


<p style="text-align: center;">Executive Decision Individual Decision Notice</p>	 TOWER HAMLETS
Decision Maker: Cabinet, 29 Jan 2020	Classification: Unrestricted
Report on the Proposal to consult on the amalgamation of Guardian Angels and St Anne's Primary Schools	

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is hereby given that an Executive Key Decision is required to be taken under General Exception Urgency provisions as it is not possible to provide at least 28 clear days' notice of the decision but it is possible to give at least 5 clear days' notice of the decision.

As required under the above regulations, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be notified of the above decision being taken under the General Exception Provision.

This notification will be published as soon as possible before the decision is taken, stating why the decision must be taken urgently.

Reason why it is impractical to provide 28 clear days' notice of the decision:	
An urgent decision is required so that the council can begin the statutory process of consultation on the amalgamation of the two schools, in order to reduce the period of uncertainty for the school community and particularly the staff. A decision to undertake the statutory process of consultation during February, as recommended in this report, will enable a final decision to be made by Cabinet on the 25th of March. This would ensure sufficient time to undertake any subsequent statutory re-organisational processes with staff within an appropriate timeframe and to have staffing in place for the start of the new academic year on the 1st of September 2020. A delay will prolong the period of uncertainty for the school community and may impact on the ability of the school leadership to make a positive start to the new school year.	
Signature:	Date:
Christine McInnes	21 January 2020

Further details of the decision to be taken:

Key Decision? Yes	Ward(s) All Wards
Summary of Decision	<p>This report presents the outcomes of the preliminary stakeholder consultation (pre-statutory) relating to the proposal to establish a single two form entry primary school, through the amalgamation (merger) of Guardian Angels one form entry and St Anne's 1 ½ form entry Primary schools from September 2020.</p> <p>The report explains the background and reasons for the first stage of the consultation; the responses received with the views of</p>

	<p>parents, pupils, staff and the general public. It recommends for the Mayor in cabinet to agree to proceed to the next stage of the process, which would be to issue a statutory notice.</p> <p>The report includes a summary of representations received and any responses made; risk and opportunities; officer's recommendations; decisions available to the Mayor in Cabinet.</p>
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Community Plan Theme	TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People (Councillor Danny Hassell)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>The following stakeholders have been invited to make representations: Parents and carers, students, Roman Catholic and Church of England Dioceses, Council of Mosques, Head Teachers, school staff, school governors, community groups, neighbouring Local Authorities, the National Education Union, local Members of Parliament.</p> <p>An informal public consultation commenced in the Autumn 2019, the feedback from this has informed this report to cabinet and the recommendations herein.</p> <p>The proposal for a statutory notice requiring a formal public consultation on the amalgamation is recommended by the governing bodies of both Guardian Angels and St Anne's Schools.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes
Contact details for comments or additional information	Christine McInnes (Divisional Director, Education and Partnership, Children's) christine.mcinnnes@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal consultation paper, further information and response form • Feedback from the informal public consultation on the proposal • LA Pupil Projections 2018-2028 • Equalities Impact Assessment
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes	No, Unrestricted

section)?	
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Advance notice of Key Decisions

Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Article 13.03 of the [Constitution](#). Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor, or the Mayor in Cabinet.

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known, whilst a Forward Plan collating these decisions will be published 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Forward Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required. [The Committee pages](#) on the Council website include copies of the Forward Plan, Cabinet and other meeting dates and the publication dates of the Forward Plan.

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (including on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution will have to be followed.

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about the issues listed in the Forward Plan is to examine the consultation column of the Forward Plan, and/or contact the report author or Cabinet Lead Member as soon as possible, and no later than 10 working days before the decision is expected to be taken.

Reports, appendices and background papers will be available on the Council's website 5 clear working days before the Cabinet meeting. For all other information or to submit documents in relation to any issue, please contact the relevant officer.

Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session. Should you wish to make any representations in relation to an item being considered in private please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed below. Note that this applies to Cabinet but not to Individual Mayoral Decisions outside of Cabinet.

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)

4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:-
 - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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