

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Name of Committee** Warwick Area Committee

**Date of Committee** 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007

**Report Title** Changes to the Indicated Admission Number of Budbrooke Primary School

**Summary** This paper seeks to inform Members of the proposal to increase the admission number of Budbrooke Primary School. It also asks for any comments that the Area Committee wishes to make to Cabinet.

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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
- Cabinet reports 25.5.06 and 23.11.06
- Consultation document

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-** Details to be specified

Other Committees  .....

Local Member(s)  Cllr Les Caborn – Bishops Tachbrook – *“I am pleased to support the proposed changes to admission numbers at Budbrooke Primary School”*

Other Elected Members  Spokespersons for information:  
 Cllr Richard Grant – *“noted”*  
 Cllr Jill Dill-Russell  
 Cllr John Whitehouse

- Cabinet Member  Cllr John Burton
- Other Cabinet Members consulted  Cllr Izzi Seccombe
- Chief Executive  .....
- Legal  Richard Freeth – *“fine”*
- Finance  .....
- Other Strategic Directors  .....
- District Councils  .....
- Health Authority  .....
- Police  .....
- Other Bodies/Individuals  Parents of pupils at Budbrooke Primary School, the governing body and all staff at Budbrooke Primary School, governing bodies of schools in Central Warwickshire, Diocesan Education Authorities, admission authorities and neighbouring local authorities

**FINAL DECISION** **NO**

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:**

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee  .....
- To Council  .....
- To Cabinet  For final decision
- To an O & S Committee  .....
- To an Area Committee  .....
- Further Consultation  .....

**Warwick Area Committee – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007**

**Changes to the Indicated Admission Number of  
Budbrooke Primary School**

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

**Recommendation:**

That the Area Committee consider:

- (1) the proposal to increase the admission number of Budbrooke Primary School, and
- (2) any comments it wishes to make to Cabinet.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006, Cabinet agreed to carry out formal consultation on proposals to increase the admission number of Budbrooke Primary School from 40 to 45 pupils per year with effect from September 2008.
- 1.2 Formal consultations with stakeholders were conducted from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Budbrooke Primary School is a community primary school serving the parish of Budbrooke, including part of the Hatton Park housing development, to the north of Warwick town centre. The school currently has an admission limit of 40 pupils per year, and at 21<sup>st</sup> September 2006, it had a total of 272 pupils on roll. The capacity of the school was 280 when last assessed in 2003.
- 2.2 Budbrooke is a popular school and it is forecast that the current levels of reception pupil intakes will continue for the foreseeable future.
- 2.3 Table 1 below shows the current numbers on roll at this school and the forecast pupil numbers up to 2010:

**Table 1**  
**Number of pupils on roll at Budbrooke Primary School**

	School Year								
	Number on roll						Forecast		
	2001/ 02	2002/ 03	2003/ 04	2004/ 05	2005/ 06	2006/ 07	2007/ 08	2008/ 09	2009/ 10
Pupils on roll	236	244	250	257	267	272*	279	277	279

\* at 21<sup>st</sup> September 2006

- 2.4 The Hatton Park housing development, one mile north of Warwick town, comprises 671 houses built over the last ten years. The development is mostly in the priority area of The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School and partly in the priority area of Budbrooke Primary School. A total of 164 pupils living on this estate currently attend Warwickshire primary schools (January 2006 PLASC), with 115 attending Budbrooke Primary School or The Ferncumbe Primary School.
- 2.5 The final stage of the Hatton Park development is around the site of the old hospital and is close to completion. The additional pupil numbers arising from the development have been successfully managed at these two schools with The Ferncumbe being able to utilise its spare places to the full and Budbrooke absorbing more pupils from within its priority area. However, in order to make sufficient long-term educational provision for primary-school places in Hatton Park, an additional classroom was added to Budbrooke School from September 2006.

### **3. The proposal**

- 3.1 The proposal is to increase the admission number of Budbrooke Primary School from 40 to 45 pupils per year with effect from September 2008 admissions. The governing body of Budbrooke Primary School supports the proposed increase.
- 3.2 The provision of the additional classroom enables an admission number of 45 pupils to be set and will therefore help to meet the forecast demand for school places from Hatton Park. The school has signalled its agreement to increase its admission number.
- 3.3 Budbrooke Primary School has been able to admit some pupils from outside its priority area and while it is possible that there may be some impact on the demand for pupil places at other local schools, this is likely to be small and in the short term. It is anticipated that Budbrooke could contribute to meet any excess demand from the next stage of the South West Warwick development. Budbrooke Primary School also supports the proposal because an admission number of 45 will enable it to organise its teaching classes to make the best use of teaching staff and learning resources.

## **4. Consultation**

- 4.1 A consultation paper was sent to all parents of pupils at Budbrooke Primary School, the governing body and all staff at Budbrooke Primary School, governing bodies in Central Warwickshire, Diocesan Education Authorities, admission authorities and neighbouring local authorities.
- 4.2 Due to early deadline dates for reports over the Christmas period, no written responses have been received at the time of drafting this report. A verbal report will be given to Members at the meeting. Copies of any responses received will also be placed in the Members' Group Rooms.

## **5. Summary**

Further school places are required at Budbrooke Primary School to meet demand from large housing developments in the area, particularly the Hatton Park development which is in the school's priority area. An additional classroom has been added to the school and the proposed admission number would reflect that extra accommodation.

## **6. Recommendation**

The Area Committee is asked to consider the proposal and any comments it wishes to make to Cabinet.

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