

- Other Cabinet Members consulted
- Chief Executive
- Legal Richard Freeth – no comments to make
- Finance David Clarke, Strategic Director of Resources – no comments to make
- 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 Warwick Area Committee 23.1.07 (subject to Cabinet’s decision)
- Further Consultation All stakeholders (subject to Cabinet’s decision)

The Cabinet – 23rd November 2006

Changes to Indicated Admission Numbers – Central 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 Budbrooke Primary School, from 40 to 45 pupils per year
- (2) increase the Admission Number of The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School, from 15 to 17 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 Hatton Park housing development just one mile north of Warwick town comprises 671 houses built over the last ten years. The development is mostly in the priority area of The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School and partly in the priority area of Budbrooke Primary School. A total of 164 pupils living on this estate currently attend Warwickshire primary schools (January 2006 PLASC),

with 115 attending Budbrooke Primary school or The Ferncumbe Primary School. The final stage of the development is around the site of the old hospital and is close to completion. The additional pupil numbers arising from the development have been successfully managed at these two schools with The Ferncumbe being able to utilise its spare places to the full and Budbrooke absorbing more pupils from within its priority area. However, in order to make long-term educational provision for primary school places, some limited accommodation has been added to the two schools with the following changes to school capacities and admission numbers which are proposed for consultation.

2. Budbrooke Primary School

- 2.1 Budbrooke Primary School serves the parish of Budbrooke, including part of the Hatton Park housing development, to the north of Warwick town centre. The school currently has an admission limit of 40 pupils per year, a capacity of 280 when last measured in 2003 and 272 pupils on roll at 21st September 2006.
- 2.2 Budbrooke is a popular school and 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 2010:

Table 1
Number of pupils on roll at Budbrooke 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	236	244	250	257	267	272*	296	312	315

* at 21st September 2006

- 2.4 An additional classroom has been added from September 2006 which would enable the school to set an admission number of 45 pupils. This would meet demand for places from Hatton Park and provide some places to meet excess demand from the south-west Warwick development where over 400 further houses are planned. The school has signalled its agreement to increase its admission number.

3. The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School

- 3.1 The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School serves a rural area approximately two miles from Warwick town centre including the parishes of Beausale, Haseley, Honiley, Shrewley, Wroxall and Hatton and much of the Hatton Park development. The school currently has an admission limit of 15 pupils per year, and prior to the addition of a classroom and library, capacity of 111 pupils. The school currently has 105 pupils on roll (at 21st September 2006).
- 3.2 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 increased demand for places at the school in the period 2001/05 as well as the forecast increase in pupils on roll in the coming years if the admission number is raised:

Table 2
Number of pupils on roll at The Ferncumbe 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	47	69	83	92	110	105*	109	117	115

* at 21st September 2006

4. Recommendation

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

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