

COUNCIL - 26 FEBRUARY 2009

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - MATTERS DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 16 OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES (SPECIAL URGENCY)

I wish to report that the Chair of the Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee has given his consent, under Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, to the following issue being dealt with, on the basis that the decisions could not be reasonably deferred.

CABINET - 22 JANUARY 2009

246. CHANGE OF DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS PROVISION

Further to Minute No. 58 of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services) held on 6 January 2009 and Minute No. 121 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Children's Services held on 20 January 2009, the Cabinet considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services on proposals which could present significant and substantial change to Local Authority provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the recommendations for changes to the provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN), as detailed in the report be approved for consultation; and
- (2) it be noted that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services) had given his consent under Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules for this decision to be treated as urgent on the basis that it cannot be reasonably deferred because the delay would cause uncertainty to parents of children with SEN or Learning Difficulties and Disabilities and may result in placement in out of Borough provision. This would create a significant delay in making savings for the Authority.

Councillor Tony Robertson
Leader of the Council