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Title of report	AMALGAMATION OF LADY BANKES JUNIOR SCHOOL & LADY BANKES INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL
Reference No.	CMD 166
Date of decision	17 June 2021
Call-in expiry date	5pm, on 24 June 2021
Relevant Select Committee(s)	Families, Health and Wellbeing Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	Manor

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Susan O'Brien - Cabinet Member for Families, Education & Wellbeing
DECISION	That the Cabinet Member for Families, Education and Wellbeing approved the amalgamation of Lady Bankes Junior School & Lady Bankes Infant and Nursery School.
Reason for decision	<p>The Cabinet Member approved amalgamation consultation for Lady Bankes Junior School & Lady Bankes Infant and Nursery School on 29 March 2021 to take effect 7 April 2021. Full stakeholder consultation has concluded with a positive agreement for amalgamation.</p> <p>The Local Authority was then required to make a final decision to proceed with amalgamation formally through the Department of Education. The Cabinet Member has delegated authority to approve school organisation proposals where no objections have been received.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Convert both schools to academies and join a multi-academy trust.2. Amalgamate the two schools by closing Lady Bankes Infant and Nursery School (due to the Headteacher vacancy) and extending the age range of the Junior school.3. Leave the schools in their current status. <p>The Governing Body voted in favour of option 2 - to amalgamate the two schools.</p>

Classification	Exempt from publication
Link to report (if public)	<i>That this report be declared as exempt from publication as it involves the disclosure of information in accordance with Section 100(A) and paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contains information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.</i>
Relevant Officer contact	Dan Kennedy, Corporate Director – Planning, Environment, Education and Community Services

Decision implementation

Where required, these decisions have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Officers can implement this decision from: **Thursday 24 June 2021– from 5pm**

...unless this is called in by the relevant Select Committee set out above. Officers will be notified of any call-in received.

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