

Reference Number: 2020/CEO Emergency Powers/02

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

Re: Clapham CE VC Primary School - Closure Proposal

This record is produced in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

This form should be used to record:

- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and**
- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an OFFICER (either alone or in consultation with an Executive Member)**
- **A non-Executive decision taken by an OFFICER which falls into one of the following descriptions:-**
 - (i) under a specific express authorisation; or**
 - (ii) under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to**
 - **grant a permission or licence;**
 - **affect the rights of an individual; or**
 - **award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.**

(One form per decision)

The following decision has been taken: -

After consideration of a report of the Corporate Director Children and Young People's Service regarding the outcome of the public consultation carried out on a proposal to close Clapham Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, and after consultation with Executive Members, the Chief Executive Officer agreed that:

- (i) Statutory proposals be published on 23 April 2020, proposing to cease to maintain Clapham CE VC Primary School with effect from 31 August 2020; and that the catchment areas of Austwick CE VC Primary School and Bentham CP School be extended from 1 September 2020 to jointly serve the area currently served by Clapham CE VC Primary School.
- (ii) A final decision on the proposal be taken on 9 June 2020.

By whom: Richard Flinton, Chief Executive Officer, under his emergency delegated powers and in consultation with Executive Members.

On: 31 March 2020

Was this an executive decision?

YES/NO

If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?

YES/NO

Reasons for decision: -

The proposal consulted on was that the local authority would cease maintaining the school from 31 August 2020 and that the catchment areas of both Austwick CE VA Primary School and Bentham Community Primary School would be extended to form a shared catchment area to serve the area currently covered by Clapham CE Primary School. 27 individual consultation responses had been received, the bulk of which covered issues relating to the catchment area proposal. Three responses indicated support for the closure and three indicated opposition.

A great deal of work had been done by the local community to support the long term future of the school but the falling number of pupils on roll meant that it was not sustainable and it was important to give clarity to people in Clapham and the surrounding area.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -

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Conflicts of Interest

Please record below details of any conflict of interest declared by a Member or Officer regarding the decision and any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee or Monitoring Officer in respect of that conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation?

Background Papers

Please attach to this decision notice, for publication, the background papers that disclose any facts or matters on which this decision, or an important part of the decision, was based and which were relied on to a material extent in making the decision, but this does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10).

Signed
RICHARD FLINTON, Chief Executive Officer

Publication Date: 2 April 2020

Directorate – Central Services

***Note 1 regarding Executive decisions only:
This decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 clear working days after publication, unless any 6 members of the Council object to it and call it in by notice in writing (including e-mail) to The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services).***

Note 2: non-executive and non-key executive decisions by Officers are not subject to call in.

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