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**Statutory proposal for
'prescribed alterations' to the upper age range of
Baysgarth School**

1.0 Introduction

This report provides an explanation regarding North Lincolnshire Council's proposal to alter the upper age range of Baysgarth School to cease post 16 provision at the site.

This report meets the requirement as specified in the DfE's Guidance Document: Making significant changes ('prescribed alterations') to maintained schools, statutory guidance for proposers and decision-makers (October 2018).

2.0 What is being proposed and how it will be implemented

The Governing body consulted on the future of 6th form provision in 2017. The conclusion of the consultation was to no longer recruit to the 6th form and close the provision when all current students had finished their courses. Consideration by the Governors was given to the financial viability of a small 6th form and ensuring a continuing focus to drive up standards for year 7-11 pupils.

The Local Authority, as the decision maker for community schools, is seeking to formalise the proposal to change the age range from 11-18 years to 11-16 years at Baysgarth School, Barrow Road, Barton upon Humber, DN18 6AE.

The planned date for the proposal to be implemented is 1st January 2020.

3.0 Who is publishing the proposal and how do I contact the proposer?

The proposal is being published by:

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Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may make representations to support, object or comment on the proposal.

4.0 Objectives and reason for the proposal

The Government launched a review of post-16 education and training institutions in July 2015. North Lincolnshire was included in the Greater Lincolnshire area review that commenced in October 2016. The review focused on FE and sixth form colleges but also incorporated school based 6th form provision. Every institution was asked to examine whether their provision was cost effective.

The guidance for new school sixth forms set a benchmark of a minimum of 200 students. The number of pupils previously attending the small sixth form (46 pupils) made it financially unviable to continue. The DfE guidance on 6th forms also advised that there should be a minimum of 15 A level subjects available.

The decision by Baysgarth governors was to continue to focus on driving up educational standard for 11-16 pupils and cease subsidy of the sixth form provision.

5.0 Project costs

Nil cost

6.0 Effects on other Schools/Academies

Baysgarth School continues to work with local colleges and sixth forms to promote post-16 options. There were no post-16 pupils on roll at the school for the 2018/19 academic year.