

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1. Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member and Advisers for Lifelong Learning and Culture</b>
<b>2. Date:</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> April 2012</b>
<b>3. Title:</b>	<b>Proposed building extension to Catcliffe Primary School</b>
<b>4. Directorate:</b>	<b>Children and Young People's Services</b>

### **5. Summary**

Catcliffe Primary School has pressure placed on the current accommodation from increasing pupil numbers from within the school's catchment area. Preferences for the school are increasing year on year and future projections confirm this continuation.

Initial meetings have taken place with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors, and shall continue to take place, with the CYPS Capital Team, EDS Architects and Surveyors, Catcliffe Primary School staff and the Governing Body in relation to the proposed building expansion.

### **6. Recommendation:**

**It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture approves the proposal to extend Catcliffe Primary School by the extension of the school building to accommodate the rising pupil numbers from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012.**

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## 7. Proposals and Details

The proposal is to expand the School by the installation of a modular building on the site to provide additional teaching and learning space. The modular build is surplus to RMBC requirements following the closure of the Eastwood Depot site.

### Development of numbers on roll:

#### SCHOOL(S):

Current Admission Number: 25  
Current Net Capacity: 150

Updated Net Capacity will be determined by the Building Manager for the School following completion of the expansion works using the Net Capacity calculation formula.

Pupils Numbers for the last 10 years (as at PLASC date in January)

Year	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	TOTAL
02/03	20	26	14	18	23	26	23	150
03/04	17	22	28	14	18	23	27	149
04/05	16	18	20	25	16	17	24	136
05/06	18	15	17	19	22	15	17	123
06/07	11	16	13	10	18	23	15	106
07/08	19	6	21	16	8	15	21	106
08/09	14	23	8	17	11	11	19	103
09/10	20	12	23	9	17	11	10	102
10/11	20	19	12	23	12	17	12	115
11/12	26	20	20	17	21	12	15	131

As the Admission number for the school will not be adjusted it is not necessary for a public consultation to be undertaken.

Due to a fall in pupil numbers several years ago, three classrooms at the school were transferred to the early years service to create a Children's Centre on the site. This has created a lack of space in recent years as pupil numbers have started to increase and this trend is set to continue.

As the Waverley housing building project commences the school could also experience an increase in demand for places until funding streams are activated at contracted points to commence the provision of school places in the area due to the size of the development.

## **8. Finance**

The capital cost of the building project is £100,000. This building programme will provide new teaching areas and other required space with the installation of a modular building on both sites. Funding for the project is from 'Basic Need funding' allocated by the DfE for the provision of sufficient school places.

## **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.

## **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 catchment area and first preference school for their child and, therefore, increase that performance indicator.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

DfE Guidance for Local Authorities and Governing Bodies - Expanding a maintained mainstream school by enlargement or adding a 6<sup>th</sup> form.

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