

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee

The Cabinet

Date of Committee

28th April 2005

Report Title

**Central Area Special School
Reorganisation**

Summary

This report asks the Cabinet to confirm, following statutory consultation, the proposals for special school reorganisation in the Central Area of Warwickshire.

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**Would the recommended
decision be contrary to the
Budget and Policy
Framework? [please identify
relevant plan/budget provision]**

No

Background papers

- Cabinet reports – 30.11.00, 26.7.01, 24.1.02, 25.4.02, 24.6.04 and 18.11.04
- Warwick Area Committee reports – 18.7.01, 15.1.02, 12.3.02 and 23.3.04
- Regulatory Committee report – 26.10.04
- Consultation responses

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees

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Local Member(s)

Cllr Eithne Goode – Leamington Manor
Cllr Ken Browne – Warwick North – “good news – now let’s finish the job”

Other Elected Members

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Cabinet Member

Cllr Richard Grant – “supports the proposals”

- Chief Executive
- Legal Jane Pollard / Richard Freeth – “fine”
- Finance David Clarke, County Treasurer – “fine”
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Staff, governors and parents/carers of children at
Ridgeway and Round Oak Special Schools
Other statutory consultees

FINAL DECISION **YES**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Report of the County Education Officer

Recommendation:

That following statutory consultation, the Cabinet agree the proposals to:

- make Ridgeway School the primary special school for children whose needs cannot be met fully in mainstream schools for the Central Area
- make Round Oak School and Support Service the secondary special school for the Central Area

and authorise the County Education Officer to implement these proposals with a view to both new special schools being completed for September 2007.

Background

1. The County Council has consulted on, and agreed with wide support, proposals:
 - to make Ridgeway School the primary special school for the Central Area for children whose needs cannot be met fully in mainstream schools and to remain on its present site
 - to make Round Oak School and Support Service the secondary special school for the Central Area on the former playing field of Trinity School on Myton Road.
2. At its meeting on 18th November 2004 Cabinet agreed funding for the new schools and that, subject to planning permission being given for the new secondary special school, statutory notices of the Authority's proposals should be published. Outline planning permission was agreed in January and notices published.
3. No objections or comments have been received in response to the statutory notice. These proposals can therefore be determined by the County Council rather than the School Organisation Committee.

4. Cabinet are asked therefore to confirm the proposals as outlined in paragraph 1 above and to authorise the County Education Officer to implement these proposals as quickly as possible with a view to the completion of both schools by September 2007.

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