

Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families) Decision Making Session Agenda

25 March 2010

A Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families) Decision Making Session will be held at **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **25 March 2010 at 12.00 noon**.

The agenda will be:

1. General

Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Membership of a district or borough council is classed as a personal interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

2. **Minutes of Decision Making Session held on – 5 February 2010.**

3. **Primary School Places in Warwick**

Report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families enclosed.

4. **Expansion of Bridgetown Primary School in Stratford-on-Avon.**

Report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families enclosed.

5. **Increase in the Admission Number of The Dasset C of E (Controlled) Primary School in Stratford-on-Avon.**

Report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families enclosed.

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web
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6. Any Other Urgent Business

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Minutes of Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families) Decision Making Session held on 5 February 2010

Present:

Councillor Mrs Izzi Seccombe Portfolio Holder (Chair)

Others present

Members

Councillor Martin Heatley
Councillor Heather Timms

Officers

Phil Astle (Children Young People and Families Directorate)
Jane Pollard (Democratic Services Manager)

1. General

(1) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

(2) Minutes of the Meeting 4th December 2009

These were agreed as a correct record

2. Dunchurch Infant Foundation School and All Saints CE (Aided) Primary school - consultation on proposed changes in admission numbers

Councillor Mrs Seccombe considered a report by the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families seeking comments on proposals by Dunchurch Infant Foundation School and All Saints CE (Aided) Primary School to increase their admission numbers. The Council is a consultee in these circumstances as each school is the respective admission authority for their own school.

Resolved

1) That the proposals by the Governing Body of Dunchurch Foundation Infant School, Dunchurch to increase its Planned Admission Number from 56 to 60 places per year with effect from September 2011 are supported.

2) That the proposal of the Governing Body of All Saints CE Voluntary Aided Primary School, Leek Wootton to increase its Planned Admission number from 17 to 20 places per year with effect from September 2011 are supported.

3. Any other items

None.

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Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families)

The meeting rose at 12.07 pm

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Decision making session **Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families) Decision Making Session**

Date of Decision **25 March 2010**

Report Title **Primary School Places in Warwick**

Summary This report gives details of the response to the consultation on the proposal to provide additional primary school places at Newburgh Primary School.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No

Background papers

- School Organisation Framework Document 2005/10
- Portfolio Holder Report 26.11.09
- Warwick Area Committee Report 16.03.10
- Formal Consultation Paper

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

Other Committees Portfolio Holder (CYPF) Decision Making Session 26.11.09
Warwick Area Committee 16.03.10

Local Member(s) Cllr Clare Hopkinson – Warwick West *“I do not have any objections to Newburgh school expanding”*

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

Cabinet Member Cllr Izzi Seccombe (Decision Maker)
Cllr Martin Heatley *(for property/finance)*

Chief Executive

Legal Fay Ford “no comments”
Barry Juckes

Finance David Clarke, Strategic Director of Resources

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- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **No**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

**Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families)
Decision Making Session**

25 March 2010

Primary School Places in Warwick

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

Recommendations

That the Portfolio Holder:

- i) considers the response to formal consultation on proposals to increase the capacity of Newburgh Primary School from 30 to 45 places per year with effect from 1 September 2011;
- ii) approves the proposal including the introduction of the higher admission limit to Key Stage 1 only in the first instance and moving progressively through Key Stage 2 from 2012 onwards;
- iii) approves the publication of statutory notices.

1. Introduction

1.1 On 26 November 2009 the Portfolio Holder agreed to the Strategic Director carrying out formal consultation with stakeholders on proposals to expand Newburgh Primary School.

2. Background

2.1 Currently, the town of Warwick 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 also, more lately, because of a rise in the birth rate. Between 2008 and 2009 the reception age cohort saw an increase of 33 pupils from 268 to 301. The pupil forecast together with more general birth trend indicates that this is not a temporary phenomenon 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
Total	2100	1769	301	268	230	262	216	240	252	300

* PAN = the official Planned Admission Number

** Key Stage 2 not reception (so not included in total)

- 2.4 Coten End Primary School is the only school that is currently full. However, 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 pupils).
- 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 pupil admission number of 60); 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 15 to 20 pupils per year from September 2010.
- 2.6 In addition to the rise in birth rate in the town, further demand for places in all age groups can be expected from further new housing. The approximate number of homes to be completed on major housing developments, already with planning permission, in the Warwick area and which have been included in Table 3 is as follows:

*Table 2
New housing planned for Warwick*

South-West Warwick	369
Cape Road	47
Pottertons	47

- 2.7 The south-west Warwick housing development is in the priority area of Newburgh Primary School and is now attracting the overwhelming majority of pupils from the development which has over 350 houses still to be built.
- 2.8 Table 3 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 reception places from 2011, the number of primary reception places (320) will give a surplus of only 5% which gives little flexibility in the system.

Table 3

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	268	301	312	320	323	324
Capacity	300	300	300	305**	305	305	305
Surplus	72	32	-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

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 4

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

	School year							Total	Capacity
	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Pupils on roll	30	26	26	31	30	24	32	199	210

Source : School and DCSF

*Table 5
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 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 shows that the school will be 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 Newburgh Warwick housing development in the priority area of the school is now attracting the overwhelming majority of pupils from the development. Other schools in the town are also benefiting from higher pupil numbers and although this proposal may have an effect on pupil numbers in other schools in the short term; particularly if the slow down in the housing market continues after 2010, this proposal is unlikely to have a significant long term negative effect. The overriding concern is that the current supply of school places appears insufficient to meet forecast pupil demand.

4. Building

- 4.1 The 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 when needed. It is intended that the build will be completed in a single phase.

5. Funding

- 5.1 The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately £2,250,000. It is intended that the cost of the project would be funded from the 2010/2011 capital programme.
- 5.2 The Children, Young People & Families Directorate's proposed Capital Programme will be considered by Cabinet on 11 March 2010 and will then need full Council approval before funding is confirmed. If the proposed capital programme is not approved the financing of this scheme will need to be reconsidered.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 Formal consultations with stakeholders took place between 4 January and 28 February 2010. A consultation paper was sent to 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 the Member of Parliament.
- 6.2 A summary of responses received to date, with comments, is set out below. Copies of all responses have been placed in the Members' Group Rooms.

The Chair of Governors of Newburgh Primary School

The Chair makes the following points:

- The demand for places at the school has increased significantly in the last few years due to a number of factors including the school's latest OfSTED report which described it as 'good with outstanding features'.
- The school is oversubscribed with a number of pupils living in the priority area being unable to gain a place or families moving into the priority area where not all children in a family could be accommodated.
- The school should be able to serve all of the pupils from its own priority area.
- The physical enlargement of the school should be completed in one phase to avoid disruption and health and safety issues.

Comment

It is intended that the project would be completed in one phase.

Westgate Primary School

- The proposal to extend another primary school so close to Westgate Primary would cause significant disruption to the continued growth and stability of the school.
- There is no need to expand all your groups at Newburgh Primary School as the justification of the proposals is the increase reception cohorts entering the school.
- There are only 85 additional houses to be built at south-west Warwick not 369 as stated.
- There is already 15% over capacity in primary schools in Warwick.
- Key stage 2 capacity is not needed.
- The overcapacity is significantly in schools identified as 'good' by OfSTED.
- The capital expenditure proposed is hugely disproportionate.
- Cost could be reduced by providing temporary classrooms at £53,500 + VAT.
- Minimising costs would free up capital expenditure for other schools in the town.
- Governors request rejection of the proposals and a further review of the analysis and approach.

A letter from a resident of west Warwick and a parent of Westgate School makes much the same comment on the proposal including a concern that the proposal will add to surplus places in the town at a time when the County Council is under pressure from Central Government to reduce surplus accommodation.

Comment

There has been a very significant increase in reception cohorts in the Warwick area from 228 in September 2007 to 301 in September 2009, the equivalent of nearly 2.5 reception classes. For admissions to reception in 2009, this left the County Council with only 2 places in the town. This trend in pupil numbers is forecast to continue and there are some 450 houses plus to be built in the town over the next few years. New housing can produce an increase in pupil numbers across all age groups, although it tends to produce mostly younger pupils in the first instance.

The proposal acknowledges that there may be some impact in the short term on the number of pupils admitted to other local schools. In response to this representation to minimise the short term impact of an increase in pupil admissions to Newburgh School on other local primary schools, it is proposed that the increase to the admission number from 30 – 45 places should only apply to Key stage 1 from 2011. The increase to 45 places would then progress from Y2 to Y3 etc from 2012 onwards until it relates to the whole of Key stage 2. This would provide additional places for the acute 2009, 2010 and 2011 cohorts and reduce the potential impact on other local schools.

If additional capacity is not provided the Authority could find itself in the untenable position of not being able to accommodate pupils in the town with a school place, particularly in the reception year group.

Newburgh School is already oversubscribed for its own priority area and this oversubscription will increase as the development at south-west Warwick grows. There is no surplus classroom accommodation at Newburgh Primary School.

With regard to the south-west Warwick development, Warwick District Council has confirmed that at its latest survey there were over 300 houses planned but not started and 52 homes under construction. This does include houses for which Warwickshire County Council has an expired planning permission but it is the District Council's clear view that an application for a similar numbers of houses will go ahead.

While there is a role for temporary classrooms in some situations, they are by their nature 'temporary' and for example will usually receive planning permission for a maximum of two years. The cost of temporary classrooms is estimated to be more in the region of £80,000 when you take into account the cost of foundations, drains, paths and connecting to services and ICT and they have a shorter life span and require greater maintenance than permanent classrooms over their life cycle. Temporary classrooms are also more difficult to integrate with existing permanent build as would be the case here.

The provision of temporary classrooms could have been an option if the increase in pupil numbers were predicted to be a blip. The pupil forecasts, however, indicate that the rise in the number of births will be prolonged and therefore the proposal is to provide high quality accommodation for the longer term.

Although the school calls for further time to consider options, the fact is that options are extremely limited in that none of the other Warwick schools, including Westgate School itself, can provide the additional pupil capacity needed to address the issue. It is intended that the phasing of the introduction of the change in the admission number between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, in addition to the phasing of the change from 45 to 60 pupils, will help alleviate understandable concerns about the impact of the proposals on Westgate Primary School.

Staff of Newburgh Primary School

The staff of the school made the following points:

- Fully support the proposal.
- Parental demand for the school has grown significantly in recent years.
- A number of families have had to go to appeal for places.
- Many classes are now full.
- Expanding the school will enable it to improve the resources available to all children.
- The school is already active in the community and the proposal will enable it serve the community to an even greater extent.
- The school is well placed to provide much needed school places for a growing Warwick.

Governor of Newburgh Primary School

A community Governor and a parent of 2 children write in support of the proposal:

- Represents recognition of the school's hard work in recent years.

- Pleased that draft plans seem to embrace the school's community focus and also with the location of car parking and delivery points.

Pathways Pre –School at Newburgh School

The owner states that:

- The last four years has seen significant improvements in the quality of teaching, pupil behaviour and the learning environment of the primary school.
- Numbers of children in the nursery have increased and there seems to be a demand for more pupils to continue into the primary school.
- Expanding the school would be a wise investment.

Parent of Prospective Pupil

- Delighted by the proposal and offers support.
- Building work should be carried out over shortest time possible.
- A pelican crossing is needed near the Stratford Road/Shakespeare Avenue crossroads as the current crossing place is not adequate.
- The Aylesford School access road should be in place before the expansion is completed to avoid local traffic being increased.

Comment

A Traffic Impact Assessment survey will usually be carried out as part of the planning application. The school is intended to serve the local area and not to attract traffic from any distance. It will take some years for pupil numbers to build up, mainly growing from reception initially.

A Resident

One resident raised the following points:

- Concern that local residents have not been consulted.
- Parking is already a problem outside school at the start and end of the school day and if the school has a function. No parking spaces available and driveways sometimes blocked.
- Wishes to be kept informed of developments.

Comment

Consultations on the impact on residents forms part of the planning application stage and would be picked up at that point. The Authority will usually be required to produce a Traffic Impact Assessment and a Green Travel Plan which shows how pupils will be encouraged to walk to school. Residents are not one of the prescribed stakeholder groups which the Department for Schools, Children and Families requires Local Authorities to consult at this stage with regard to school organisation proposals.

The provision of school places at a local school should mean that the vast majority of pupils will live nearby and should not require travel to school by car. Further, the alternative of providing places for pupils living in the Newburgh area, including the south-west Warwick development elsewhere in the town would certainly produce more travel by car and travel into and perhaps through this town at peak times.

A parent of Newburgh School

- Supports the expansion of the school which has flourished under the current leadership.
- Important that parents can attend their local school.
- School is popular and there is on-going housing development in the local area.

- More school places locally will help reduce traffic.
- Experience suggests that disruption during build will be minimal and well managed.

6.3 Any comments forwarded from Warwick Area Committee, which is due to consider this matter at its meeting on 16 March 2010, will be reported verbally to the Portfolio Holder.

7. Planned timescale

7.1 As the proposal represents a significant increase in the admission number and includes building work, the proposal would be subject to statutory proposals.

7.2 The key milestones, subject to responses at each stage, are as follows:

Consideration by Portfolio Holder	– 25 March 2010
Statutory consultation	– April - June 2010
Final report to Portfolio Holder	– July 2010
Implementation of proposals	– September 2011

8. Summary

8.1 The report gives details of the response to the consultation on the proposal to provide additional primary school places at Newburgh Primary School. The proposal has the strong support of the Governing Body and staff of Newburgh Primary School and all of the parents of the school which have responded. The only objections to the proposal are from the neighbouring Westgate Primary School and a resident near Newburgh School. In response to the concerns raised by Westgate Primary School it is proposed to further stage the introduction of the higher admission limit and this too has the support of Newburgh Primary School. Given the need for primary school places in Warwick and in light of the comments received, the Portfolio Holder is asked to consider approving the proposal so that the necessary statutory notices can be issued.

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11 March 2010

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Decision making session **Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families) Decision Making Session**

Date of Decision **25 March 2010**

Report Title **Expansion of Bridgetown Primary School in Stratford-on-Avon**

Summary This report gives details of the response to consultation on the proposal to provide additional primary school places in Stratford-on-Avon.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No

Background papers

- School Organisation Framework Document 2005/10
- Portfolio Holder Report 4.12.09
- Stratford-on-Avon Area Committee – 17.03.10
- Formal Consultation Paper

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees Portfolio Holder Report 4.12.09
Stratford-on-Avon Area Committee – 17.03.10
- Local Member(s) Cllr Kate Rolfe *“comments incorporated into the report”*
Cllr Ron Cockings
- 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 Jerry Roodhouse (on behalf of Cllr Balaam)
Cllr Carolyn Robbins
- Cabinet Member Cllr Izzi Seccombe (Decision Maker)
Cllr Heatley
- Chief Executive
- Legal Fay Ford “no comments”
Barry Juckes
- Finance David Clarke, Strategic Director, Resources

Directorate *"no comments"*
Vicki Barnard, Corporate Capital Accountant
"comments incorporated into the report"

- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **No**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

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- Further consideration by this Committee
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**Expansion of Bridgetown Primary School in
Stratford-on-Avon**

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

Recommendations

That the Portfolio Holder:

- i) considers the response to formal consultation on proposals to increase the capacity of Bridgetown Primary School from 45 to 60 places per year with effect from 1 September 2011;
- ii) approves the proposal;
- iii) approves the publication of statutory notices.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 On 4 December 2009 the Portfolio Holder agreed to the Strategic Director carrying out formal consultation with stakeholders on proposals to expand Bridgetown Primary School.

2. Background

- 2.1 The town of Stratford-on-Avon is served by eight primary schools, including a Catholic Primary School, three Church of England Voluntary Controlled schools and four Community primary schools.
- 2.2 Stratford-on-Avon has attracted significant numbers of new houses as the only town in South Warwickshire to be designated for large-scale housing developments. A large number of new houses have been built over the last 10 years and the number of additional children living in the town has resulted in some schools being full while others have year groups or some classes that are full.
- 2.3 Table 1 below sets out the number of pupils on roll in each primary school in Stratford 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
Bishopton	210	140	23	25	24	18	13	16	21	30
Alveston	140	166	29	28	25	21	16	21	26	20
Thomas Jolyffe	420	384	51	58	52	57	63	48	55	60
The Willows	280	290	45	43	45	33	42	45	37	40
Bridgetown	315	310	46	44	46	43	37	48	46	45
Stratford	210	213	30	30	31	31	30	28	33	30
St. Gregorys	210	220	31	30	28	31	32	35	33	30
Shottery	70	75	13	9	11	9	12	7	14	10
Total	1855	1798	268	267	262	243	245	248	265	265

2.4 Three primary schools are currently operating above their physical capacity: Stratford Primary School, Shottery St Andrew's Church of England (Controlled) Primary School and St Gregory's Catholic (Aided) Primary School. From 2009 Bishopton Primary School was expanded, increasing its capacity from 22 to 30 pupils per year. With effect from 2010 admissions, the capacity of The Willows Church of England (Controlled) School will increase from 40 to 45 places per year and the capacity of Alveston Church of England (Controlled) School from 20 to 30 places per year.

2.5 Table 2 below shows that on the basis of demographic changes and new housing information available, it is estimated that the number of primary school pupils seeking Reception year places in the town will exceed current total places available in schools in the town by 2011.

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	Forecast			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Demographic	267	268	239	291	235	255
Housing (per year group)*	n/a	n/a	2	4	11	18
5% Surplus required	n/a	n/a	14	14	14	14
Total Planned Demand	n/a	n/a	255	309	260	287
Capacity*	258	265	280	280	280	280
Surplus	-9	-3	25	-29	20	-7

- o Based on existing expansions at Bishopton from 2009 and The Willows and Alveston from 2010.
- o Housing developments include – minor developments on Birmingham Road and the Cattlemarket Site and major sites from 2012 include – the Egg Packing Station, Kipling Road and Shottery Fields.
- o A surplus capacity of 5% is recommended for areas of potential growth e.g. for new housing to provide some flexibility.

- 2.6 In September 2008, the current Reception year capacity of Stratford Town schools was exceeded and was managed mainly by Bishopton, The Willows and Alveston schools admitting above their published admission limits. In 2009, the situation was much the same although Bishopton Primary School had been expanded. Although 2010 is forecast to be a smaller cohort than the previous two a large Reception cohort is forecast for 2011.
- 2.7 As well as ensuring that there are enough school places across the town, there is also an issue about whether the current school places are located where they are needed. Families should be able to secure a school place in a local school within a reasonable distance from their home. In the town of Stratford-on-Avon there is a degree of 'cross over' of pupils, with pupils living in one priority area attending a school in another area. Whilst most of this is due to parental preference, it can also happen if a school is unable to provide places for all of the children in its priority area. There is a particular problem in relation to Bridge Town Primary School where, due to new housing developments close to the school, it was unable to admit all of the applicants from its priority area for admission to the Reception Year Group in September 2008 and September 2009.

3. Reasons for the Proposal

- 3.1 Bridgetown Primary School is a popular and successful one and a half form (45 places per year) primary school serving a large geographical area comprised of Stratford-on-Avon east of the river to the Tiddington Road, Loxley Road and the parishes of Atherstone-on-Stour, Clifford Chambers and Preston-on-Stour (excluding Sweet Knowle). Earlier in 2009 it was agreed that the Parish of Clifford Chambers would transfer to Welford Primary School with effect from September 2010. The population of the priority area has increased significantly as a result of a large new housing development very close to the school. A further phase of the development with some 100 dwellings is likely to come forward shortly, further exacerbating the demand for school places at Bridgetown Primary.
- 3.2 The school currently has 310 pupils on roll, an admission limit of 45 pupils per year, and a capacity of 315 pupils. Table 3 below sets out the number of pupils in each year group and shows the school to be above its admission number in four out of seven year groups. The school has a private early years provider on site.
- 3.3 In 2008 there were 61 applications from pupils living in the school's priority area for 45 reception places and therefore 16 'in area' pupils were refused admission including pupils living in Clifford Chambers. In 2009 there were 83 applications from pupils living in the school's priority area for 45 reception places and therefore 38 'in area' pupils were refused admission. The September 2010 reception cohort is much smaller than in 2009 but Bridgetown Primary is full to its admission limit. A larger Reception cohort of 295 pupils is forecast for 2011, some 15 above the agreed Reception year capacity.
- 3.4 In order to address the need for school places within its priority area it is proposed to expand Bridgetown Primary School from 45 places per year to 60 places per year as the need for places with effect from September 2011 admissions.
- 3.5 The tables below show current and past numbers on roll at this school:

Table 3
Number of pupils on roll at Bridgetown 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	46	44	46	43	37	48	46	310	45

Table 4
Total number of pupils on roll at Bridgetown Primary School

Year	Jan 2005	Jan 2006	Jan 2007	Jan 2008	Jan 2009	Autumn 2009
Pupils on roll	280	301	306	307	309	310

4. What will be the Impact of the Change?

- 4.1 An increase in the admission number of Bridgetown Primary would enable the school to provide more school places for pupils living in its priority area and also increase the number of pupils obtaining their first preference school and help to meet the demand for places in the town. A two form entry school would, over time, assist the school in organising its classes into single age groups. From 2011 the additional places would provide valuable capacity in the town. Other schools in the town are also benefiting from higher pupil numbers and although there may be impact on admissions to local schools in some years, in the long term, all schools in the town should have sufficient pupil numbers.

5. Building and Finance Issues

- 5.1 A feasibility study carried out earlier this year indicates that Bridgetown Primary School could be extended to accommodate the additional pupils. The new accommodation will be designed in consultation with representatives of the school with a view to having the provision in place from September 2011.
- 5.2 The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately £2,000,000. It is intended that the cost of the project would be funded from the 2010/2011 capital programme.
- 5.3 The Children, Young People & Families Directorate's proposed Capital Programme will be considered by Cabinet on 11 March 2010 and will then need full Council approval before funding is confirmed. If the proposed capital programme is not approved the financing of this scheme will need to be reconsidered.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 Formal consultations with stakeholders took place between 4 January and 28 February 2010. A consultation paper was sent to all parents, to prospective parents, staff, the Governing Body and the Pupil School Council of Bridgetown Primary School, schools, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Parish Councils in Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Diocesan Education Authorities, admission authorities and neighbouring Local Education Authorities and the local Member of Parliament.
- 6.2 A summary of responses received with comments is set out below received to date. Copies of all responses have been placed in the Members' Group Rooms.

The Headteacher of Alveston Primary School

The Headteacher states that she has no objection in principle to the proposal but feels that priority areas in the town need to be reviewed to reduce the amount of pupil movement across the town. The admission number of Alveston has been increased and perhaps its priority should be expanded accordingly.

Comment

It may be appropriate to conduct a review of priority areas in Stratford-on-Avon when further births data is available and when further details of the District Council's plans for new housing in the town are established.

Parents of Bridgetown Primary School

Five sets of parents made points including:

- Is there a long term pupil place planning strategy in place?
- Will the proposal meet any increased demand for places from the adjacent planned Kipling Road housing development?
- Should a new school be provided instead of extending Bridgetown in order to provide enough places for the long term?
- What physical changes will be made to the school?
- Will school traffic be a problem if the school is expanded.
- Will there be an impact on the amount of outdoor space at the school?
- Concern that a larger school will impact on the surrounding houses.
- What about disruption to the education of pupils and health and safety risks?
- Will being larger have a negative affect on the school's character and reputation?
- Will the internal facilities be extended and improved enough to take the additional pupil?

Comments

The additional 105 places proposed would be a significant increase in the supply of places south of the river in the town and would take Bridgetown to a total of 420 places, which is generally considered to be an optimum size for a primary school. It is unlikely that there would be sufficient demand for a new school which would need to have a capacity of at least 210 places. It is also unlikely that a new and suitable site could be identified at this stage. If the additional places do not prove sufficient it would almost certainly have to be addressed by considering the priority areas in the town. The physical changes to the building are under discussion with the school but will include some remodelling as well as additional classrooms so that the building offers quality accommodation. Outdoor space may need some re-organisation but the size of outdoor play areas and fields are prescribed by regulation. Traffic should not be a major issue given that the vast majority of pupils live in the area but a traffic impact assessment will be required together with a green travel plan. The County Council has considerable expertise in managing projects so that the disruption to pupils is minimised and the highest safety standards are required of all contractors. The County Council 's current policy is to plan on the basis that primary school size will not exceed 420 pupils.

Cllr Rolfe – Local Member

Cllr Rolfe supports the proposals as more pupils will be able to attend their local school. However, the housing development at Kipling Road and the slight rise in the birth rate will mean that the proposal will not solve the problem of over-development south of the river. A major concern is the increase in traffic outside the school which would result from higher pupil numbers. Road safety issues should be addressed before anything is decided.

Comment

Please see previous comments.

Chair of Governors of Bridgetown Primary School

Governors of Bridgetown Primary School support the principle of the proposal and believe it could benefit the school and its pupils, but that support is conditional upon the production of satisfactory design plans.

Comment

It is intended to meet again with the Governing body with the latest set of detailed plans as soon as possible.

The Town Council made a detailed response, the main points being:

- The proposal is not a long term solution to the need for school places in the Town.
- Is there an overall strategy to manage the impact of the high levels of new housing.
- Developer contributions through Section 106 contributions should be used to provide additional school places.
- It accepts that the opportunity for improved class organisation is a potential benefit to Bridgetown School.
- A new school should have been provided instead of expanding Bridgetown.
- How will outdoor space for play and recreation be protected?

Comment

The strategic position of primary school place provision in Stratford was spelled out in the 2008 consultation. This has resulted in the expansion of three local primary schools and the proposal for Bridgetown will represent a very significant improvement in the provision of school places south of the river, even taking into account the new houses planned for Kipling Road. The County Council does secure Section 106 contributions from developers and does use these to assist in funding new school places. There are legal requirements for the size of outdoor play areas and playing fields and all developments, particularly this one, are mindful of the need to ensure proper provision is retained.

- 6.3 Any comments forwarded from Stratford-on-Avon Area Committee, which is due to consider this matter at its meeting on 17 March 2010, will be reported verbally to the Portfolio Holder.

7. Planned timescale

- 7.1 As the proposal represents a significant increase in the admission number and includes building work, the proposal would be subject to statutory proposals.

- 7.2 The key milestones, subject to responses at each stage, are as follows:

Statutory consultation	– April - June 2010
Final report to Portfolio Holder	– July 2010
Implementation of proposals	– September 2011

8. Summary

- 8.1 The report gives details of the response to consultation on the proposal to provide additional primary school places at Bridgetown Primary School. The proposal is supported in principle by the Governing Body of Bridgetown Primary School subject to it being satisfied as to the design details of the enlarged school. Respondents have raised a number of concerns some of which relate to matters of details and others which relate to whether the proposal will provide sufficient additional school places south of the river. The report attempts to address those points of detail which can be addressed at this point. None of the respondents have dismissed the need for additional school places and the judgement is that this proposal to add 105 places will make a significant difference particularly in concert with measures already taken. The report does not preclude the need for a further review when the District Council's plans for new housing are clearer. The potential benefits for the school of moving over time to a full two form entry school should not be underestimated. Given this and the demonstrated need for primary school places in the town, the Portfolio Holder is asked to consider approving the proposal to expand Bridgetown Primary School so that the necessary statutory notices can be issued.

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AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Decision making session Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families) Decision Making Session

Date of Decision 25 March 2010

Report Title Increase in the Admission Number of The Dasset C of E (Controlled) Primary School in Stratford-on-Avon

Summary This report gives details of responses to consultation on the proposal to increase the admission number of The Dasset C of E (Controlled) Primary School.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No

Background papers

- School Organisation Framework Document 2005/10
- Portfolio Holder Report 04.12.09
- Stratford-on-Avon Area Committee 17.03.10
- Formal Consultation Paper

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees Portfolio Holder Report 04.12.09
Stratford-on-Avon Area Committee 17.03.10
- Local Member(s) Cllr Chris Williams
- 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 Jerry Roodhouse (on behalf of Cllr Balaam)
Cllr Peter Balaam *“I have no worries about the Dasset school proposals”*
Cllr Carolyn Robbins
Cllr Tim Naylor

Cabinet Member Cllr Izzi Seccombe (Decision Maker)

Chief Executive

Legal Fay Ford *“comments incorporated into the report”*

- Finance David Clarke, Strategic Director of Resources “no comments”
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION Yes

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

**Portfolio Holder (Children, Young People and Families)
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**Increase in the Admission Number of The Dasset C of E
(Controlled) Primary School in Stratford-on-Avon**

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

Recommendations

That the Portfolio Holder:

- i) considers the response to formal consultation on proposals to increase the admission number of The Dasset C of E (Controlled) Primary School from 25 to 30 places per year with effect from 1 September 2011;
- ii) approves the proposal.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 On 4 December 2009 the Portfolio Holder agreed to the Strategic Director carrying out formal consultation with stakeholders on proposals to increase the admission number of The Dasset C of E (Controlled) Primary School from 25 to 30 places per year with effect from September 2011. The proposal follows a request by Governing Body of the school.

2. Background

- 2.1 The school currently has a capacity of 175 pupils with 177 pupils on roll. The school traditionally takes 92% of its intake from its own priority area and pupil numbers in the area are forecast to be stable over the current planning period.

*Table 1
Total number of pupils on roll at The Dasset CE (Controlled) Primary School*

Year	Jan 2008	Jan 2009	Autumn 2009	Capacity
Pupils on roll	173	170	177	175

- 2.2 The Dasset school is a popular and oversubscribed school and believes that it can accommodate 30 pupils in each class. There is a housing development of some 18 homes planned for the village. An intake of 30 pupils per year could assist the school in accommodating the additional pupils from this development and provide additional income for the school to fund its current class organisation.

3. What will be the Impact of the Change?

- 3.1 For The Dasset School the proposal may assist the school in funding its existing class organisation and ensure it can continue to meet the demand for places from its priority area. There appears to be little evidence of the school attracting many pupils from outside its priority area and no significant numbers from any single local school. The number of births in the area is forecast to be stable. If there is a delay in the new housing in the village being built there is always a possibility that the number of pupils from outside the school's priority area could increase in the short term. Although the increase in the admission number is only 5 pupils per year, this could be significant in the short term if all of the additional pupils were attracted from outside the school's priority area. This possibility has to be set against the longer term situation and the benefits to The Dasset School.

4. Building and Finance Issues

- 4.1 There are no plans to increase the size of the school's accommodation at this point and the proposal is made on the assumption no additional accommodation is provided. No capital funding has been prioritised for this project.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Formal consultations with stakeholders took place between 4 January and 28 February 2010. A consultation paper was sent to all parents, to prospective parents, staff, the Governing Body and the Pupil School Council of The Dasset C of E (Controlled) Primary School, schools in South Warwickshire, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Parish Councils in Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Diocesan Education Authorities, admission authorities and neighbouring Local Education Authorities and the local Member of Parliament.
- 5.2 A summary of responses received with comments is set out below received to date. Copies of all responses have been placed in the Members' Group Rooms.

Fenny Compton Parish Council and Warmington & Arlescote Parish Council

These two Parish Councils support the proposal.

District Councillor – Simon Jackson – Burton Dasset Ward

No objection.

Governor of Tysoe School

Supports the proposal.

Six Parents of the Dasset School

Commented as below:

- Will enable funding of existing class organisation which is important.
- With new housing in the village it will help enable local children to attend their local school.
- More pupils will dilute the focus on each child.
- Space at the school is significantly restricted, with some rooms having a dual use and a limit on the number of parents able to attend school productions, etc.

Comment

The school has no intention of increasing class sizes above 30. The school believes that classrooms are large enough for the class organisation, as is the school hall. The additional funding will help the school to maintain current staffing ratios.

Church of England – Coventry Diocesan Board of Education

Fully support the proposal which.

- Will more accurately reflect current pupil numbers on roll.
- Will provide enhanced opportunity to protect the school's funding and therefore maximise outcomes for pupils.

5.3 Any comments forwarded from Stratford-on-Avon Area Committee, which is due to consider this matter at its meeting on 17 March 2010, will be reported verbally to the Portfolio Holder.

6. Summary

6.1 The report gives details of responses to consultation on the proposal to increase the admission number of The Dasset C of E (Controlled) Primary School. The proposal followed an approach by the Governing Body of The Dasset School. The Coventry Church of England Diocesan Board of Education supports the proposal and some parental respondents have raised a small number of concerns mainly relating to the impact on class size and space. The school is confident that it can admit up to 30 pupils per class and that this will have a positive affect on funding which will benefit all pupils. Some parents have also stressed the benefits of the proposal. The Portfolio Holder is asked to consider approving what is a relatively small increase in the admission number of this school on the basis that this school has a very good reputation and feels the change would benefit the school without any detriment to pupils or other local schools.

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