

- Cabinet Member Cllr John Burton
- Other Cabinet Members consulted
- Chief Executive
- Legal Richard Freeth – *“fine”*
- Finance David Clarke, Strategic Director of Resources – *“fine”*
- Other Strategic Directors
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **NO**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee Stratford Area Committee 24.1.07 (subject to Cabinet’s decision)
- Further Consultation All stakeholders (subject to Cabinet’s decision)

The Cabinet – 2nd November 2006

Changes to Indicated Admission Numbers – Southern Warwickshire

Report of the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families

Recommendation:

That Cabinet authorises the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families to consult stakeholders on proposals to:

- (1) increase the Admission Number of Wellesbourne C of E Primary School, from 40 to 60 pupils per year
- (2) increase the Admission Number of Ettington C of E Primary School, from 20 to 25 pupils per year.

1. Background

- 1.1 Since September 2004 school capacities have been calculated according to the Department for Education and Skills', 'Net Capacity methodology'. The physical capacity assessments indicate the number of children each school could be expected to admit, the "Indicated Admission Number" (IAN).
- 1.2 Although the DfES originally stated that it would expect Admission Authorities to re-assess the capacity of schools on a regular basis, any significant changes in school capacities and therefore IANs should be updated as part of the annual admission cycle. Changes of no more than 26 pupils per year group can be approved by Cabinet. In order that stakeholders, including parents, local schools, Diocesan Authorities, neighbouring authorities and Area Committees, are aware of proposed changes all proposals are the subject of formal consultation before reporting to Cabinet for a final decision.
- 1.3 The following changes to school capacities and IANs are proposed for consultation.

2. Wellesbourne C of E Primary School

- 2.1 Wellesbourne C of E Primary School serves mainly the village and immediate area of Wellesbourne in Stratford District. The school currently has an admission limit of 40 pupils per year, a capacity of 280 when last measured in 2003, and 324 pupils on roll at September 2006. The village of Wellesbourne has grown significantly in recent years, with the increased population resulting from this new housing, combined with an increase in the school's popularity with Wellesbourne parents, resulting in a higher demand for places at the school.
- 2.2 The demand for places at Wellesbourne Primary School has meant that the school has had to admit pupils above its published admission number in each of the last three years just to make provision for pupils living within its priority area and siblings. Although neighbouring schools are, on the whole, admitting fewer pupils from the Wellesbourne area, the evidence indicates that Wellesbourne Primary School is not admitting pupils from the priority areas of other local schools. It is forecast that the current levels of pupil intakes into reception will continue for the foreseeable future.
- 2.3 Table 1 below shows current numbers on roll at this school and the forecast pupil numbers up to the year 2010 and illustrates both the high demand for places at the school in the period 2001/05 as well as an increase in pupils on roll in the year 2005/06 as the additional space from the new buildings at the school becomes available:

Table 1
Number of pupils on roll at Wellesbourne C of E Primary School

	School Year								
	Number on roll						Forecast		
	2001/ 02	2002/ 03	2003/ 04	2004/ 05	2005/ 06	2006/ 07	2007/ 08	2008/ 09	2009/ 10
Pupils on roll	209	225	234	271	289	324	348	376	389

- 2.4 Wellesbourne Primary School operates on two sites, approximately 200 yards apart, with the junior phase in the main campus and the infant and pre-school occupying the annexe site nearby. To date, the school has been able to admit additional pupils into reception years by bringing other rooms into use as class bases. In order to meet the September 2006 intake it has been necessary to provide two temporary classrooms for one year. It is proposed that an additional three class bases are provided from September 2007. The addition of these rooms would enable the school to meet demand for infant places and continue to accommodate the existing pre-school provision now managed by the school under its extended services provision. The Cabinet at its meeting on 25th May made available £830,000 within the capital programme for extending the accommodation at the school. A further classroom will be required on the

junior site as the higher infant numbers move through the school and, if approved, provision will be made within the capital programme for this.

- 2.5 The provision would enable the school to set an admission number of 60 pupils and the school has signalled its wish to do so.

3. Ettington C of E Primary School

3.1 Ettington C of E Primary School serves mainly the village and immediate area of Ettington in Stratford District. The school currently has an admission limit of 20, a capacity of 140 pupils when last measured in 2003, and has 146 pupils on roll at September 2006.

3.2 The school has four classrooms and no library or ICT suite; a temporary classroom on site is in poor condition and is considered not suitable for the delivery of the primary curriculum.

3.3 There has been some new housing development in the village and this has meant that the school has had to admit pupils above its published admission number in recent years. The school was able to demonstrate that it could not organise in four classes from September 2006 and a temporary fifth classroom was therefore provided. From September 2007 a sixth classroom is required and it is intended that both of the additional classrooms should be provided as permanent rooms. Although it is not forecast that pupil numbers will continue to grow, the school will continue to need more than four classrooms and the sixth room would provide both essential classroom accommodation in the short to medium term and at the very least, a necessary room in this small school. It is also proposed that a library be added to the building.

3.4 Table 2 below shows current numbers on roll at this school and the forecast pupil numbers up to the year 2010 and illustrates both the high demand for places at the school in the period 2001/05 as well as an increase in pupils on roll in the year 2005/06 as the additional space from the new buildings at the school becomes available:

Table 2
Number of pupils on roll at Ettington C of E Primary School

	School Year								
	Number on roll						Forecast		
	2001/ 02	2002/ 03	2003/ 04	2004/ 05	2005/ 06	2006/ 07	2007/ 08	2008/ 09	2009/ 10
Pupils on roll	106	101	117	125	138	146	151	144	145

3.5 It is anticipated that the provision will increase the school's admission number slightly from 20 to 25 pupils per year and the school has signalled its wish to do this.

3.6 The Cabinet at its meeting on 25th May made available £365,000 within the capital programme for extending the accommodation at the school.

5. Recommendation

Members are asked to authorise formal consultation with stakeholders concerning the proposed changes in admission numbers and school capacities of Wellesbourne C of E Primary School and Ettington C of E Primary School.

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