



Buckinghamshire County Council

Report School Organisation Committee

Date 3 July 2002

Title Statutory Notice: Marsh Gibbon CE School: Change of Category

Author Strategic Manager-Schools and Chief Education Officer

Contact Officer David Ayres (01296) 383527

Electoral Divisions Affected

Mr K Liverseidge: Buckingham South

Recommendation

The School Organisation Committee is asked to consider the proposal and to agree whether or not to determine the Statutory Notice.

Supporting Information

To bring to the Committee, statutory proposals in relation to the change of category of Marsh Gibbon School to Aided status. These proposals have been consulted upon and the statutory objection period is now finished. Proposals relating to the change of category from Voluntary Controlled to Voluntary Aided status for the School were published on 31 March 2002 by the Governing Body through the publication of statutory notices along with relevant supporting information and are proposed to take effect from 1 September 2002. A pack of documents relating to these proposals containing a copy of the statutory notice, the prescribed information and the consultation document were sent to all members of the School Organisation Committee.

(MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING THESE PAPERS WITH THEM TO THE MEETING IN ORDER THAT APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION LEADING TO A DECISION ON THE INDIVIDUAL NOTICES CAN TAKE PLACE).

The formal objection period closed on 31 May 2002. A statutory objection to the proposals was received by the Governors prior to the end of the Objection Period. Because the proposals are from governors and because an objection has been received, they must be determined by the Committee.

At the meeting of the Committee in January it was agreed that it would be helpful to have some background information on schools changing category (eg from controlled to aided or

from community to foundation) and, in particular to consider advantages for children arising from such a change. (this is attached as annexes).

The published proposals conform with the requirements of Section 28 School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (as modified by the Education (Change of Category of Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2000) and the supporting documents include the information prescribed in the said 2000 Regulations.

The relevant guidance from the DfEE 'Guidance on Statutory Proposals' can be found on pages 103 – 105 of that document.

Resources Appraisal

There are no immediate resource implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

Correspondence between the Head of School Organisation and the Chairman of Governors

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

If you have any views on this paper which you would like the Committee to consider please inform the Secretary to the School Organisation Committee. This can be done by telephone (01296 383710 or 383610) or e-mail to rpopat@buckscc.gov.uk or cgray@buckscc.gov.uk