

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the  
**Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services**  
held on Monday, 15th June, 2009 at Committee Suite 1, Westfields,  
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

## **PRESENT**

Councillor J P Findlow, Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services

## **In Attendance**

Councillor Rhoda Bailey  
Councillor Lesley Smetham

## **Officers**

Judith Thompson, Principal Manager, Integrated Services  
Maureen Hills, Solicitor  
Paul Mountford, Democratic Services

### **1 ASH GROVE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL – CHANGE OF AGE RANGE FROM 3-11 TO 4-11**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services considered proposals to change the age range from 3-11 to 4-11 and close the maintained nursery unit at Ash Grove Primary School and Nursery, Belgrave Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Ash Grove Primary School currently had a maintained nursery. Changes to the funding for all early years providers in April 2010 were likely to affect the sustainability of this provision. The Local Authority had a statutory duty to secure a sufficiency of free early years provision for all three and four year olds.

The only other early years provider in the community was Superkids, based on the site of St Barnabus Primary School.

One option was to close the maintained nursery at Ash Grove and to relocate Superkids into refurbished accommodation on site. This option would require a change in the age range of Ash Grove Primary from 3-11 to 4-11 and the closure of the maintained nursery unit. This was a statutory proposal and the Local Authority needed to follow the prescribed statutory process as set out in the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and related regulations.

**RESOLVED**

That the Officers commence the statutory process to change the age range from 3-11 to 4-11 and close the maintained nursery unit at Ash Grove Primary School and Nursery, Macclesfield.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.45 am

Councillor J P Findlow