

IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION

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

Date: Wednesday, 27th July, 2016

Time: 1.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

Pre-meeting for all members of the Improving Lives Select Commission to take place between 12.30 noon - 1.30 pm.

1. To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any part of the agenda.
2. To determine any item(s) the Chairperson is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Declarations of Interest.
5. Questions from members of the public and the press.
6. Communications.
 - To note the resignation of Mark Smith, Safe@Last, co-opted member of the Improving Lives Select Commission.
7. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th June, 2016. (Pages 1 - 10)
8. Proposal to increase secondary school capacity across the Borough to meet future increased demand. (Pages 11 - 18)
 - Report and appendix considered by The Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision making meeting on 11th July, 2016, attached.
 - Karen Borthwick, Assistant Director for Education and Skills, Children and Young People's Services, and Dean Fenton, Service Lead, School Organisation, Admissions and Appeals, to report.
9. Improving Lives Work Programme - update.

- Caroline Webb, Senior Adviser (Scrutiny and Member Development), Democratic Services, Assistant Chief Executive's Directorate, to report.

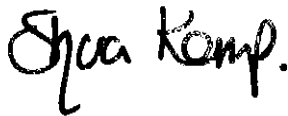
10. Date and time of the next meeting: -

Improving Lives Select Commission Membership: -

Chair – Councillor Clark
Vice-Chair – Councillor Allcock

Councillors Beaumont, Bird, Cooksey, Cusworth, Elliot, Fenwick-Green, Hague, Jarvis, Keenan, Khan, Marriott, Napper, Pitchley, Senior, Short, Tweed (18).

Co-opted members:- Ms. Jones (Voluntary Sector Consortium), Mrs. Clough (ROPF: Rotherham Older Peoples Forum) for agenda items relating to older peoples' issues.



Sharon Kemp,
Chief Executive.

IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION
Wednesday, 29th June, 2016

Present:- Councillor Clark (in the Chair); Councillors Allcock, Beaumont, Bird, Cooksey, Cusworth, Elliot, Jarvis, Khan, Marriott, Fenwick-Green and Short.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hague, Rose, Pitchley and Senior and from Co-opted Member Mrs. J. Jones.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

2. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

There were no members of the public or the press in attendance.

3. COMMUNICATIONS.

Nothing was raised under this item.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6TH APRIL, 2016.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Improving Lives Select Panel held on 6th April, 2016, were considered.

It was requested that the 'Next Steps' section listed within Minute Number 50 (Scrutiny of the 'Prevent' Element of the Child Sexual Exploitation Delivery Plan 2015-2018), be kept at the forefront of the Improving Lives Select Commission's work programme throughout the 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

The 'Next Steps' list contained a number of actions required of Agencies working within Rotherham. It was requested that these Agencies be asked to respond in writing to the Improving Lives Select Commission outlining their work on progressing the actions required.

Resolved: - (1) That the minutes from the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record.

(2) That the 'Next Steps' section within Minute Number 50 be progressed and Agencies' responses be reported to future meetings of the Improving Lives Select Commission.

5. APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION, 2016/2017.

Resolved: - (1) That the following representatives of the Improving Lives Select Commission be appointed to the Panels/Committees below for the

2016/2017 Municipal Year: -

- **Health, Welfare and Safety Panel: -**

Lead Representative: - Councillor V. Cusworth;
Substitute Representative: - Councillor C. Beaumont.

- **Young People's Moving On Panel: -**

Representative: - Councillor W. Cooksey.

(2) That the appointment by the Deputy Leader of the following Improving Lives Select Commission Representatives to the Corporate Parenting Panel be noted: -

Councillor M. Clark and Councillor V. Cusworth.

6. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES - THE IMPROVEMENT JOURNEY.**

Ian Thomas, Strategic Director, Children and Young People's Services Directorate, gave a presentation on Rotherham's Improvement Journey.

Ian's presentation covered the following areas: -

- There were 56,000 young people under the age of 18 in Rotherham;
- The Children and Young People's Services Directorate Senior Leadership Teams structure and functions were shared. There was a permanent Strategic Director, Deputy Strategic Director and four Assistant Director level posts within the Directorate;
- Statistics as of June, 2016, were shared;
- Implementation of a new IT system;
- There was a new, more robust, Quality Assurance Framework;
- Establishment and embedding of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) within the Directorate and childrens' workforce;
- 2014 Ofsted inspection and the improvement journey since;
- At the time of the 2014 inspection the response within 24 hours of referral was at 37%. This was due to lack of performance management, weak governance, leadership and social work capacity. Rotherham had the people, what was needed was that they be freed up to do great work;
- Excellent management information support was continuing to improve with a Head of Service appointment and the appointment of a Critical Friend;
- Evolve Child Sexual Exploitation Team – multi-agency – was due to launch later in the month;
- CSE practice was consistently rated as Good;
- Operation Clover had demonstrated the strength and power of

- wrapping support around victims and survivors of CSE;
- There were ongoing and linked cases relating to recent/current and historic CSE;
- Chelsea's Choice – high numbers of children and young people reported being better prepared to deal with potential CSE after viewing the play;
- Intensive work required in CSE cases necessitated low caseloads;
- Any Social Worker with a caseload of over 22 was monitored weekly to ensure that their cases were appropriately allocated;
- Rotherham was ensuring that the working conditions and pay and benefits for Social Workers were as supportive and competitive as possible;
- Quantitative statistics;
- Qualitative feedback was also important – Jessica's quote about working with the Local Authority showed the victims and survivors were viewing the Local Authority as a more supportive presence;
- Workforce development was a continuing priority.

Councillor Clark thanked Ian for his very comprehensive introduction to the areas covered within the improvement journey theme.

Councillor Short asked about numbers of Rotherham's children and young people being sent to out-of-authority provision.

Ian responded that this was around 35%, which was too high. Of this number, 65% were placed within 20 miles. Just over 100 children were placed within 50 miles. 8 children were placed over 100 miles away.

Ian outlined the potential issues with children being placed at a distance from the Borough. These included a potential to lose line of sight of the child and cost implications of the specialist placement and resources required to visit the child as required. The Service's ambition, supported by the Cabinet Member, was to have 100% placed within 20 miles and a developing strategic commissioning strategy would support this.

Councillor Jarvis asked what the reasons for delays in assessment were.

Ian explained that there were no longer any assessment backlogs. This had dropped from 315 to zero cases awaiting assessment. Quality of assessment was now the focus for the Service and all stakeholders.

Councillor J. Elliot asked how the children classed as 'Children in Need' were safe. Were these children in addition to the numbers of Looked After Children?

Ian explained that the 'Children in Need' cohort was in addition to the Looked After Children figure. Work was underway to ensure that all children subject to any form of Child Protection Plan were appropriately classified and supported.

Councillor Elliot asked about how budget efficiencies could be achieved without jeopardising childrens' safety.

Ian explained that each decision needed to be made in the best interests of the child; some children's best interests were to be placed at a greater distance and this would be documented with a detailed risk assessment.

There could be a perverse incentive to move children to cheaper cost placements purely for financial reasons. However, this was not going to happen in Rotherham. Changes to placements were only made for the child's best interest and not to save money/resources.

Councillor Cusworth asked about expectations surrounding management supervision in Rotherham. She asked what a good quality Service for children and families looked like?

Ian was confident that supervision was done as a matter of routine and was known as an expectation within Rotherham.

Ian explained the role of the Practitioner Board, the input of the Principal Social Worker and Senior Leadership Team 'back to the floor' visits. Committed staff who were all engaged was important. Importantly, staff knew who to go to if their supervision was not being sustained.

Councillor Khan asked about the role of Elected Members in referrals. He also asked about the role of Schools.

Ian encouraged Elected Members to raise their concerns with him. There were limits on what could be shared due to data protection but anything raised would be treated seriously and investigated. A working protocol in relation to this was being produced.

Councillor Short asked what steps were in place to help children stay in stable placements post-16. If care was proving safety and stability it was important to maintain this, to develop parity between LAC and their non-looked after peers.

Ian referred to the responsibility on Local Authorities to some Looked After Children extending up to 25 in some cases. There was a range of Statutory Responsibilities in relation to Looked After Children and Care Leavers. Question for all practitioners and stakeholders was 'would this be good enough for my child'? The majority of parents would not kick their own child out at 16, so this should not happen for LAC.

Councillor Clark asked if any trends were identified within Child Protection cases?

Ian explained that the trend in Rotherham matched the national concern: - neglect. There was a clear correlation between poverty and neglect. Physical, sexual and emotional abuse were also factors but not to the

same extent. There were varying degrees of severity involved in abuse cases and this governed the Services' response and plans.

Councillor Beaumont asked whether Ian agreed if the ideal for all young people in care was for them to be as independent as possible.

Ian agreed that it was about preparing young people for adulthood. Some young people required extra support to get to the level of independence.

Ian confirmed that the journey had been a real team effort to this stage. There was much more to be done, but this would happen, he was clear about this.

Councillor Clark thought that Ian's comment about freeing up staff to work was significant. It was obvious that the Service was freeing up staff so that they could focus on the front line work.

Resolved: - That the information shared be noted.

7. CHILD CENTRED BOROUGH.

Ian Thomas spoke about the creation of a Child-Centred Borough as an important aspiration for Rotherham.

The idea had been inspired by Leeds City Council who had gone one step further and placed children at the heart of their growth strategy in recognition of the future contribution of children to the local economy and prosperity when they were older and started to work.

Central to the idea was Nelson Mandela's assertion that it takes a community to raise a child.

Ian referred to Rotherham's potential and resources. It had the Advanced Manufacturing Park, a world recognised centre for sciences and technology. The Child-Centred Borough looked to harness the resources of communities and community assets and create partnership to empower communities and strengthen the sense of pride in the local area.

Rotherham's ambition had been covered up by the national press. The next steps would involve the establishment of a member-led working group that would cut across all agencies, public and private, and community groups.

Key to supporting and developing Rotherham's Child Centred Borough would be considering and acting on the 'Voice of the Child Lifestyle Survey Report'. Ian was grateful to Schools in helping to capture the voices of 8,000 children on a wide-range of issues impacting on their lives. There had been many good news stories resulting from the Survey outcomes which had not been reported.

Members of the Improving Lives Select Commission asked questions relating to the aspiration: -

Councillor Cusworth asked what was being done to get the message out to children and young people about the resources available to children and young people who had concerns about their mental health (as shown on page 38 of the submitted report)?

Ian outlined the role of awareness raising. Rotherham had a brilliant and proactive Healthy Schools Co-ordinator. This was a priority of the Youth Cabinet, so CYPS shared this priority.

Councillor Elliot was concerned that there were 22% of young people not using any method of contraception. There was a similar outcome in the previous year's survey.

Ian felt that a comparison with adults would be useful; adults do not always model the behaviour they expected young people to! The majority of young people knew where to get contraception from and had received sex education. Ian believed that it was relationship education that was key. This sat within the Public Health Directorate, but was clearly a priority for both CYPS and Public Health. Ian felt that raising aspirations was key for young people choosing to access contraception.

Councillor Jarvis referred to a factor within abusive relationships where pressure was placed on young women not to use contraception as a form of manipulation.

Ian agreed to consider the factors with the Director of Public Health.

Councillor Allcock asked about the support to children providing 8 or more hours of care a day.

Ian referred to the Care Act provisions.

Councillor Cusworth asked about the United Nation's Article 3 and 12 of the Convention. How far did agencies go in listening to children before they had to say that they knew best as adults?

Ian felt that it was important to see children alone to avoid any influences. Currently this was not done enough, and it was not recorded enough/accurately. Ian explained that the Customer Service Excellence Charter, which Rotherham was pursuing, involved the recording and consideration of customers' 'Voice'.

Councillor Cusworth was concerned about the cases where children make a preference but the Council needed to act differently.

Ian reassured Councillors that the Council will always act in the best interests of children. The consultation that had taken place on Woodview

was an example. Parents have to take tough decisions, and these sometimes differed from what the child wanted. As far as possible the Council would accommodate wishes and feelings, but those with the professional experience on what was in children's best interests would make the decision.

Councillor Cusworth asked if children and young people accepted when decisions did not go their way.

Ian felt that, yes, they did. He had met a young person whose wishes and feelings could not be accommodated. He had explained the rationale behind the decision and she understood and accepted this.

Councillor Elliot shared an example of a young carer who had not been adequately supported.

Ian explained that he hoped that a Professional assessing a case of a young carer would liaise with other relevant professionals. He committed to completing an in-depth piece of assessment on this in Rotherham.

Councillor Clark asked for this to be reported back to the Improving Lives Select Commission.

Councillor Clark asked what the 'asset-based strengths approach focus to children', as referred to in the report, was?

Ian explained that the Council did not routinely act on the strengths of families. Professionals working with families often looked at negatives, but this did not inspire families to want to change their situations. The jargonistic term looked to build on family's strengths rather than focus on the negatives. It galvanised families and workers to become solution focused.

Councillor Clark asked for an update on the appointment of Members to the Working Group and how was the rhetoric going to be put into practice?

Ian explained; the Lifestyle Survey would be used as the baseline, and future surveys would be used to track progress about the impact of the Child-Centred Borough.

Councillor Clark suggested that a visit to Leeds City Council could be arranged to see the exemplar and look at how this could be applied in Rotherham.

Ian had visited Leeds and agreed that it would be useful. It could be useful to see how children had been placed at the heart of Growth Strategy, especially considering how they were tomorrow's parents, employees and growth.

All Members of the Improving Lives Select Commission supported this idea.

Resolved: - (1) That the following be recorded as **unanimously supported** by the Improving Lives Select Commission: -

- The ambition to become a Child-Centred Borough;
- The six priority principles of a Child-Centred Borough: -
 1. A focus on the rights and voice of the child;
 2. Keeping children safe and healthy;
 3. Ensuring children reached their potential;
 4. An inclusive Borough;
 5. Harnessing the resources of communities;
 6. A sense of place.
- The establishment of a member-led working group to develop the actions to achieve the priorities for a Child-Centred Borough, including how impact will be measured;
- The Publication of the Voice of the Child Lifestyle Survey report, as a benchmark for future years' monitoring of the success of the Child-Centred Borough ambitions in changing the experiences of children and young people in Rotherham.

(2) The a visit to Leeds be arranged for members of the Improving Lives Select Commission to view their exemplar Child-Centred Borough to consider how it could be adapted to work in Rotherham.

8. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT.

Ian Thomas introduced the annual version of the Children and Young People's Services Performance report, for the year 2015/2016. Overall it provided a positive picture. This was especially the case in relation to dental checks for the Borough's looked after children, Personal Education Plans for the Borough's looked after children and 100% performance in relation to visits in response to CSE cases.

Areas for improvement included the re-referral rate to Social Care. This meant that the issues for the original referral had not been dealt with appropriately the first time around as they had re-surfaced.

The Service knew what was working well and what needed to be improved: -

- LAC Reviews had dipped and Ian was concerned;
- Placement stability - to have less LAC moving;
- Educational progress of children in care was poor. Nationally performance was poor, but Rotherham was below this and needed to improve. The success on PEPs was a step in the right direction.

Resolved: - That the report on Children and Young People's Services Performance during 2015/2016 be received.

9. IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME.

Caroline Webb, Senior Adviser (Scrutiny And Member Development), provided a verbal update on the work programme of scrutiny.

Pre-scrutiny process – this was a process through which the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) would formally scrutinise the Cabinet agenda prior to decisions being taken. OSMB comments and recommendations would be submitted to Cabinet at its decision making meeting.

Forward Plan of Key Decisions – The revised forward plan of decisions would also be considered by OSMB and each of the select commissions. This would also allow scrutiny to consider proposals at an earlier stage in their development prior to a decision being made. The Forward Plan would be reported on a regular basis to inform the ILSC's work programme, so that Members could select their priorities.

The following topics were suggested as being important areas to include on the Improving Lives Select Commission's work programme in the 2016/2017 Municipal Year: -

- Missing from Home – focus on vulnerability;
- Focus on prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation;
- Performance information – key indicator on whether assurances were correct;
- Apprenticeships for young people with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities;
- Education – performance at Key Stages (incorporate into Outturn report);
- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Abuse – Progress post Jay and Casey Reports;
- Outcomes for children in care;
- Children missing from School – autism and transformation around SEND;
- Forced Marriage.

At the next meeting in July, 2016, it was expected that an update on CSE would be provided. It was hoped that the Improving Lives Select Commissioner would add-value to Services in their improvement journey.

Councillor Jarvis asked that the impact of domestic abuse/violence on children be prioritised. Particularly impact of role modelling on boys.

Resolved: - That the information shared be noted.

10. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: -

Councillor Clark explained that consideration was being given to alternating meeting times to have some later afternoon/early evening meetings to support Elected Members who worked during the day. Discussion/consultation would take place with members of the Improving Lives Select Commission in the near future.

Cabinet Report

Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting – 11 July 2016

Title

Proposal to increase secondary school capacity across the Borough to meet future increased demand.

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

Yes

Director Approving Submission of the Report

Ian Thomas, Strategic Director, Children and Young People's Services (CYPS)

Report author:

Dean Fenton (Service Lead – School Planning, Admissions and Appeals)

Ward(s) Affected

All

Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure a sufficiency of school places and satisfy parental first preferences as far as is possible.
- 1.2 Following the expansion of several primary schools within the Borough, additional primary phase pupils will eventually add additional pressure to secondary school capacity.
- 1.3 As such, this report seeks approval for a programme of secondary school expansion projects to increase capacity to meet future rising cohort numbers.

Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approve:
 - In principle proposals to increase the capacity at the secondary schools outlined in this report on a rolling programme to meet future rising cohort demand;
 - Receipt of further, more detailed reports regarding the specific proposals related to each school in due course.

List of Appendices Included

- Appendix 1 – Projects that have been completed since 2011

Background Papers

Reports to Cabinet Member – Children, Young People and Family Services:

- 24.4.2012 – Approval to increase capacity at Catcliffe Primary School
- 6.2.2013 – Approval to increase capacity at Brinsworth Howarth on a temporary basis to serve as a temporary catchment area to the Waverley estate
- 24.7.2013 / 5.3.2014 / 21.5.2014 – Prescribed alteration reports to expand Cortonwood Infant School and Brampton the Ellis C of E Primary School
- 20.12.2011 / 24.4.2012 / 4.7.2012 – Prescribed alteration reports to expand Flanderwell Primary School
- 7.11.2012 / 6.2.2013 / 24.4.2013 – Prescribed alteration reports to expand Herringthorpe Infant and Junior Schools
- 4.7.2012 / 7.11.2012 / 16.1.2013 - Prescribed alteration reports to expand Aston Hall Junior and Infant School
- 24.7.2013 / 13.11.2013 / 15.1.2014 - Prescribed alteration reports to expand Thurcroft Infant School
- 7.9.2011 / 9.11.2011 / 17.1.2012 - Prescribed alteration reports to expand Thornhill Primary School

Reports to Cabinet:

- 22.5.2013 / 24.7.2013 / 27.11.2013 - Prescribed alteration reports to expand Listerdale Primary School
- 16.10.2013 – Report seeking approval of preferred sponsor for Eastwood Village Primary School

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Title : Proposal to increase secondary school capacity across the Borough to meet future increased demand.

1. Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approve:

1.1.1 In principle proposals to increase the capacity at the secondary schools outlined in this report on a rolling programme to meet future rising cohort demand;

1.1.2 Receipt of further, more detailed reports regarding the specific proposals related to each school in due course.

2. Background

2.1 The Local Authority has a statutory duty under the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 to ensure a sufficiency of school places and satisfy parental first preferences as far as is possible. The duty also extends to the requirement to ensure new school places are delivered in 'successful and popular' schools.

2.2 Following the recent programme to expand several primary schools across the borough to accommodate rising cohort numbers, there will be an impact on secondary schools and academies in future years. Due to current and future pupil numbers and projections (currently verified by the Department for Education (DfE) as 13% pupil population increase since 2010) several secondary schools are full, close to full capacity or regularly oversubscribed. As such some are already or will in future be refusing places in line with the requirements of the DfE Admission to School Code of Practice 2014, as the school has exceeded its published admission number (PAN) or already has more pupils than capacity allows.

2.3 Appendix one outlines the projects that have been completed since 2011 to increase the number of primary phased school places across the borough.

3. Key Issues

3.1 The additional primary phase pupils referred to in section 2 and Appendix one will eventually add to the Year 6-7 (aged 10 – 11 pupils transferring from primary to secondary education) transfer group numbers adding additional pressure to secondary school capacity. As such there is a need to increase current capacity within secondary schools to accommodate expected rising demand in future years. Table one (below) outlines the schools and academies which are proposed to provide increased capacity due to being at or close to full capacity or regularly oversubscribed. The table outlines current capacity, pupil population expected in September 2016 and the proposed project and cost to create additional capacity.

Table 1: Proposed future increases in secondary school capacity

School	Capacity	Expected pupil numbers on roll (Sept 2016)	Expansion project and estimated cost to accommodate up to an eventual additional 30 pupils per statutory aged Year group (x5)
Wales High	1520	1610	5 classrooms £1.1m
St Bernard's	700	712	5 classrooms £1.1m
Wath Comp (PFI)	1800	1887	5 classrooms £1.3m
St. Pius	665	644	5 classrooms £1.1m
Oakwood High	1050	1034	5 classrooms £1.1m
Aston Academy	1650	1728	5 classrooms £1.1m

3.2 There is a statutory duty under the requirements of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 'to ensure the sufficiency of school places in their area'. The expansions would enable more parents to access their first preference school for their child and, therefore maintain / increase performance against that indicator on national offer day for entry to secondary education.

4. Options considered and recommended proposal

4.1 Option a: Wait until existing surplus capacity across the Borough is exhausted then commence a program to expand Secondary schools at a later date. This risks insufficient time to implement increased capacity and is therefore not recommended.

4.2 Option b: Increase the net capacity at a number of secondary schools on a rolling programme within basic need funding parameters to meet current and future rising cohort demand. This is the recommended option, to ensure that additional capacity at the identified schools is provided in a timely and coordinated manner.

5. Consultation

5.1 The Local Authority has had preliminary discussions with the Head Teachers at some of the identified schools. Further consultation will be required with Governors, parents and carers and staff in relation to the proposed building work and potential health and safety implications on site and how they would be managed.

5.2 Further consultation will be required with all relevant stakeholders as individual projects are brought forward as formal proposals.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

6.1 Following Cabinet approval of the in principle proposals, accurate timelines for projects will be confirmed and reported to Cabinet, in line with actual funding allocations being confirmed by the DfE to ensure capital projects remain within funding allocation parameters.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

7.1 The estimated cost of the individual projects to increase teaching and learning space in the schools /academies is indicated in Section 3.1 of this report. Funding for the individual projects will be from basic need allocation and where applicable any Section 106 agreements in place.

7.2 As basic need allocations are only known two years in advance, the projects will be scheduled accordingly to ensure the proposed expansion projects stay within the financial parameters of annual allocations.

7.3 Individual projects will need to be approved by Cabinet due to the value of the construction projects. Separate reports will be submitted in due course as formal proposals are brought forward.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 The Local Authority has a duty to ensure a sufficiency of school places in areas of current and future need, provided in successful and popular schools.

8.2 The Local Authority is a net importer of extra district pupils (pupils from neighbouring authorities accessing their education in Rotherham far exceeds the number of pupils residing in Rotherham accessing their education in a neighbouring authority school). Under the terms of the Admission to School Code of Practice 2014 extra district applications must be treated in an equitable way to in borough applications in regard to distance category and other ranking under admissions arrangements for individual schools and academies.

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 The increases in capacity would lead to more pupils being admitted to the schools in future years. The future pupil number increases would generate additional pupil linked funding for the schools and may lead to further staffing and resource requirements however, this would be for individual governing bodies to determine as the additional pupils on roll generate the additional funding.

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 The proposals would lead to more parents and carers being able to access their first preference school, maintaining or further improving the Secondary School National Offer Day first preference and combined three preference profile within the Borough.

11. Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1 The proposals would lead to more parents and carers being able to access their first preference school, maintaining or further improving the Secondary School National Offer Day first preference and combined three preference profile within the Borough.

12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

12.1 The proposal to implement the increases in capacity by extension of the school buildings will have a minimal impact on neighbouring schools and pupil numbers as future secondary cohort numbers are set to increase.

12.2 A program of works will need to be implemented by the CYPS Capital Projects Team, Design and Projects Team and planning permission sought and approved.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There are risks associated with increasing the number of school places available at one school, as this could have an adverse impact on numbers at another school. The verified increase in pupil numbers is currently 13% and existing capacity will be insufficient to accommodate future cohort numbers. The Local Authority is obliged to provide a sufficiency of places in areas of need to meet demand within funding allocation parameters.

13.2 The costs of the expansions indicated in section 3.1 of this report are currently indicative estimates as no detailed feasibility study has been undertaken.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

Karen Borthwick (Assistant Director – Education and Skills)

Approvals Obtained from:

Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services: Named officer
Joanne Robertson (Finance Manager CYPS - 18.4.2016)

Director of Legal Services: Named officer - Neil Concannon (Solicitor) – 21.4.2016

Head of Procurement: - Helen Chambers (Principal Officer) 7.6.2016

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APPENDIX 1

Tables 1 to 4 outline the number of new school places that have been created within the Borough since 2011. The abbreviations and terms used are explained below:

- **PAN:** Published admission number (**bold** indicates increased to)
- **Thru:** Additional school places provided in all years groups
- **Funding:** Funding stream used to create the new places
- **Basic Need:** Funding allocated to Local Authorities to meet future increase in pupil numbers
- **Targeted basic need:** As above but ring-fenced to a project following a successful funding bid
- **Section 106:** Funding provided from developers under a funding agreement made under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act to meet education infrastructure requirements created as a result of house building and pupil yield
- **Bulge:** Refers to increased Admission numbers and the provision of additional teaching and learning space to accommodate a larger than normal number of pupils from a higher than average birth year

Table 1

Permanent Primary phase places:			
School	PAN	Thru	Funding
Thornhill Primary	30/ 45	105	basic need
Flanderwell Primary	30/ 45	105	basic need
Aston Hall J & I	30/ 45	105	basic need
Herringthorpe I and J	70/ 90	140	basic need
Treeton Primary	37/ 45	56	basic need
Catcliffe Primary	25/ 30	35	basic need
Sunnyside I and J	80/ 90	70	section 106
Bramley Grange	40/ 45	35	N/A
Kilnhurst Primary	28/ 30	14	N/A
Listerdale J & I	30/ 45	105	basic need
Wath CE Primary	30/ 45	105	basic need/section 106
Thurcroft Infant	60/ 75	45	basic need/section 106
Eastwood Village	30	210	targeted basic need (new)
Total	170 FS2	1,130 (FS2/ Reception to Y6)	

Table 2

Temporary Primary phase places:		
Broom Valley	45 'bulge places'	basic need
Brinsworth Howarth	105 temporary places	section 106
Sandhill	30 'bulge' places	basic need / S106
Wales Primary	30 'bulge' places	basic need
Total	210 Temporary places	

NB: Brinsworth Howarth is in relation to places provided as a temporary catchment area provision for the Waverley development.

Table 3

Approved future Primary projects:			
School	PAN	Thru	Funding
Cortonwood Infant	40/50	30	section 106
Ellis Junior	70/80/90	80	basic need/S106
Total		110 (FS2/ Reception to Y6)	

Table 4

Secondary School places:			
School	PAN	Thru	Funding
Wickersley School	300/340	200	Targeted basic need

NB: In addition, future new primary schools are proposed for the Waverley Development and Bassingthorpe Farm Development.