

CABINET MEMBER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND CULTURE

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, Rotherham. S60
2TH**

Date: Tuesday, 20th December, 2011

Time: 10.00 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2011 (herewith) (Pages 1 - 4)
5. Potential Expansion of Flanderwell Primary School (report herewith). (Pages 5 - 10)
Helen Barre, Manager, School Organisation, Planning and Development and SEN Assessment, to report.
6. Date and time of the next meeting:
Tuesday 17th January 2012, 10.00 am in the Rotherham Town Hall.

CABINET MEMBER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND CULTURE
Tuesday, 6th December, 2011

Present: - Councillor Rushforth (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews and Dalton.

F37. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22ND NOVEMBER, 2011.

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture held on 22nd November, 2011.

Resolved: - That the Minutes of the meeting be signed as a true record.

F38. LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS.

Pursuant to Minute No. C50 of January 2000, consideration was given to nominations received to fill Local Authority vacancies on school governing bodies.

Resolved:- That, with the effective date of appointment as shown, the following appointments and re-appointments be made to school governing bodies, subject to satisfactory checks being undertaken:-

New Appointments:

Mrs J Savory	Anston Park Infant	06.12.11
Mrs D Hucknall	Bramley Grange Primary	06.12.11
Mrs J Cox	East Dene Junior and Infant	06.12.11
Mrs L Bowmar	Flanderwell Primary	06.12.11
Mrs L Hough	Kilnhurst Primary	06.12.11
Councillor R Stone	Kilnhurst Primary	06.12.11
Mrs A Warburton	Wingfield Business and Enterprise College	06.12.11

Re-appointments:

Mrs K Thompson	Craggs Community	08.01.12
Councillor C Beaumont	Lilly Hall Junior	08.01.12
Mrs E Bridges	Anston Greenlands Junior and Infant	08.01.12
Mr D Barker	Dinnington Community	01.02.12
Mrs M Morton	Sitwell Infant	01.03.12
Mrs M Morton	Sitwell Junior	01.03.12
Councillor P Wootton	Kimberworth Community	15.04.12
Mr A Trueman	Herringthorpe Junior	15.04.12
Mr I St. John	Woodsetts Primary	15.04.12
Mrs E Sharman	Abbey School	15.04.12
Councillor D Pickering	Trinity Croft CE Junior and Infant	15.04.12
Mrs W Ollivant	Laughton All Saints CE Junior and Infant	15.04.12
Mrs G Foster	Anston Hillcrest Primary	15.04.12
Mrs D Addy	Lilly Hall Junior	15.04.12

A decision in respect of an application received on behalf of Mr T Kelsey was deferred for consideration at a future meeting.

F39. PETITION - QUEEN ELIZABETH II CHALLENGE.

The Cabinet Member introduced Steve Hallsworth, Leisure Services and Community Delivery Manager, Environment and Development Services, who had prepared a report in response to a petition that was received in November 2011 and consisted of 89 names asking the Chief Executive to join the Fields in Trust Programme, identifying in particular the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge.

The Queen Elizabeth II Challenge invited landowners to nominate outdoor recreational spaces (including children's play areas; woodlands; bicycle trails; and playing fields) for inclusion in the programme. Sites could be designated as a 'QEII' field in order to protect it and to gain access to designated funding.

Whilst the petition forms had not included a covering letter, it was assumed from previous communications with members of the public that the subject of the petition was the Herringthorpe Leisure Site, and that the petition was therefore a request for the Council to make a submission to the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge for this site.

To date, no submission had been made by the Council to the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge in respect of the Herringthorpe Leisure Site, as initial investigations identified that it did not offer access to levels of financial support needed to develop the Council's plan for improved sport and recreation facilities there. The Council's Cabinet had approved a development plan in January 2010, and whilst it was still a long way from being fully developed, it included the provision of a Grandstand for an Athletics Stadium, a number of all-weather playing areas, and a range of other sport and recreation facilities.

The amounts of funding streams available under the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge were noted and included the SITA Trust (which would award up to a total of £30,000 to be given during 2011 and 2012), and the Sport England - Projecting Playing Fields grant (which would offer between £20,000 - £50,000).

Officers were only aware of one source of funding that was available and had the potential to contribute the sums of money that would be necessary to deliver a project in excess of £6million, as required in this case. This was from The Football Foundation. However, they would only contribute to the elements of the project that related directly to football and would also require the Council to make a significant financial contribution. It was noted that the development project planned for the Herringthorpe Leisure Site intended to develop a broad range of sport and leisure facilities, which would not be supported by The Football Foundation's scheme.

Discussion ensued, and the following issues were raised and clarified:

- The compatibility of the Council's plans for developing Herringthorpe Leisure Site, and the specific requirements of the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge;
- A meeting would be set up with an Officer from Fields in Trust to clarify all criteria and potential funding sources available within the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge;

- The deadline for submissions to the scheme was February 2012;
- The progress of the overall development plan for the Herringthorpe Leisure Site;
- Consultation that had taken place with local residents and users of the site prior to the development plan being agreed by Cabinet in 2010.

Resolved: (1) That the report be received.

(2) That Leisure and Green Spaces Officers undertake further investigations into the potential benefits of the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge to re-assess whether it would be able to support the Council's plan to improve the sport and recreation facilities at the Herringthorpe Leisure Site.

(3) That a further report be presented to the Cabinet Member following the additional investigation to determine whether or not a submission to the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge should be made.

F40. USE OF THE CIVIC THEATRE.

The Cabinet Member introduced Mark Scott, Principal Officer, Theatre and Arts Centre, and Elenore Fisher, Manager, Cultural Services. Consideration was given to the report presented that proposed the introduction of an application process to manage applications received by Cultural Services requesting free use of the Civic Theatre. An increased number of applications had been received and the new system proposed to create an open and fair system that would operate within a set budget. It would also facilitate local groups and charities to access the facility.

Currently, a concessionary tariff existed across Cultural Services' facilities whereby groups that met agreed criteria could qualify for up to 35% reductions against the commercial charges for use of facilities. In addition to this, Elected Member and Officers had, in the past, also received a number of requests for 'free' use of facilities. These had tended to be for free hire of the theatre, but excluded associated staffing costs.

In order to ensure that processing claims for free use of the Civic Theatre would be fair and transparent, it was suggested that a formal application process be adopted. Requests for free use would be made by groups on a standardised form and Officers would comment on the professional and technical qualities of the proposed production and the resources required. This information would then be referred to the Cabinet Member for decision.

A budget of £5,000 per year had been identified within the overall Planning, Regeneration and Culture budget. It was agreed that the number of funding requests would initially be limited to four per financial year.

Discussion ensued and the following salient points were raised and clarified:

- The first come first served basis that currently operated in relation to free use requests for the Civic Theatre benefitted more established groups, who would be able to apply for the facility in a timescale that would ensure availability. However, this then meant that the facility was less available for newer and start-up groups.

- The opening-up of the facility for free use of the Civic Theatre could diversify and increase the number of productions available in Rotherham, and would contribute to a number of performance indicators.

Resolved: - (1) That the report be received.

(2) That a fund of £5,000 be agreed to provide no more than four free uses of the Civic Theatre to local groups and charities based within Rotherham. The fund would cover both theatre hire and staffing costs.

(3) That the process detailed within the report relating to applications for free use of the Civic Theatre be approved with the addition that Officer recommendations in relation to each case would also be presented to the Cabinet Member for consideration.

F41. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Resolved: - That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture be held on Tuesday 20th December, 2011 at 10.00 am in the Rotherham Town Hall.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Lifelong Learning and Culture
2.	Date:	20th December 2011
3.	Title:	Potential Expansion of Flanderwell Primary School
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services Ward 20 Wickersley

5. Summary

Pupil numbers are increasing in the Bramley and Wickersley areas of the Authority. There is increasing pressure on school places due to the numbers of pupils and it is necessary to increase the number of school places in the area. This report seeks permission to enter a pre-statutory consultation phase for the expansion of Flanderwell Primary School.

6. Recommendation:

It is recommended that pre-statutory consultation on a proposal to expand Flanderwell Primary School is begun and that a further report be brought to Members with details of the outcome of that consultation.

7. Proposals and Details

Pupil numbers are increasing in the Bramley and Wickersley areas of the Authority. There is increasing pressure on school places due to the numbers of pupils and it is necessary to increase the number of primary school places in the area.

The proposal to be consulted on is:-

It is proposed to expand the numbers on roll at Flanderwell Primary School from September 2013. The school will be expanded in order to accommodate 45 children per statutory year group ($45 \times 7 = 315$ places) rather than its current capacity of $30 \times 7 = 210$ places. The school would have a published admission number (PAN) of 45.

The school currently accommodates 52 FS1 pupils part-time and this will not change.

Appendix 'A' gives further details on births, numbers on roll and admissions preferences.

8. Finance

The capital cost of the building project is currently estimated at £900,000. This will provide four more teaching spaces and other required spaces to be developed further in conjunction with the CYPS Capital Project Team, Architects, the school and parents. Funding for the project is from the Basic Need funding allocated to the Authority from the DFE. Basic needs funding is provided for the provision of sufficient school places.

The school will be expanded with effect from September 2013 in every year group and will operate with four more teaching spaces than it currently does. It is anticipated that parents will apply for places prior to the expansion and that numbers on roll will increase substantially from September 2013. The school will need to plan for the expansion and appoint additional teaching and non-teaching staff. Funding for the additional staffing will come from the additional pupils on roll (AWPU) and will be part of the school's annual budget. However, in the first year of operation, as the pupils will not be on roll in time for the schools budget to be allocated for 2013/14, additional funding will need to be requested from the Dedicated Schools Grant.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There are always risks and uncertainties when school place provision is considered since future pupil numbers are based on estimations. Over provision at one school could influence pupil numbers at other schools. LA's are obliged, however, to provide sufficient places, promote diversity and increase parental choice.

If the LA moves on to the statutory phase, then formal objections may be lodged during the representation period following the publication of the statutory notice. A final decision should be determined by the Cabinet Member within 2 months from the end of the representation period. If this fails to be done, then the matter is referred to the Schools Adjudicator for decision.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The major theme supported by the proposal is 'to ensure that everyone has access to skills, knowledge and information to enable them to play their part in society'. It is likely that the expansion would enable more parents to access their first preference school for their child and, therefore, increase that performance indicator.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Appendix 'A' gives full details to the background to this proposal. Consultation meetings should be undertaken with the following: The Governing Body for Flanderwell school, Staff and Trade Unions, Pupils and Parents (families), local Councillors, the Parish Council and local MP.

Additionally: Consultation meetings will also need to be undertaken with Governing bodies, teachers and other staff of any other school that may be affected plus the Diocese of any school likely to be affected. (Bramley Sunnyside Infant and Bramley Sunnyside Junior, Bramley Grange, Wickersley Northfield, Listerdale and St Albans CE Schools will need to be consulted).

If the proposal was to progress to the statutory phase then the timetable would be as shown at Appendix 'A'.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES**Proposal to expand Flanderwell Primary School****1 The Proposal**

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The school would have an admission number of 45 (rather than 30) for each statutory year group.

The school currently accommodates 52 FS1 pupils part-time and this will not change.

2 Existing Situation: Numbers on roll and Capacity

Net Capacity	=	175
Admission Number	=	30
Number on Roll (2011) (NOR)	=	195
Surplus Places	=	0 (-20)

3 Development of Numbers on Roll

YEAR	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
NOR	155	147	161	176	195	199	217	236

The school was just over its maximum capacity last year. There has been increasing pressure to accommodate more pupils in the whole of the Bramley and Wickersley area's, particularly those born within the catchment area and a number of pupils have gained places at appeal.

The above figures for 12/13 onwards are an estimate of the likely numbers that will gain entry to the school.

The position in terms of catchment area births is as follows:

Birth figures	Admission Year							
	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Flanderwell	40	54	55	67	91	96	94	74

The number of preferences for entry to Reception in the last 3 years has been as follows:

09/10 entry = 28
10/11 entry = 41
11/12 entry = 29
12/13 entry = 40

4 Potential Advantages and Disadvantages

The main potential disadvantage of expanding a school is that it may have implications on the numbers on roll at nearby schools. Notwithstanding this, the LA is obliged to provide sufficient places, promote diversity and increase parental choice.

The expansion from 30 to 45 places per year is seen as the best way forward in that it will provide the best scenario for Flanderwell school, a better scenario for local parents whilst creating a minimal threat to the viability of other local schools.

5 Financial Implications

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6 Consultation Timetable

Cabinet Member to
agree to consultation

20 December 2011

Pre statutory consultation period
Including meetings with governors,
Staff and families etc.

up to 20 January 2012

Report to the Cabinet Member	7 February 2012
Publication of statutory notices	17 February 2012
4 week period for representations and objections closes	16 March 2012
LA decision	27 March 2012
Implementation	1 September 2013