

Decision Record – Oakfield Primary School, Rugby 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 Oakfield Primary School 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.

Parts of Rugby have been subject to large scale development over recent years and The Pavilions development has had a significant impact on the availability of school places. There is already significant pressure on primary school places and discussions with the Heads and Governors of neighbouring primary schools support the decision to expand provision at Oakfield.

Oakfield Primary School shares a site with Oakfield Children's Centre. There is also a Nursery on site. Since the Children's Centre has opened, the demand for places at Oakfield Primary School has increased.

Numbers in the area are forecast to continue to rise as the impact of the rise in the birth-rate and the continued housing development in the area feed through into the school system.

Other schools in the area are already almost full or at capacity. To do nothing will mean that there will be insufficient primary school places available in the area.

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 Oakfield 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 Oakfield Primary School.

The current capacity is 210. The prescribed alteration would see the capacity increase to 315. The current Pupil Admission Number (PAN) is 30 with up to 30 children being admitted in each year group. The proposal is to increase the school from 1 FE to 1.5 FE and a PAN of 45. In September 2012 we would look to see up to 45 children admitted into reception. The increased PAN will then feed through the school year on year with 45 being taken in to reception each September thereafter.

Financial and Legal Implications

This will involve a campus solution with Key Stage 1 provision and Key Stage 2 provision being further developed.

The estimated cost of the expansion is £2,000,000. 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]

Officer report circulated

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 – Janet Neale

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

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