

# Officer Decisions

## Head of Education and Learning - Dawn Stabb

### Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision

Providing a Local Authority recommendation to the Regional Schools Commissioner (South West) for a preferred sponsor for the new primary school to the east of Okehampton.

### Decision Taken

At a meeting on 18 October 2017 to review the assessment of bids undertaken by officers, the Head of Education and Learning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Skills made the decision not to recommend a preferred sponsor to the Regional Schools Commissioner for the new primary school in Okehampton. This was due to a lack of substantiated information as to whether the bidders had been approved by the Department of Education as a recognised sponsor (a compulsory element in the regulations for the Free School Presumption), combined with the diversity and wide variation in community view.

The Regional Schools Commissioner for the South West, on behalf of the Secretary of State, has recently confirmed that the Exeter Diocesan Board of Education has been given approval to sponsor the new primary free school on land to the north of Crediton Road, Okehampton.

### Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken

### Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected

N.A.

### Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation

None.

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Decision Date

5 February 2018

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