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**Decision Taker:**

School Organisation Committee of Cabinet

**Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**

Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee

**Date decision in force:**

28 May 2019

**Date of decision:**

16 May 2019

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Proposed Re-organisation of Sunderland City Council's Pupil Referral Unit Provision – Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the three related statutory proposals which were:

- 1) To discontinue (close) the Key Stage 1 Pupil Referral Unit, Tudor Grove Centre, Portland Road, Sunderland, SR3 1SS and the Key Stage 4 Pupil Referral Unit, Pallion Centre, Waverley Terrace, Sunderland, SR4 6TA with effect from 31.08.19;
- 2) To alter the lower and upper age limit of the Key Stage 2/3 Pupil Referral Unit, Tudor Grove Centre, Portland Road, Sunderland, SR3 1SS from 7 – 14 years old to 4 – 16 years old with effect from 01.09.19; and
- 3) To enlarge / increase the capacity of the Key Stage 2/3 Pupil Referral Unit, Tudor Grove Centre, Portland Road, Sunderland, SR3 1SS by increasing the number of available places from 78 to 172 with effect from 01.09.19.

**Reasons for decision:**

This proposal will result in the following:

- Formalise management arrangements already informally operated across Key Stage 2, 3 and 4 provisions
- Facilitate increased sharing of resources, management efficiencies and shared practice between Key Stage 1 provision and Key Stage 2,3 and 4 provisions
- Facilitate the strengthening of existing Governing Body arrangements, with representation and expertise to be offered across all key stages
- Facilitate the establishment of a new PRU management structure, offering consistent leadership across all key stages
- Facilitate greater cross key stage working with increased interaction, where appropriate, between children attending PRU provisions from within the separate key stages
- Lead to greater facilitation of transition between key stages for the minority of pupils who remain in PRU provision for extended periods of time
- Provide consistency between PRU delivery and proposed accommodation

strategy, given the requirement to establish a new permanent delivery site for Key Stage 1 full and part time PRU provision.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Retain existing organisation and management structures. However, it was considered that this would restrain efficiencies, shared practices and opportunities for joint commissioning and increased performance across all key stages that would result from the proposed re-organisation.

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**Is this a key decision:**

Yes

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:**

No

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None