

# ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

## CABINET

THURSDAY 9 MAY 2024 AT 10.00AM

## MINUTES

### PRESENT:

#### Members:

Councillors Anthony Okereke (Chair), Ann-Marie Cousins, Denise Hyland, Adel Khaireh, Matthew Morrow, Denise Scott-McDonald, Pat Slattery and Aidan Smith

#### Officers:

Chief Executive; Director of Finance; Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills; Senior Assistant Director Inclusion Learning and Achievement; Assistant Director Community Safety and Environmental Health; Assistant Director Transportation and Sustainability; Assistant Head of Legal Services

#### Item

#### No

#### 1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Averil Lekau and Mariam Lolavar.

#### 2 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

#### 3 Declarations of interest

#### Resolved -

That the list of Councillors' memberships as Council appointed representatives on outside bodies, joint committees and school governing bodies is noted.

#### **4 Minutes**

##### **Resolved –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 13 March 2024 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

#### **5 Determination on the statutory notice to close Holy Family RC Primary School**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People acknowledged that closing a school was a significant decision which affected the whole community. He emphasised that the decision was not a reflection on staff or pupils; there had been a drop in pupil numbers for primary school age children across London, and funding related to pupil numbers. The local authority was offering support to schools to minimize the impact of the fall in numbers, and he had met with parents who were concerned about the matter.

The Leader of the Council thanked the Cabinet Member and Officers for their work in managing the situation and engaging with families.

##### **Resolved -**

1. That the summary of the outcome for the non-statutory and statutory consultations on the proposed closure of Holy Family RC Primary School (Appendices 1, 4 and 5 of the report) be noted.
2. That the outcome of the Equalities Impact Assessment set out in Appendix 2 when determining the proposed closure of Holy Family RC Primary School (Appendix 2 of the report) be noted.
3. That the letter of agreement from the Archdiocese of Southwark being the responsible body of the school, on the proposed closure of Holy Family RC Primary School with effect from 31 August 2024 (Appendix 3 of the report) be noted.
4. That the closure of Holy Family RC Primary School with effect from 31 August 2024 following the statutory notice published on 14 February 2024 (Appendix 4 of the report) be agreed.

The meeting closed at 10.07am

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Chair