

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet
2.	Date:	27th November, 2013
3.	Title:	Proposed expansion of Dalton Listerdale Junior and Infant School
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

Pupil numbers are increasing in the Central and surrounding area 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. Following pre Statutory and Statutory consultation periods, this report seeks a final determination by Cabinet in relation to the proposal to expand Dalton Listerdale Junior and Infant School from a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 30 to 45 in FS2 / Reception from 1st September 2014 and subsequent FS2 / Reception cohorts thereafter by expansion of the school premises.

6. Recommendations:

It is recommended that following Cabinet consideration of representations received by the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services that:

The proposal to expand Dalton Listerdale Junior and Infant School from a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 30 – 45 in FS2 / Reception from 1st September 2014 on a permanent basis and, subsequent FS2 / Reception cohorts thereafter, be approved.

The Secretary of State for Education be informed accordingly by the School Admissions, Organisation and SEN Assessment Service.

7. Proposals and Details

It is proposed to expand the numbers on roll at Dalton Listerdale Junior and Infant School from 1st September 2014 in FS2 / Reception and subsequent FS2 / Reception cohorts thereafter. The school's current NET capacity will be increased from 210 to 315 by the addition of 4 additional permanent teaching and learning spaces. The school would be expanded in order to accommodate an eventual 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 full expansion will be completed in one phase to achieve economy of scale and minimise disruption to the school.

The school currently accommodates 30 FS1 pupils part-time (15 FTE) and it is proposed to increase the number to 46 FS1 part time (23 FTE). The impact locally has been assessed by the Early Years Service.

SCHOOL: DALTON LISTERDALE JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

Admission Number: 30 (45)

Net Capacity: 206 (315)

Pupil Numbers for the last 10 years (as at School Census date in January):

Year	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	TOTAL
02/03	28	31	30	29	34	38	36	226
03/04	28	30	30	30	30	35	39	222
04/05	26	30	30	30	30	30	35	211
05/06	19	28	28	30	30	31	30	196
06/07	30	20	30	28	33	31	32	204
07/08	29	30	21	28	30	34	33	205
08/09	30	29	30	21	28	30	30	198
09/10	30	30	30	31	23	30	29	203
10/11	30	30	30	30	32	24	30	206
11/12	31	31	30	32	29	33	25	211

Pupil Numbers for the October 2013 School Census and future projections:

	REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	TOTALS
12/13	30	31	30	31	32	30	33	217
13/14	30	30	31	30	31	32	30	214
14/15	30(45)	30	30	31	30	31	32	214(229)
15/16	30(45)	30(45)	30	30	31	30	31	212(242)
16/17	30(45)	30(45)	30(45)	30	30	31	30	211(256)
17/18	30(45)	30(45)	30(45)	30(45)	30	31	30	211(271)
18/19	30(45)	30(45)	30(45)	30(45)	30(45)	30	30	210(285)

8. Finance

The capital cost of the building project is currently estimated at £1m. This will provide four more teaching and learning spaces and other required spaces to be developed further in conjunction with the CYPS Capital Project Team, Architects and the school. 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.

It is proposed that the school will be expanded with effect from 1st September 2014 in FS2 / Reception and subsequent FS2 / Reception cohorts thereafter and, will operate with four more teaching and learning spaces than currently. It is anticipated that parents will apply for places prior to the expansion and that numbers on roll will increase from September 2014 onwards.

The School will need to plan for the expansion and appoint additional teaching and non-teaching staff for the additional FS2 / Reception cohort. Funding for the additional staffing will be generated as a result of the additional pupils on roll 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 school's budget to be allocated for 2014/15, additional funding will need to be requested from the Contingency for Pupil Growth Fund to cover the 7/12 funding gap via the Rotherham Schools' Forum.

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. Local Authorities are obliged, however, to provide sufficient places, promote diversity and increase parental preference.

A final decision should be determined by Cabinet 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

Consultation has been undertaken with the Governing Body of Dalton Listerdale Junior and Infant school, Staff and Trade Unions, Parents (families), local Councillors, any local Parish Councils and the local MP.

Additionally consultation has also been undertaken with the Governing bodies of any other school that may be affected plus the Diocese of any school likely to be affected.

Consultation timeline

Cabinet Member agreed to consultation	22 nd May 2013
Pre statutory consultation period Commences including meetings with governors, Staff and parents etc.	
Report to Cabinet Member	24 th July 2013
Publication of statutory notices	13 th September 2013
4 week period for representations and objections closes	11 th October 2013
Cabinet decision	27 th November 2013
Implementation	1 st September 2014

There are no other linked proposals to consider.

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