Hameldon Community College

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Lancashire County Council, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD intends to close Hameldon Community College, Coal Clough Lane, Burnley, BB11 5BT, on 31 August 2019, with implementation commencing from 31 August 2018.

There is sufficient capacity in other local schools to accommodate the current pupil population. Pupils in Year 11 will be unaffected by any school reorganisation as they will have left school by the time any proposals are implemented. Pupils in Year 10 will be given the opportunity to remain on roll at Hameldon Community College to complete key stage 4 and leave 11-16 provision in August 2019. Please note that the Year 10 pupils who opt to do this would be kept together as a group, but may not be educated on the current site of Hameldon Community College.

The proposal arises because of serious concerns about the quality of current educational standards, the school's financial deficit position and declining pupil numbers.

The local authority's opinion is that this proposal is not related to any other proposals that have been, are, or are about to be published. This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be inspected at Hameldon Community College at the address above; at Lancashire County Council's Chaddesley House office; at the Area Education Office (East) at the address in the notes below; at Burnley Borough Council office; and local libraries. Copies can be obtained from Sarah Hirst in the Learning and Skills Service, Room C24, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD. Copies can also be accessed through http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/performance-inspections-reviews/children-education-and-families/school-organisation-reviews.aspx.

Any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by posting them to Sarah Hirst at the above address. Responses can also be emailed to sarah.hirst@lancashire.gov.uk. To be considered as part of the decision making process to determine the proposal, responses must be received no later than 26th February 2018.

Signed: Laura Sales, Director of Legal and Democratic Services Publication Date: 16 January 2018

Explanatory Notes

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information about representations to the published proposal may be accessed by member of the public.

County Council All forms of responses to the consultation were taken into account before the publication of this notice.

The Authority will need to decide whether to implement the proposal before 26 April 2018, otherwise it must be referred to the Adjudicator for a final decision.

Assistance with admission to schools can be obtained from the Pupil Access Team at the Area Education Office (East), 44 Union Street, Accrington, BB5 1PL.