

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children, Young People and Families' Services
2.	Date:	15th January 2014
3.	Title:	Proposal to expand Thurcroft Infant School
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

Proposals to expand Thurcroft Infant School have stood from 24th July 2013 including the Statutory Notice Period of 22nd November to 20th December 2013 and, in the absence of any objections, the matter can now be determined by the Cabinet Member.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) **In the absence of any formal objections, that the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Family Services approves the proposal to increase the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Thurcroft Infant School from 60 to 75 in FS2 / Reception from 1st September 2014 and subsequent FS2 / Reception cohorts thereafter.**
- 2) **The Secretary of State for Education be informed accordingly, by the School Admissions, Organisation and SEN Assessment Service.**

7. Proposals and Details

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

Cabinet Member to agree to pre statutory consultation	24 th July 2013
Pre statutory consultation period Including meetings with governors, Staff and families etc.	September / October 2013
Report to Cabinet Member	13 th November 2013
Publication of statutory notice	22 nd November 2013
4 week period for representations and objections closes	20 th December 2013
LA decision	15 th January 2014
Implementation	1 st September 2014

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 CYPS Capital Projects Programme.

Initial School funding to support the additional pupil places has been identified via School Forum (Contingency for Pupil Growth Fund) to cover the September 2014 - March 2015 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.

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 24th July 2013.

Report to Cabinet Member and Advisers of the 13th November 2013.

Minutes of the meetings and correspondence with:

School Governors

Staff and union representatives

Parents and carers

Elected Members

Neighbouring Schools and other consultees.

Public notice period of 22nd November to 20th December 2013.

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