

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Name of Decision-Maker** Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families) Decision Making Session

**Date of Meeting** 26 November 2009

**Report Title** Primary School Places in Warwick

**Summary** The purpose of this report is to review primary school places in Warwick town and to seek approval to undertake formal consultation upon proposals to expand Newburgh Primary School to meet the demand for school places.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? [please identify relevant plan/budget provision]** No

**Background papers** School Organisation Framework Document 2005/10

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:**

Details to be specified

Other Committees  .....

Local Member(s)  Cllr Clare Hopkinson – Warwick West

Other Elected Members  CYP&F O&S Chair and Vice-Chair for information:  
Cllr John Ross  
Cllr Carolyn Robbins

CYP&F O&S Spokespersons for information:  
Cllr Peter Balaam  
Cllr Tim Naylor  
Cllr Carolyn Robbins

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| Cabinet Member                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cllr Izzi Seccombe                                                                              |
| Other Cabinet Members consulted | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                                                                 |
| Chief Executive                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                                                                 |
| Legal                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Diane Nation – comments incorporated in report                                                  |
| Finance                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Oliver Winters on behalf of David Clarke, Strategic Director of Resources – no comments to make |
| Other Strategic Directors       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                                                                 |
| District Councils               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                                                                 |
| Health Authority                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                                                                 |
| Police                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                                                                 |
| Other Bodies/Individuals        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                                                                 |

**FINAL DECISION** **NO**

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:**

Details to be specified

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Further consideration by this Committee | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                                                  |
| To Council                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                                                  |
| To Cabinet Portfolio Holder             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | April 2010                                                                       |
| To an O & S Committee                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                                                  |
| To an Area Committee                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Warwick Area Committee on 16 March 2010 following consultation with stakeholders |
| Further Consultation                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | All stakeholders (subject to Cabinet Portfolio Holder's decision)                |

**Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families)  
Decision Making Session – 26 November 2009**

**Primary School Places in Warwick**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Children,  
Young People and Families**

**Recommendation:**

That approval be given to undertake formal consultation upon proposals to expand Newburgh Primary School, Warwick, from 30 to 45 places per year with effect from September 2011.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the position with regard to the growing demand for the provision of primary school places in Warwick and proposes that consultation with stakeholders on the expansion of Newburgh Primary School should be undertaken.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Currently, the town is served by eight primary schools, including St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School and All Saints Church of England Voluntary Controlled Junior School and six Community primary schools.
- 2.2 The number of primary aged pupils attending schools in the town of Warwick has grown in recent years initially as a result of new housing but more lately the impact of the new housing and a rise in the birth rate. Between 2008 and 2009 the reception age cohort saw an increase of 33 pupils from 268 to 301. Although the latest births data from the PCT had indicated a rise in reception year numbers for 2009, the reality exceeded forecast significantly, reaching numbers not forecast until at least 2011. The pupil forecast together with more general birth trend indicates that this is not a temporary phenomena and that additional primary school places are needed in Warwick to ensure that there will be sufficient to meet demand from the Warwick area.
- 2.3 Table 1 below sets out the number of pupils on roll in each primary school in Warwick in September 2009:

*Table 1*  
*Number of primary school pupils on roll and school capacities as at September 2009*  
 (source: September 2009 School Census)

School	Capacity	Number on roll Sep.2009	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	* PAN
Westgate Primary	210	133	30	18	14	21	10	20	20	30
Newburgh Primary	210	199	30	26	26	31	30	24	32	30
Budbrooke Primary	315	274	47	48	41	38	31	34	35	45
Emscote Infant	180	160	60	59	41					60
St .Mary Immaculate (Catholic Aided) Primary	105	82	16	12	12	11	11	8	12	15
Woodloes Primary	420	314	58	46	37	41	42	50	40	60
All Saints C of E Controlled Primary	240	171				56	28	38	49	60**
Coten End Primary	420	436	60	59	59	64	64	66	64	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>2100</b>	<b>1769</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>300</b>

\* PAN = the official Planned Admission Number

- 2.4 Coten End Primary School is the only school that is currently full to capacity. The only schools with significant capacity are Westgate Primary School and Woodloes Primary. However, the dramatic increase from the 268 reception pupils in 2008 to 301 pupils in 2009 is important as virtually all of the surplus capacity that exists is in the older year groups. With only 300 reception places across the Warwick schools, the only reception places now available are two vacancies at Woodloes Primary School (St. Mary Immaculate having taken one pupil above its admission number and Budbrooke 2).
- 2.5 Recent changes to schools in Warwick include the amalgamation of Woodloes Infant School and Woodloes Junior School in September 2009 (with the same 60 pupil admission number); the expansion of Budbrooke Primary School from 40 to 45 places per year with effect from 2008; and St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School will increase its admission number from 17 to 20 pupils per year from September 2010.
- 2.6 Table 2 below shows the rise in demand for reception places in recent years and the underlying demographic and new housing information available. It is estimated that even by increasing Newburgh Primary School by 15 places from 2011, the number of primary school places (320) will be just on the 5%

contingency level. Beyond 2011 it will be important to have the ability to increase capacity further.

*Table 2*

*Forecast numbers of reception aged pupils up to 2013, including expected rise in pupil numbers resulting from housing development\* and building in the recommended margin of 5% contingency to allow for variations in the forecast.*

	Actual	Actual	Actual 2009	Forecast			
	2007	2008		2010	2011	2012	2013
Demographic	231	286	277	294	299	299	297
Housing (per year group)*	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	6	9	12
5% Surplus required	n/a	n/a	n/a	15	15	15	15
Total Planned Demand	228	273	301	312	320	323	324
Capacity	300	300	300	305**	305	305	305
Surplus	72	27	-1	-7	-15	-18	-19

\* Based on major developments already with planning permission only.

\*\* St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School increases its PAN from 15 to 20 wef September 2010.

2.7 Details of major housing developments in Warwick and the considerations made are attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

### **3. Newburgh Primary School**

3.1 In order to address the need for school places it is proposed to expand Newburgh Primary School from 30 places per year first to 45 places and then to 60 places as the need for places arise. This would allow sufficient capacity for 2011 with the capability, subject to further consultation, to add further capacity as demand required.

3.2 Newburgh Primary School is a Community primary school serving the south-west of Warwick. The school currently has 199 pupils on roll, an admission limit of 30 pupils per year, and a capacity of 210 pupils. The school has a private early years provider on site and shares children centre provision with Westgate Primary School.

3.3 The tables below show current and past numbers on roll at this school:

*Table 3  
Number of pupils on roll at Newburgh Primary School – November 2009*

	School year								Total	Capa- city
	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
Pupils on roll	30	26	26	31	30	24	32	138	199	

Source : School and DCSF

*Table 4  
Total number of pupils on roll at Newburgh Primary School*

Year	Jan 2005	Jan 2006	Jan 2007	Jan 2008	Jan 2009	Autumn 2009
Pupils on roll	145	141	148	161	179	199

- 3.4 The demand for places at Newburgh Primary School has increased significantly over the last few years with the school's performance recognised by OfSTED as 'good with numerous outstanding features' and all grades in the report above the 'satisfactory' level. The school is now extremely popular and the OfSTED report also noted that 'Parental satisfaction with the school far exceeds that seen in most other schools'. The school was oversubscribed in 2009, and the latest data on applications for admission for September 2010 suggest the school will oversubscribed with pupils living in its priority area. Four of the school's seven year groups are already full and the school is currently turning away pupils from within its priority area where families need places in more than one year group. Two parents removed children from the school when they could not secure a place for a child in the 2009 Reception Year.
- 3.5 The south-west Warwick housing development is in the priority area of the school and is now attracting the overwhelming majority of pupils from the development which has over 350 houses still to be built. Other schools in the town are also benefiting from higher pupil numbers and this proposal may have an effect pupil numbers in the short term; there should be sufficient pupils to sustain all existing schools. The current supply of places is clearly insufficient to secure reception places to meet forecast pupil demand.

## **4. Building**

- 4.1 It is proposed to extend and remodel the school in two phases in line with the planned increase in admission number referred to in paragraph 3.1
- 4.2 Subject to the outcome of this report, design of the new accommodation will be undertaken in consultation with representatives of the school with a view to providing sufficient accommodation for an intake of 45 pupils from September 2011, rising to an intake of 60 pupils thereafter.

## **5. Funding**

- 5.1 The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately £2,500,000. It is intended that the cost of the project would be funded from the 2010/2011 and 2011/12 capital programmes, however the Authority has yet to finalise 2010/11 allocations. If decisions mean insufficient funding is available in 2010/11, this will be first call on 2011/12 allocations. The DCSF have yet to confirm 2011/12 grant allocations, but it is expected that sufficient funding will be received to cover this allocation. If this is not the case, alternative sources of finance will need to be considered.

## **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 It will be necessary to consult key stakeholders including staff, existing parents and the parents of prospective pupils, local schools, the pupil School Council of Newburgh Primary School, Diocesan Authorities, local schools, other local admission authorities, Warwick District Council and parish councils in Warwick District, neighbouring Local Authorities and Member of Parliament.
- 6.2 The outcome of formal consultations would be reported back to Warwick Area Committee for comment and then to the Portfolio Holder to determine whether or not to publish statutory notices.

## **7. Planned timescale**

- 7.1 The key milestones, subject to responses at each stage, are as follows:
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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Consultation on proposals         | – 3 March - 28 February 2010 |
| Warwick Area Committee            | – 13 March 2010              |
| Consideration by Portfolio Holder | – April 2010                 |
| Statutory consultation            | – April - June 2010          |
| Final report to Portfolio Holder  | – July 2010                  |
| Implementation of proposals       | – September 2011             |

## **8. Summary**

- 8.1 There is a demonstrated need for additional primary school places in Warwick and it is proposed to consult stakeholders on proposals to expand Newburgh Primary School to accommodate these.

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## Impact of Major New Housing in Warwick

### Current larger scale developments

New housing	Planned	No. completed to 31.3.09	Remaining
South-west Warwick	1,475	1,106	369
Cape Road	193	146	47
Pottertons	307	260	47
Trinity College Site	42	42	0

1. This list shows that there are approximately 450 homes still to be completed on existing larger scale developments. The largest at south-west Warwick is in the priority area of Newburgh Primary School.
2. With regard to new housing developments, it should be noted that it is difficult to predict accurately the number of additional pupils from new housing. The rate of development is highly variable depending on the economic conditions at the time and a housing development of 50 houses can be completed in less than a year or take more than five. The current economic slow-down is likely to be reflected in the rate of new house building in Warwick though how much and for how long is unknown. The County Council uses an accepted formula to calculate the number of pupils that may result from any new housing but it is recognised that this can vary, for example, due to the nature and the size of dwellings.
3. Further, it is understood that new housing plans for Warwick District Council for the period 2006 to 2026 contained in Warwick District Council's Core Strategy Document currently envisages 11,000 new houses of which about 1,200 may be built at Europa Way near Coten End Primary, Emscote Infant and All Saints Junior schools. It is also the case that significant housing is proposed for areas adjoining Warwick, notably 2,400 in the Harbury Lane area.
4. The situation with regard to new housing developments will need to be monitored carefully. The County Council has indicated to the District Council the potential education provision implications of major new developments.