

Portfolio Holder Decision

Expansion of Shottery St Andrew's CE Primary School

Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Education
Date of decision	16 February 2024
	Signed 

1. Decision taken

- 1.1 That the Portfolio Holder for Education approves the commencement of a consultation in line with the statutory process required for the relocation and expansion of Shottery St Andrew's CE Primary School to 420 places and the establishment of specialist resourced provision (SRP) to cater for up to 8 pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

2. Reasons for decisions

- 2.1 An 800 homes development has been approved to the West of Shottery in Stratford upon Avon, with construction and occupation of the houses underway.
- 2.2 It is anticipated the development will generate over a form of entry (245 places) over the long term build out of the development.
- 2.3 Shottery St Andrew's CE Primary School currently has a PAN of 15 which equates to 105 places across the school. It is proposed to increase permanently the capacity of the school to 420 pupils. The PAN of the school will increase to 30 in line with demand from the housing development. This increase is anticipated to be in September 2026. A further increase in PAN will be reviewed in line with demand for places from the housing development.
- 2.4 The Local Authority are also proposing to establish a specialist resourced provision for up to 8 primary aged pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs or Communication and Interaction needs. The specific type of need that the provision will be focusing on is still to be determined. The introduction of this specialist resourced provision aims to increase the offer of local specialist provision in the area to reduce travel times and out of area placements.
- 2.5 In line with the statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education, 'Making Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools', any proposals to establish, remove or

alter SEND provision (including specialist resourced provision) and any proposed enlargement of the capacity of the school premises requires the local authority to undertake a statutory process including a consultation period of at least four weeks. In order to commence a consultation, the approval of the Portfolio Holder is required in line with the Council's constitution.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The Shottery View housing development has a 1.65 hectare site safeguarded for primary education.
- 3.2 Shottery St Andrew's CE Primary School's existing site is located circa 0.6 mile from the new school site on Shottery View. The existing school site is not big enough to accommodate demand from the new housing development. To ensure sustainability of existing provision, it is proposed to relocate and expand the existing Shottery St Andrew's CE Primary School (rather than open a new primary school).
- 3.3 It is proposed to build the school as two form entry (420 places) to ensure capacity exists to meet demand as the development builds out.
- 3.4 Shottery St Andrew's CE Primary School currently does not have a nursery. The new school would make provision for nursery places operated via Community Facility Powers under the direction of the School Governing Body.
- 3.5 It is proposed that the PAN from the school will be set at 30 for September 2026. The PAN for the school will be set through the Authority's consultation process for the determination of Admission Arrangements for Maintained Schools.
- 3.6 Admissions to the specialist resourced provision would follow a different process from that operating for the rest of the school. Admissions into the specialist resourced provision will be through the Council's process for specialist admissions.
- 3.7 If the proposal and funding is agreed by Cabinet and Council, it is proposed to complete the new school building during Autumn 2025.
- 3.8 In line with the timing of provision, it is anticipated that, if approved, the consultation would need to take place over a four-week period between February and March 2024. Parents at the school will be consulted using the school's established form of communication, other schools and stakeholders will be notified of the proposal and further information will be placed on the Council's consultation platform 'Ask Warwickshire'.
- 3.9 An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken in respect of final proposals following the consultation. The final recommendations will be taken through the appropriate Council governance and approval processes.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from a decision to undertake this consultation.
- 4.2 However, if after the consultation there is a decision to go ahead with the expansion and specialist resourced provision there will be capital costs to the Authority to provide the new school building.
- 4.3 The capital project would be funded via relevant developer contributions received and education capital funding as required.
- 4.4 Pupil places in specialist resourced provisions are funded at a higher rate so that additional learning needs can be met. The level of funding will be broadly in line with how pupils are funded in the County's special schools. A service level agreement between the Council and the school will confirm the exact arrangements and expectations.

5. Environmental implications

- 5.1. The proposed new primary school will be designed with a strong commitment to sustainability to ensure high standards of environmental performance and occupant comfort. The project will be promoting a holistic approach that reduces carbon emissions, optimises energy efficiency, and enhances the overall well-being of students and staff.
- 5.2. There is also the positive impact of the expansion of mainstream places and continuing development of specialist resourced provision aiming to provide more 'local' education provision, reduce journey times for the learner, and limit the need to access places in neighbouring areas which increases the requirement for transport.

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Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of background papers

None

Members and officers consulted and informed

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