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City Council

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CABINET

15th January 2001

RETURN OF FINANCIAL DELEGATION – QUEENSMEAD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Report of the Director of Education

1. Purpose of Report

This report asks the Cabinet to approve the return of financial delegation to Queensmead Junior School.

2. Summary

In February 1998 the Education Committee withdrew delegation from Queensmead Junior School amidst significant concerns over the financial and educational management at the school. A subsequent OFSTED inspection placed the school in Special Measures.

A wide range of weaknesses, and therefore developmental issues, were identified for the school, including the functioning of the Governing Body.

Over the past two years, a great amount of progress has been made by the school, with the support of the Education Department. The school has progressed significantly, and it is no longer deemed to be requiring Special Measures.

Officers within the Education Department, in conjunction with the school, now believe the school is able and capable of discharging its role and duties effectively and efficiently. In order to help the school, the Department will provide support to the school for a 6 month transitional period.

3. Recommendations

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the return of financial delegation, effective from 1 February 2001.

4. Financial and Legal Implications

The responsibility for managing the school budget will be transferred from the Education Department to the Governing Body. The consequences of the restoration of the delegated budget will return to the Governing Body, their financial and personnel powers with effect from 1 February 2001 (Guy Goodman, Assistant Head of Legal Services).

5. Report Author/Officer to Contact

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