


WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date Of Decision	31/05/16
Decision Maker	<p><i>Simon White – Interim Director of Children's Services in consultation with Cabinet Member for Children and Families</i></p> 
Brief Description Of Decision	<i>Agree to start a consultation on proposals to close the Early Years Specialist Language provision at Sutton Park Primary School (Wyre Forest) – a school organisation change to remove SEN provision at a mainstream school.</i>
Reason(s) For Decision	<p><i>Following a full procurement exercise and tender process, Sutton Park Primary School Governing Body chose not to tender for the service from September 2016.</i></p> <p><i>As a maintained community school the Local Authority can propose to remove SEN provision at the school. A statutory process is required which includes a non-statutory expectation that the Local Authority will consult interested parties.</i></p> <p><i>On 18 July 2013 Cabinet authorised "the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, to agree to the carrying out of initial consultations for changes to school organisation unless the Director of Children's Services determines that there are exceptional circumstances which require Cabinet consideration."</i></p> <p><i>The results of the consultation and recommendations will be sent to Cabinet in September 2016 for potential formal closure on 31st October 2016 subject to no objections being received.</i></p>
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	<p><i>Sutton Park Primary School considered the option of submitting a tender to continue to provide the Early Years Specialist Language provision. The Governing Body took the decision on the 9th March 2016 to not tender for the service (letter attached).</i></p> <p><i>The tender was open to any organisation who could meet the Service</i></p>

	<i>Specification requirements. The Local Authority is currently in negotiations with the providers who submitted tenders to ascertain whether provision can be delivered in the Wyre Forest.</i>
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	

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