



- Cabinet Member  Cllr Izzi Seccombe
- Other Cabinet Members consulted  .....
- Chief Executive  .....
- Legal  Diane Nation – no comments to make
- Finance  .....
- Other Strategic Directors  .....
- District Councils  .....
- Health Authority  .....
- Police  .....
- Other Bodies/Individuals  All stakeholders

**FINAL DECISION** **NO**

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:**

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee  .....
- To Council  .....
- To Cabinet  A report on the consultation will be presented to the Cabinet meeting on 2.4.09 for decision
- To an O & S Committee  .....
- To an Area Committee  A report on the consultation will also be going to the Warwick Area Committee on 10.3.09
- Further Consultation  .....

**Stratford-on-Avon East Joint Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Increase in the Admission Number of Barford St. Peter's  
C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School**

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

**Recommendation:**

That the Joint Committee considers:

- (1) the proposal to increase the admission number of Barford St. Peter's C of E Primary School from 17 to 20 pupils per year,
- (2) the responses to the consultation received from stakeholders to these proposals, and
- (3) any comments it wishes to make to Cabinet.

**1. Introduction**

Formal consultation has taken place with stakeholders on proposals to increase the admission number of Barford St. Peter's C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School to 20 pupils per year. The purpose of this report is to feedback to Members the response to that consultation.

**2. Barford St. Peter's C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School**

**2.1 Background**

2.1.1 Barford St. Peter's is a 4 to 11 years Voluntary Aided Church of England school serving the parishes of Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne. The school currently has an Indicated Admission Number of 17 pupils per year and when its capacity was previously measured it could accommodate 119 pupils.

2.1.2 Tables 1 and 2 below show current numbers on roll at this school and the forecast pupil numbers up to 2012:

**Table 1**  
**Number of pupils on roll at Barford St. Peter's C. of E. Primary School – January 2009**

	School year								
	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total	Capacity
Pupils on roll	17	17	15	14	21	11	20	115	119

*Source : Barford St. Peter's School*

**Table 2**  
**Total number of pupils on roll at Barford St. Peter's C. of E. Primary School**

Year	Actual Sep 2008	Forecast Sep 2009	Forecast Sep 2010	Forecast Sep 2011	Forecast Sep 2012
Pupils on roll	118	118	121	130	134

*Source : Barford St. Peter's School*

2.1.3 Pupil forecasts for the area served by the school are forecast to rise slightly and to increase in nearby Warwick town over the next four years. Table 3 below sets out the forecast pupil numbers for reception year cohorts in the Warwick town area:

**Table 3**  
**Forecast reception pupil numbers in Warwick**

Year	Actual Oct 2008	Forecast Pupil Numbers			
		Sep 2009	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Sep 2012
Reception Year Nos	162	166	173	177	182

2.1.4 Barford St. Peter's has four classrooms all of which are small by modern standards, plus a library but no small rooms for group work or other activities. The Diocesan Board of Education has identified the school as a priority for capital investment and £585,000 has been set aside to improve the school building. The proposed improvements include extending and remodelling the existing school accommodation to provide teaching accommodation that conforms to the latest standards and a space for extended services and nursery provision. Another flexible space for teaching will enable the school to increase its admission number from 17 to 20 pupils per year. Pupil forecasts for the area suggest that an additional 3 places per year would be a modest addition to school place capacity in the area without having a negative impact on pupil numbers in other local schools.

2.1.5 The proposal is to improve the accommodation and increase the admission number of Barford St. Peter's C of E Primary School from 17 to 20 pupils per year with effect from September 2010 admissions.

## 2.2 Consultation

- 2.2.1 A consultation paper setting out the proposals was sent to all parents and prospective parents, staff, the governing body and the pupil school council of Barford St. Peter's C of E Primary School, schools in Warwick, adjacent schools in South Warwickshire, Warwick District Council, Stratford District Council, Parish Councils in Warwick District and adjacent Parishes in Stratford District, the Diocesan Education Authorities and local Member of Parliament.
- 2.2.2 Copies of the responses received have been placed in the Members' Group Rooms. A summary of all of those received at the time of drafting this report, with comments, is set out below:

### Governors of Barford St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Support the proposal as an opportunity to utilise funding to assist in the organisation of the school and securing its long-term future.

### Parent

- Welcomes the opportunity to extend teaching accommodation and rooms for group teaching.
- Current library and music rooms are too small.
- Increase in size seems quite 'dramatic' and would like to be assured that there is sufficient outdoor play area to provide for the higher number of pupils.
- Would not oppose the increase as the school should still be able to maintain its 'village school' feel.

### *Comment*

*It is confirmed that the outdoor play area will be large enough to meet the needs of the proposed school capacity.*

### Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council

The Parish Council have no objections to the proposals.

## 3. Recommendation

The Joint Committee is asked to consider the proposals and the responses to the consultation and any comments it wishes to make to Cabinet.

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