

Decision Record – Proposal to Increase Published Admission Number of Coten End Primary School

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking decision

Councillor Heather Timms – Children and Schools

**Date of Decision:
(NOT BEFORE – 21st December 2012)**

21 DECEMBER 2012

Decision taken

That I, as Portfolio Holder for Children and Schools, authorises the Strategic Director for People Group to consult on a proposal to increase the Published Admission Number (PAN) of Coten End Primary School from 60 to 90, with effect from September 2014 admissions.

Reasons for Decisions

The Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to ensure a sufficiency of school places.

Discussions have taken place with the Head and Governors of Coten End Primary and they are supportive of consulting on a proposal to increase the School and the opportunities this will bring.

To ensure there are sufficient places in the area longer term, the Local Authority is seeking to consult on a proposal to increase the PAN of Coten End Primary School from 60 to 90 with effect from September 2014.

It should be noted that £2,800,000 has been identified in the 2012/13 capital programme to support the expansion of Coten End Primary School.

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

The Warwick area has seen a significant increase in the birth rate over recent years and this has resulted in pressure on existing primary school places. Cabinet have already agreed to increase the capacity of Emscote Infant School by half a form of entry with effect from September 2013 admissions. This will provide an additional 15 places per year group. It is proposed that All Saint's CE Junior School will also be expanded by half a form of entry. It should be noted that none of the primary schools

in Warwick Town have proposed conversion to become Academy schools at present.

Coten End Primary is a popular, over-subscribed school and has been deemed to be outstanding by Ofsted (December 2011).

Latest information from colleagues in Health suggests that the number of live births within the Warwick area is still increasing. The table below shows the number of pre-school age children currently living within the priority areas of the primary schools in Warwick.

Primary School Priority Area	PAN	Capacity	Pupils due to start school in			
			Sept 2012	Sept 2013	Sept 2014	Sept 2015
Coten End Primary	60	420	75	66	86	71
Emscote Infant/All Saint's CE Junior	75 / 60	225 / 240	61	61	56	60
Newburgh Primary	60	420	97	92	101	106
Westgate Primary	30	210	58	64	73	74
Woodloes Primary	60	420	39	48	48	65
Total	285 / 270	1935	330	331	364	376

Latest data suggests the need for additional capacity within Warwick by September 2014.

Financial Implications:

None listed.

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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]

Report from author.

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

None

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

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