

CABINET MEMBER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND CULTURE

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

Date: Tuesday, 17th January, 2012

Time: 9.00 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. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th December, 2011 (herewith). (Page 1)

4. Expansion of Thornhill Primary School (report herewith). (Pages 2 - 4)

Helen Barre, Service Leader, School Admissions, Organisation and SEN Assessment Service, Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services, to report.

5. Exemption of the Press and Public.

The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter).

6. Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (report herewith). (Pages 5 - 8)

Bernard Murphy, Manager, Library and Information Service, Environment Development Service, to report.

7. Date and time of next meeting:

Tuesday 7th February, 2012, to start at 10.00 am in the Rotherham Town Hall.

CABINET MEMBER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND CULTURE
Tuesday, 20th December, 2011

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

F42. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2011

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture held on 6th December, 2011.

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

F43. POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF FLANDERWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration was given to a report presented by Helen Barre, School Admissions, Organisation and SEN Assessment Service, which set out details of increasing pupil numbers in the Bramley and Wickersley areas of the Authority.

The rise in pupil numbers was putting increasing pressure on school places in the local area and it would appear necessary to increase the number of school places available in the area. It was proposed to expand the numbers on roll at Flanderwell Primary School from September, 2013.

The report, therefore, sought permission to enter a pre-statutory consultation phase for the expansion of Flanderwell Primary School.

It was proposed that consultation take place on the expansion of numbers on roll at Flanderwell Primary School from September, 2013. The school would be expanded in order to accommodate 45 children per year group (45 x 7 = 315 places) rather than its current capacity of 30 x 7 = 210 places. The school would have a published admission number [PAN] of 45.

It was proposed that, as part of the consultation process, further reports be submitted to the Cabinet Member in April and July, 2012 ready for implementation in September, 2013.

Resolved:- That pre-statutory consultation be approved on the proposal to expand Flanderwell Primary School and that a further report be submitted to the Cabinet Member with details of the outcome of that consultation.

F44. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture be held on Tuesday, 17th January, 2012, at 10.00 a.m. in the Rotherham Town Hall.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Lifelong Learning and Culture Cabinet Member and Advisers' Meeting
2.	Date:	17th January 2012
3.	Title:	Expansion of Thornhill Primary School
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

Proposals to expand Thornhill Primary School have stood from 7th September to 16th December 2011 including the Statutory Notice Period of 18th November – 16th December 2011 and, in the absence of any objections, the matter can now be determined by the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) In the absence of any formal objections, that the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture approves the proposal to expand the current admission number at Thornhill Primary School from 30 – 45 pupils per statutory year group (210 – 315 capacity) from 1st September 2012.**
 - 2) That the Secretary of State for Education be informed accordingly, by the School Admissions, Organisation and SEN Assessment Service.**
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7. Proposals and Details

The Cabinet Member and Advisors have previously agreed to consult on the proposals as follows:

Cabinet Member to agree to consultation	7th September 2011
Pre statutory consultation period Including meetings with governors, Staff and families etc.	up to 14th October 2011
Report to the Cabinet Member	9th November 2011
Publication of statutory notices	18 th November 2011
4 week period for representations and objections closes	16 th December 2011
LA decision	17 th January 2012
Implementation	1 st September 2012

There are no other 'linked proposals to consider.

8. Finance

The costs associated with the building expansion programme have been arranged prior to consultation via the Capital Projects Programme.

Initial School funding to support the additional places has been identified via the Dedicated Schools Grant to cover the September 2012- March 2013 period as previously reported.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There are always risks and uncertainties when school place provision is considered since future pupil numbers and consequently, individual school budget funding, are based on estimated projections at a point in time. Over provision at one school could have a negative impact on provision at other schools. Local Authorities have a duty, however, to provide sufficient places, promote diversity and increase parental choice.

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.

A detailed and costed report will be submitted to Schools Forum, by January 2012, to request authorisation for DSG funding to be allocated to support the transitional September 2012 – March 2013 period (7/12^{ths}). The additional pupils were not on roll for the 2011 January School Census return and, therefore, the 2011/2012 individual school budget allocation is insufficient to fund additional teaching and support staff required from September 2012.

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'.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Report to Cabinet Member and Advisers of the 7th September 2011.
Report to Cabinet Member and Advisers of the 9th November 2011.
Minutes of the meetings held with relevant School Governors, staff and parents.

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