

Decision Record – St Michael’s CE Primary School, Bedworth - Expansion

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking decision: *name and portfolio*

Councillor Heather Timms, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Child Safeguarding, Early Intervention and Schools

Date of Decision: (NOT BEFORE 25 November 2011)

28.11.11

Decision taken

I, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Child Safeguarding, Early Intervention and Schools, approve the expansion of St Michael’s CE Primary School, Bedworth as set out in the report and statutory notice (appendix A of the report and summarised below).

Reasons for Decisions

The rise in the birth rate will have a significant impact on some areas of the county from 2011 in some cases and from 2012 in others.

St Michael’s C E Primary School in increasing in popularity. Numbers in the school have fluctuated and it should be noted that the school had a Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of 45 at Reception and KS1 and 60 at KS2 before a reduction to 30 and 34 respectively. The school now shares a site and manages a Children’s Centre. This has attracted people to the school and has resulted in an increase in popularity

The proposal will provide additional spaces at KS1 and KS2 and ensure that the County Council is able to fulfil its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places

There have been no objections to the proposals.

Background Information/ factors considered in arriving at these decisions - (set out below or attach officer report):

Background

On 16 December 2010 the WCC Cabinet agreed to the Strategic Director carrying out formal consultation with stakeholders on proposals to expand St Michael’s CE Primary School. Formal consultations with stakeholders took place between 6 June and 15 July 2011.

At a meeting on 26 August 2011 the Portfolio Holder agreed to publish statutory consultation on the proposal to expand the School.

The current capacity is 226. The prescribed alteration would see the capacity increase to 335.

The proposal will increase the published admission number from 30 to 45 at Reception and from 34 to 50 at Key Stage 2.

The increased PAN will feed through the school one year group at a time starting with reception in September 2012. The increased PAN at Key Stage 2 will be introduced from September 2015.

Financial and Legal Implications

The estimated cost of the expansion is still to be finally agreed although will probably be less than £100,000. The costs will be met from the Warwickshire Schools Capital Programme

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Checklist

Urgent matter: yes/no*

No

Confidential or Exempt (state category of exempt information)

No

Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework

No

List of Reports considered [please attach or forward a copy]

As published

List of Background Papers [please include directorate contact names and numbers for access to background papers]

- School Organisation Framework Document 2005/10
- Portfolio Holder Report 26.07.11
- Cabinet Report 16.12.10
- Formal Consultation Paper

Any members and officers consulted or informed and any comments given.

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