

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>AMALGAMATION OF HUNDERTON INFANTS AND JUNIOR SCHOOL</b>
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Leader), Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule MBE, RV Stockton, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson.
Date of Decision:	24 March 2005
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because it is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards.	
The item was not included in the Forward Plan	
A notice in accordance with section 15 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000 was sent to the Chairman of the Education Scrutiny Committee.	
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To approve the publication of a statutory notice to close Hunderton Junior and Infants Schools, and open a new three form entry Community School serving the 3-11 age range.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT</b></p> <p><b>(a) the statutory notice be issued; and</b></p> <p><b>(b) the funding for the capital cost be sought from the DfES from the Targetted Capital Fund, and in the event of failure from the Children's Services Capital Programme.</b></p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The merger of the two schools is proposed to improve primary school provision in one of the most deprived wards of the county.
Options Considered:	<p>Option 1. The opportunity to merge the schools could be ignored. Given the level of deprivation in the area it serves and the priority to maximise the life chances of children in that area, this would represent a loss of opportunity to improve provision.</p> <p>Option 2. Merger could be pursued without the new building. This would create a primary school that would be difficult to manage as an entity, and continue to require significant maintenance investment. It is likely that both Governing Bodies would reconsider their support that they have so far offered to</p>

	the merger proposal.
Declaration of Interest:	None
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	1 April 2005

<b>COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS</b> ..... Date:..... <b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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<b>To be completed by officer:</b>	
Date consent received from Chairman of Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	No
If yes was the decision modified?	
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
Date original decision took effect:	1 April 2005