

Decision Record – Camp Hill School 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, agree the expansion of Camp Hill 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 areas of the county from 2011 in some cases and from 2012 in others.

Camp Hill has been subject to significant regeneration over recent years and housing development is continuing. There is already significant pressure on primary school places in the area and the Headteacher and Governors of Camp Hill Primary School have kindly agreed to take above their PAN in reception for 2011 admissions.

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 would mean 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

The portfolio holder on 26 August agreed to statutory consultation on the proposals, following formal consultation with stakeholders.

The current capacity of the school is 315. The prescribed alteration will see the capacity increase to 420. The current Pupil Admission Number is 45 with up to 45 children being admitted in each year group. The proposal is to increase the school from 1.5 FE to 2 FE and a Pupil Admission Number of 60. In September 2012 we would look to see up to 60 children admitted into reception. The increased PAN will then feed through the school year on year with 60 being taken in to reception each September thereafter.

The proposal will require the provision of four additional classrooms and a studio hall. It is also proposed to convert an existing space for additional dining facilities.

Financial and Legal Implications

The Local Authority and the school are working together to agree the lay-out and size of the new accommodation.

The estimated cost of the expansion is 1,300,000. the costs will be met from the Warwickshire Schools Capital Programme.

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Portfolio Holder	Cllr Heather Timms

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]

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.

Consulted:

Cllr Heather Timms – Decision Maker

Local member: Cllr Tooth

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