

By: Director - Operations

To: School Organisation Advisory Board – 14 November 2007

Subject: THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF DANLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL AS AN ADDITION TO THE PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED PROPOSED CLOSURES OF MINSTER COLLEGE AND CHEYNE MIDDLE SCHOOL, TO BE REPLACED WITH AN ACADEMY ON THE MINSTER COLLEGE AND CHEYNE MIDDLE SCHOOLS SITES, CONDITIONAL UPON A FUNDING AGREEMENT FORTHCOMING FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES

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Summary: This report informs the School Organisation Advisory Board of a necessary revision to steps, as set out in the report to the School Organisation Advisory Board at its meeting on 17 October 2007, to achieve the secondary phase of education within the two-tier system on the Isle of Sheppey

## **FOR INFORMATION**

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### **Introduction**

1. (1) At its meeting on 17 October 2007 the School Organisation Advisory Board noted the need to issue a Public Notice proposing the closure of Minster College and Cheyne Middle School to replace these schools with an Academy in September 2008 subject to the Department for Children, Schools and Families Funding Agreement.

(2) Consequent upon the decision by the Sponsors, the Local Authority and the Department for Children, Schools and Families to open the academy in September 2009 rather than 2008 it is now necessary to bring forward a revised schedule to the Public Notice.

(3) The decision to defer the opening of the Academy until September 2009 was a response to representations from islanders and educators.

### **Revised Schedule**

2. (1) It is proposed that in September 2009 pupils aged 11-18 in Minster College, Cheyne Middle School and Danley Middle School will transfer into the new Academy.

(2) In September 2009 it is proposed that pupils aged 11+ at St George's CE Middle School will transfer into the new Academy. From September 2009 the age range will change at St George's CE Middle School from 9-13 to 4-11 as detailed in the Public Notice for the Primary Phase of education published on 6 September 2007 and determined on 1 November 2007.

## **Conclusion**

3. Members are asked to note that issue of a Public Notice is now necessary. The Notice will propose the closure of Minster College, Cheyne Middle School and Danley Middle School to be replaced by an Academy on the Minster College and Cheyne Middle School sites, subject to the Funding Agreement.

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*Background Papers:*

None