

Trust Board Confidential Meeting Minutes

Thursday 11 July 2024 – Central Offices

Present: Paul Howieson (PH), Sue Bowen (SB), Jo Levasier (JL), Louise Ellis (LE) (Chair), Brendan Mullany (BM), Les Lane (LL), Kat Hearn (KH), Martin Copsey (MCO), Michael Crane (MCR)

Apologies: Brendan McCarthy (BMc), Rod Woodford (RW), Martin Tiffin (MT)

In Attendance: Sue Bennett (SEB) Minutes

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5.	Strategy for Management Falling Roll in the Purbecks (document circulated with the agenda) PH gave an update on the increasing issues for schools in the Purbecks, key points to note: • Following budget setting we are seeing a growing challenge to finances in many Purbeck schools due to falling roll. • We are working with headteachers to find solutions to balance budgets in the next five years. • The three year budget setting has been done with finance in mind, and consideration hasn't been given to quality of education as yet. • At the first Resources Committee in the new year we will look at the financial position of all Purbeck schools again. ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] • We are looking to draw together a cohesive plan for the 8 Purbeck Schools. ■ [REDACTED] • There is also the possibility of some shared leadership and some PAN reductions. <u>Trustee questions / comments</u> Q. How will the strategy we are planning align with the plan DCC are due to publish in December? A. It is unlikely that DCCs plan will be ready in December, but when it is, we will consider it along with our own strategy.	

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Q.	Do we have a feel for how many pupils in Purbecks, and in the other CLP schools that would benefit from a SEND provision? Could we approach the whole CLP community and create our own special provision at one of our sites?	
A.	At this point in time there are people and provisions who can do this well. BCP are beginning to think in a more strategic way about pupil placement and we fully expect we will have a specialist satellite at QPIA and B&SCSJ as well as Oakdale. If we can replicate this in the Purbecks it may be a solution. There is a huge shortage of SEND provision across both DCC and BCP.	
Q.	There is the suggestion for one headteacher for Wool and Lulworth & Winfrith; is it not possible to do this with other schools also?	
A.	These two schools are similar in size and it would work well.	

Meeting closed at 9:05

Next meeting: Wednesday 16th October 2024