

**Full Proposal Annex A****APPENDIX 5**

**MEETING : COUNCIL**  
**DATE : 12 FEBRUARY 2009**

**REPORT OF : ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**  
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**TRANSFORMING LEARNING COMMUNITIES: CHANGES TO SCHOOLS IN  
 ALSAGER, CONGLETON, SANDBACH & HOLMES CHAPEL: PROPOSED  
 CLOSURE OF CHURCH LAWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**INTRODUCTION**

1 The attachments to this Decision Paper were considered by the School Planning Select Panel on 26 January 2009. This follows formal public consultations, held in December 2008 and January 2009, on the proposed closure of Church Lawton Primary School arising from the Transforming Learning Communities (TLC) locality review.

2 The material considered by the Panel which relates to Church Lawton Primary School is as follows:

- Discussion Paper considered by the School Planning Select Panel on 26 January 2009, specifically:

Discussion: Paragraphs 13 – 16

Financial issues: Paragraphs 20 – 23

Conclusions and recommendations: Paragraphs 28 – 32

- Summary of responses to the formal consultations: Appendix 2A, together with supplementary sheet;
- Summary of consultation meetings with Staff and with Governors: Appendices 2B & 2C;

3 The Governors' two – year recovery plan, which was submitted to the Lead Member for Children's Services was also considered by the Panel. This also attached.

4 The recommendation of the Panel was as follows:

'that the Council on 12 February 2009 support, and that the Children's Services Executive on 17 February 2009 authorise the publication of statutory notices

proposing the closure of Church Lawton Primary School in Summer 2009, subject to any further developments concerning the school's recovery plan'.

5 The attached letter to the Chairman of Governors explained the advice which the Panel had received and which had led to its recommendation. It also explained that, should there be any further development of the Governors' recovery plan, a revised version could be made available to this meeting of the Council, or to the meeting of the Children's Services Executive on 17 February 2009.

6 If a revised version of the Governors' two – year recovery plan is received, it will be included in the attached papers.

7 Council has the opportunity to comment, if it wishes, on the Panel's recommendation before the matter is considered by the Children's Services Executive on 17 February 2009.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

**That Council considers the Discussion Paper and associated documents presented to the School Planning Select Panel on 26 January 2009 regarding Church Lawton Primary School, together with any further development of the Governors' recovery plan, and considers the recommendation made by the Panel to the Children's Services Executive.**

This Decision Paper has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines for Members' reports, and relevant matters have been included.
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Local Member	County Councillor Roy Giltrap
Background Documents	Not applicable
Available for inspection at	Not applicable