

Present: Mrs Jackson, Mrs Hearth (Chair) & Dr Mani.

In attendance: Mrs Tyers (Clerk), Mrs Ray, Mrs Gilboy, Mr Nicoll, Mr Holt, Mrs Mould and Dr Guthrie

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mrs Kirby, Mrs Woolley and Mrs Lowndes.

2. Declaration of Business Interests

None

3. Catmose Pre-school

Mr Williams outlined the history surrounding discussions regarding the Preschool and whether a Significant Changes document needed to be submitted despite conflicting information from EFA and the DfE.

All the correspondence that Mrs Jackson and Mr Williams had sent and received was circulated prior to the meeting.

Q: Dr Hamid questioned the problems that this could cause. Mr Williams confirmed that this could influence the outcome of a future Ofsted inspection at the school.

Q: Mrs Mould questioned whether the Preschool was previously inspected alongside the Nursery. Mr Williams confirmed that this was the case and the school was inspected as a standalone entity.

As the Federation hadn't completed a Significant Change form, the Federation could be in breach of the current Funding Agreement between the Federation and the DfE but managed by the EFA.

Trustees were pleased to hear that the pre-school is a standing agenda item at the LGB CP meeting.

A vote was held by all present and it was unanimously agreed that if the advice received from the Local Authority is correct and the Federation needs to submit a Significant Change document he has the authority to go ahead and submit this on the Federation's behalf.

Mr Williams was asked to consider whether it would be possible to contact Ofsted and inform them of this decision to ensure it doesn't affect the Ofsted inspection outcome at the school. He agreed that this would be done if the Significant Change form is completed.

Chair:

Date: