Extract from the minutes of 7 February Cabinet meeting.

The full minutes from the meeting can be found on http://councilportal.cumbria.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=117&Mld=7142&Ver=4

The case for the approval of the statutory proposal and minute from the meeting are as follows:-

173 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF FAIRFIELD INFANT SCHOOL AND FAIRFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL, COCKERMOUTH

The Cabinet Members for Schools and Learning and Children's Social Care presented a report on feedback from the consultation undertaken from 5 November 2012 – 14 December 2012 in relation to the amalgamation proposals of Fairfield Infant and Junior School, Cockermouth to enable members to decide whether or not to bring forward statutory proposals for the amalgamation of. The consultation document was attached as appendix B to the report.

RESOLVED,

(1) that after consideration of the feedback, the statutory notice be published to amalgamate Fairfield Infant and Junior Schools which was required before the change could be made.

(2) to note that the decision to publish a statutory notice, would trigger the beginning of a formal 'representation period', during which, interested parties could submit their views on the proposal. Following the end of that period Cabinet would be required to make a decision on whether to implement the proposal. A further report seeking a decision would then be presented to Cabinet in May 2013

Having regard to the response to the consultation, the guidance issued by the DfE and the reasons detailed above it was agreed that the proposals be published.