

TRUSTEES' RESOLUTION



12 January 2016

We, the Bishop and Trustees of the Diocese of Lancaster gathered at our meeting on 12 January 2016 resolve to:

1. Clearly seek to re-present here, and going forward, our Diocesan Vision for Catholic education in the city of Carlisle. Consequently we strongly re-commit the Diocese of Lancaster to Catholic education for secondary school-age children and young people in Carlisle. We acknowledge, too, that the shape of this ecclesial presence and contribution to the local community continues to evolve and adapt to new needs and circumstances but always in accord with the Gospel mandate: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News!" (*Mk 16, 15*)
2. Pay tribute to the Newman Catholic School staff, governors, parents and students for their work and resilient devotion in continuing to ensure that the needs of education are paramount at this difficult time following the 6 December floods. We also commend the local Catholic parishes; clergy and parishioners as well as all those partner agencies and individuals – including our diocesan officers - who have pledged their support and continue to give so readily of their practical assistance and expertise at this time;
3. Agree that the balance of Newman Catholic School 2015/16 LCVAP funds should be committed to addressing essential improvements to the Pennine Way site and appropriate consultancy fees as necessary;
4. To work towards the securing of an alternative site within Carlisle and the funds to rebuild a brand new and clearly Catholic secondary school - as a 4 form entry (600 place) school, with associated 6th form. Consequently, on balance, we do **not** support remaining on/returning to the Lismore Place site (even in the interim if at all possible) nor are we able to support as appropriate a possible proposal for an 'all-through' school on a new site;
5. Mandate all our (Diocesan) officers and consultants to work collaboratively according to this expressed vision of the Trustees - along with our valued partner agencies - in investigating routes to secure the long-term future of a new site for a brand new Catholic secondary school in Carlisle. The Trustees should be kept informed of ongoing progress in this regard;
6. Agree to a proposed Strategy Committee being convened to oversee the necessary work and make recommendations to us (the Trustees). We would require that the Strategy Committee recommendations presented are in accord with our resolution expressed here and are presented to us (even in principle) *first* as Diocesan Trustees and *then, only after our review, agreement or amendment*, to the Governing Body;
7. Agree to the membership of a proposed Strategy Committee as follows:
 - Headteacher
 - Governors' representative
 - Trustees' representative (*Appointed by the Bishop: Canon Harry Doyle*)
 - Deanery representative: (*Proposed by the Bishop: Father John Millar*)
 - Board of Education & Formation representative
 - Education Service representative
 - County Council representative
 - City Council representative
 - Member of Parliament
 - Department for Education/Education Funding Agency representative
8. Require that the proposed Terms of Reference for the proposed Strategy Committee be reviewed and approved by the Bishop (for the Trustees) as soon as possible.