

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services
2.	Date:	5th March, 2014
3.	Title:	Proposed expansion of Brampton the Ellis Junior School
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

This report seeks permission to enter a Statutory Consultation phase in relation to the proposed expansion of Brampton the Ellis Junior School.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that Statutory Consultation on the proposal to expand the school on a permanent basis should commence and that a further report be brought to Members with details of the outcome of that consultation.

7. Proposals and Details

The proposal to be consulted on is:-

It is proposed to expand the numbers on roll at Brampton the Ellis Junior School from September 2014 in Year 3 and subsequent year groups thereafter, from a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 70 to 80 initially. The school will be expanded in phases in order to accommodate an eventual 90 children per statutory year group (90 x 4 = 360 places) rather than its current capacity of 70 x 4 = 280 places. The school would have an eventual published admission number (PAN) of 90 with effect from September 2020.

SCHOOL(S): BRAMPTON THE ELLIS CE JUN

Admission Number: 40 (INF), 70(80-90) (JUN)

Net Capacity: 120 (INF), 270(360) (JUN)

Pupil Numbers from the latest October 2013 School Census and future projections

	REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	TOTALS
13/14				72	63	73	51	(259)
14/15				80	72	63	73	(288)
15/16				79	80	72	63	(294)
16/17				80	79	80	72	(311)
17/18				80	80	79	80	(319)
18/19				80	80	80	79	(319)
19/20				80	80	80	80	(320)
20/21				90	80	80	80	(330)
21/22				90	90	80	80	(340)
22/23				90	90	90	80	(350)
23/24				90	90	90	90	(360)

8. Finance

The capital cost of the building project is currently estimated at £500,000. This will provide additional teaching and learning spaces and other required spaces to be developed further in conjunction with the CYPS Capital Projects Team, Architects and the school. Funding for the project is from 'Basic Need funding' allocated to the Authority from the DfE. (Basic Need funding is provided for the provision of sufficient school places) and Section 106 developer contributions (subject to trigger points being met).

The school will need to plan for the expansion and appoint additional teaching and non teaching staff. Funding for the additional staffing will be generated from 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, additional funding will need to be requested from the Contingency for pupil growth to cover the 7/12 funding gap via 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. (CYD0015/018 - Corporate risk register).

If the Local Authority progresses to the statutory consultation phase, then formal objections may be lodged during the representation period following the publication of the statutory notice. A final decision should be determined by the decision maker 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.

As the proposal is linked to the proposed expansion of Cortonwood Infant School and the outcome of one proposal will impact on the other, the 2 proposals will be consulted upon simultaneously.

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 meetings have been undertaken with the Governing Body for the School, Staff and Trade Unions, Parents (families), local Councillors, the Parish Council and local MP.

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

Timeline:

Cabinet Member to agree to consultation	24 th July 2013
Pre statutory consultation period Commences including meetings with governors, Staff and parents etc.	
Report to the Cabinet Member seeking approval to commence Statutory Consultation	5 th March 2014
Publication of statutory notices	14 th March 2014
Report to Cabinet Member and final Determination of proposals and notification to Secretary of State for Education	21 st May 2014
Implementation - phased	1 st September 2014/ 2020

This proposal is linked to the proposed expansion of Cortonwood Infant School from a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 40 to 50.

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