



Buckinghamshire County Council

Report *School Organisation Committee*

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Title Statutory Notices: Bedgrove Infant and
Bedgrove Junior Schools
Change of Category from Community to Foundation

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Electoral Divisions Affected

Recommendation

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

Supporting Information

To bring to the Committee, statutory proposals in relation to the change of category of Bedgrove Infant and Junior Schools to Foundation status. These proposals have been consulted upon and the statutory objection period is now finished. Proposals relating to the change of category from Community to Foundation status for the two Schools were published on 3 April 2003 (by the Governing Body of the Infant School) and on 2 April 2003 (by the Governing Body of the Junior School) through the publication of statutory notices along with relevant supporting information and are both proposed to take effect from 1 September 2003. A pack of documents relating to these proposals containing a copy of the statutory notice, and all the prescribed information will be available for inspection at the meeting and also can be seen at www.buckscc.gov.uk/cabinet_papers/other_school_organisation_committee.

The formal objection period closed on 3 June 2003 (for the Infant School) and on 2 June 2003 (for the Junior School). No objections to the proposals were received prior to the end of the objection period. As the proposals are from governors they must be determined by the Committee.

At the meeting of the Committee on 22 January 2003, it was agreed that it would be helpful to have written confirmation from the Secretary that the published proposals and the

prescribed information provided by the School complies with the Education (Change of Category of Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2000.

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 Committee should note however that the said 2000 Regulations provide that Governing Bodies bringing forward these type of proposals must consult all interested parties, and in so doing must have regard to the DfES's guidance. The relevant extract from DfES's guidance (DfES Circular 9/99) is attached as an annex and provides a list of interested parties who should be consulted by proposers. This includes all other schools in the area that may be affected by the proposals. It should be noted that neither the Infant nor Junior School consulted with all schools within a two-mile radius prior to publication of the notices. The schools that were not consulted include Ashmead Combined, Elmhurst Infant and Junior, Oak Green Combined and St Louis Catholic Combined.

In addition to this, prior to publication of the notices, the said DfES guidance requires the schools to consult with their staff who would be affected by the proposals.

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

See attached as annexes the statutory notice for each proposal, a selection of background papers for each proposal and extract from DfES Circular 9/99.

Resources Appraisal

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

Background Papers

Correspondence between the Secretary and the Headteachers of each school.

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 383636 or 383610) or e-mail to rpopat@buckscc.gov.uk or cgray@buckscc.gov.uk