCP); and seeking approval for the submission of a pilot scheme PCP for consideration of support by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES).

RESOLVED - (a) That the Department for Education and Skills consultation on the new Every Child Matters Primary Capital Programme, be noted.

(b) That the robust review of all existing primary schools in the Borough, using the proposed criteria, as detailed in the consultation paper, to develop a programme of investment for all Darlington primary schools, be approved.

(c) That the submission of a pilot proposal for North Road Primary School by the deadline date of 14th June, 2006, be approved.

REASONS - (a) To develop a strategic investment plan for all primary schools in Darlington which will ensure the Council is in a position to target future investment through the Primary Capital Programme quickly and effectively.

(b) To attempt to secure early investment into North Road Primary School through the Every Child Matters Primary Capital Programme.

(2) Academy for Darlington - Expression of Interest - The Cabinet Member with the Children's Services Portfolio introduced the report of the Director of Children's Services (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the submission of an expression of interest in an Academy for Darlington, to replace Eastbourne School. A copy of the expression of interest and the minute from the meeting of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 24th April, 2006, which considered the submission of an Expression of Interest, were appended to the submitted report.

RESOLVED - (a) That the expression of interest, as appended to the submitted report, be approved for submission to the Department for Education and Schools.

(b) That work be undertaken to progress through the feasibility stage, should the expression of interest be approved.

(c) That the identified site for the Academy, as detailed in the Expression of Interest as appended to the submitted report, be agreed, and it be confirmed that no others are under consideration.

(d) That the site be transferred at nil cost to the Academy prior to the Academy opening, with terms to be agreed to the Funding Agreement for the Academy.

REASON - To allow the expression of interest to be submitted to the Department for Education and Skills and further work on feasibility to progress as appropriate.

**DECISIONS DATED -
THURSDAY, 15TH JUNE, 2006**