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| TITLE | School Crossing Patrol Service Changes |
| FOR CONSIDERATION BY | Personnel Board on 20 March 2017 |
| WARD | Emmbrook, South Lake, Arborfield, Maiden Erlegh, Hillside, Coronation, Evendons, Sonning |
| DIRECTOR | Josie Wragg, Interim Director of Environment |

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Cessation of a school crossing patrol service at the eight sites which also have pedestrian crossings, providing children and others with a safe point to cross.

RECOMMENDATION

That Personnel Board note the School Crossing Patrol Service Changes being undertaken and the potential workforce implications.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Wokingham Borough Council continually reviews the value of its non-statutory services, and in this context has been considering the effectiveness of pedestrian crossings as a proven, efficient and safe way of crossing a road.

There are currently eight school crossing patrollers on pedestrian crossings in the Wokingham Borough, but the pedestrian crossings at these sites already give children and others a safe point to cross.

It is proposed that the school crossing patrol service at these eight locations should cease at the end of this academic year (July 2017):

- Emmbrook Infant & Junior School, Emmbrook Road, Wokingham
- Highwood Primary School, Fairwater Drive, Woodley
- Coombes Primary School, School Road, Arborfield
- St Peters Primary School, Church Road, Earley
- Whiteknights Primary School, Elm Road, Earley
- Beechwood Primary, Headley Road
- Hawthorns Primary School, Northway, Woosehill
- Sonning Primary School, Pound Lane, Sonning

There are a further seven sites with school crossing patrols but no formal crossings. These are exempt from the proposed changes this year, but it is proposed they be reviewed to assess the best ways to ensure children continue to get to school safely.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

| | How much will it Cost/ (Save) | Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall | Revenue or Capital? |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Current Financial Year (Year 1) | Neutral | | Revenue |
| Next Financial Year (Year 2) | (£48,000) | | Revenue |
| Following Financial Year (Year 3) | (£48,000) | | Revenue |

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

None

Cross-Council Implications

n/a

List of Background Papers

None

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