

Time started 16:00
Time ended 16:05

Education and Skills Cabinet Member Meeting 28 February 2018

Present: Councillor Russell

In Attendance: Gurmail Nizzer (Acting Director of Commissioning and Head of School Organisation and Provision), Clare Harrison (Democratic Services Manager)

14/17 Apologies

There were no apologies.

15/17 Late Items

There were no late items.

16/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17/17 Academy Commercial Transfer Agreements (CTAs) –
Various Schools

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills considered a report of the Report of the Strategic Director for People Services to approve the Council signing a CTA for the following schools:

- Chaddesden Park Primary School
- Alvaston Community Junior School
- Ash Croft Primary School
- Cottons Farm Primary School
- Reigate Park Primary School
- Lakeside Community School
- Village Primary School

The Acting Director of Commissioning and Head of School Organisation and Provision reported that Cabinet Member approval was required to sign the CTA for these schools based on the Department for Education's (DfE) standard form template.

It was further reported that there the DfE have confirmed the intention for Alvaston Community Junior School, Cottons Farm Primary School, Reigate Park Primary School, Lakeside Community School and Village Primary to convert to the Harmony Trust MAT (Multi-Academy Trust). The intention for Chaddesden Park Primary School is to convert to the Learners Trust MAT.

The Cabinet Member reiterated the Council's position of 2012 that the leadership of the Council is not in favour of supporting the conversion of maintained schools to academy status. However, the Cabinet Member agreed that, in line with the Academies Act 2016, the Council could find itself in difficulties if it refused to sign CTAs and impede the conversion of schools to academies. In this vain the Cabinet Member agreed to accept the recommendation to agree to the signing of a CTA for the schools detailed in the report.

It was resolved to approve the Council signing a CTA for the following schools:

- **Chaddesden Park Primary School**
- **Alvaston Community Junior School**
- **Ash Croft Primary School**
- **Cottons Farm Primary School**
- **Reigate Park Primary School**
- **Lakeside Community School**
- **Village Primary School**

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