

Appendix 3

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE CATEGORY AND NAME OF PARISH CHURCH CE NURSERY AND INFANTS SCHOOL AND PARISH CHURCH CE JUNIOR

CONSULTATION OUTCOMES REPORT

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Council's Cabinet, and the schools' Leadership Team with the outcomes from the consultation to change the category and name of Parish Church Nursery and Infants and Parish Church CE Junior schools.
2. The proposal is to change the category and name of the school, from Voluntary Controlled (VC) to Voluntary Aided (VA), and from 'Parish Church' to 'The Minster' respectively.

Background

Consultation

3. The consultation on the proposal to change the category and name of the school, from VC to VA, and from 'Parish Church' to 'The Minster' respectively took place over a 4 week period, from 7 March to 04 April 2014. A consultation document, including a questionnaire was produced and used as a basis for seeking the views of key stakeholders. Key stakeholders include: Parents/carers, Staff, School Governors,

Summary of responses from the consultation

Questionnaire

4. The consultation questionnaire produced a total of 54 responses, of which:

Strongly in favour	In favour'	not sure'	not in favour'	strongly against'	did not specify
15	16	18	2	2	1

- For the change from VC to VA:

- For the change of name:

Strongly in favour	In favour'	not sure'	not in favour'	strongly against'	did not specify
16	15	15	5	3	0

- Responses were from:

Local residents	Members of staff at Parish Church CE Nursery and Infants school	Members of staff at Parish Church CE Junior school	Parents/Carers at Parish Church CE Nursery and Infants school	Parents/Carers at Parish Church CE Junior school
2	5	8	33	6

5. *Comments on questionnaire*

Respondents to the questionnaire raised the following concerns:

- Financial implications for:
 - parents – contribution to school & new uniform
 - school – reduced LA contribution
 - staff – employment terms & conditions (TUPE)

Response by the school:

- parental contribution not compulsory and uniform changes are yet to be decided.
- Shortfall of funding does not appear to be a problem for VA schools
- No change to Pension as staff will be TUPE'd over. No plans to change employment terms and conditions.

- Change of name:
 - Parish Church remains relevant to staff/community
 - Historical link, reputation and ethos

Response by the school:

- The final name is yet to be decided. Croydon Minster is the parish and civic church of the London Borough of Croydon. In order to keep and strengthen the link between church and school the governors feel it would be good to keep the names the same.
- Rebranding will not affect the schools' reputation.

Response by the school:

- Educational impact on pupils and school
 - Children's learning will benefit from closer collaboration with other schools. No change to ethos/educational provision.

Response by the school

- Consultation – more awareness, detail and meeting.
 - Public meeting held at school
 - Further consultation will be held.

Response to concerns

A detailed report, including a full response to the concerns raised will be made available from the school websites:

www.parishchurchinfants.com

www.parishchurch-jun.croydon.sch.uk

Next steps

A report will go to Council's Cabinet, if approved, statutory notice will be published with a 4 week representation period for anyone with an interest to comment on or object to the proposal. This will be followed by another report to the Cabinet for decision on whether or not to go ahead with the proposed changes.

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