

**16 September 2013****Agenda Item: 13****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION STANDARDS AND  
INCLUSION****SCHOOLS WITH AN INCREASE IN SCHOOL PLACES OF 25% OR MORE:  
OUTCOMES OF PUBLISHED STATUTORY NOTICES****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides Committee with the outcomes of published Section 19 Notices and seeks approval for the implementation of the following proposals with effect from 1 September 2014 to:-
  - expand Beardall Street Community Primary School in Hucknall in newly built premises on a new school site, thereby increasing the school's net capacity by a further 105 permanent pupil places; consequently this will formally increase the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 30 to 45
  - expand Forest Town Community Primary School in Mansfield in newly built premises on its existing site, thereby increasing the school's net capacity by a further 120 permanent pupil places; consequently this will formally increase the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 45 to 60
  - expand Pierrepont Gamston Church of England VA Primary School in West Bridgford in newly built premises on its existing site, thereby increasing the school's net capacity by a further 105 permanent pupil places; consequently this will formally increase the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 30 to 45
  - expand Round Hill Primary School in Beeston in newly built premises on its existing site, thereby increasing the school's net capacity by a further 105 permanent pupil places; consequently this will formally increase the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 60 to 75.

**Information and Advice**

2. Formal proposals were agreed by Committee at its meeting on 10 June 2013 and in accordance with the provisions of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, the County Council is required to publish Section 19 Notices. Appropriate separate Notices were subsequently published for each of the proposals as follows:-

- on 19 June 2013 relating to the proposals affecting Forest Town, Pierrepont Gamston and Round Hill Primary Schools
- on 21 June 2013 relating to the Beardall Street Primary School proposal.

The respective Notices provided details of the proposals referred to in paragraph 1 above.

3. For expansion proposals there is a four week representation period following the publication of Notices during which objections and comments can be made. The Notices expired on 17 and 19 July 2013 respectively and during their publication period no representations were received relating to the Forest Town, Pierrepont Gamston and Beardall Street proposals.
4. A letter on behalf of the Round Hill Primary School governing body was received from the school's chair of governors in response to and during this school's statutory notice representation period. The letter and its enclosure explained that whilst the governing body is in support of the proposal to expand their school as published, governors still had certain concerns about the proposal and, in particular, about how the proposed building work would be developed at the school and felt that these concerns had yet to be allayed by the County Council. A copy of the governing body's formal response is attached as **Appendix 1**.
5. Account has been taken of all the concerns and issues raised within the above response. The County Council's response to this formal representation is attached as **Appendix 2**.
6. It is recommended that each of the proposals identified in paragraph 1 of this report should be implemented, subject to planning permission being granted for the purposes of Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992. This permission to be granted by 31 August 2014.
7. The decision on the above proposals now falls to Committee to determine. It is a statutory requirement that this determination has to be made within two months of the expiry of the Notices' representation periods ie. by 17 and 19 September 2013 respectively. Failure to meet this requirement would result in the proposals having to be referred to an independent Schools Adjudicator for a decision to be made.

### **Other Options Considered**

8. These options have been presented following careful analysis of place planning across Nottinghamshire and no other options can be considered at this time because the County Council retains a statutory responsibility to ensure sufficient school places for first admissions in September 2014.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

9. The recommendations reflect the location of the projected demand for additional school places to be developed; the need to provide for families of more than one child; the need to maintain the high level of educational standards in each popular school; the ability to offer an increased number of faith based places in an educational environment; and the

need to deliver permanent places within a defined and tight timeframe (for September 2014).

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Implications for Service Users**

11. Children and families will have access to, and an increased choice of, school education in their immediate locality.

## **Financial Implications**

12. The proposed projects referred to in this report will all be funded from the Basic Need allocation in the approved Council budget. If there is a need to vary this once all the necessary feasibilities are complete, a further report will be produced.

## **Equalities Implications**

13. Children will be able to access school places locally. Any new build schemes will meet requirements for disabled access and special needs.
14. An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken and is available as a background paper. Decision makers must give due regard to the implications for protected groups when considering this report.

## **Crime and Disorder Implications**

15. Appropriate consideration has been given to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It is the view of the County Council that these proposed expansions do not pose a significant risk to increasing criminal activity within the localities of the four schools.

## **Human Rights Implications**

16. Parental preference will continue to be facilitated.

## **Safeguarding of Children Implications**

17. The new build schemes will take account of safeguarding needs and requirements.

## **Human Resources Implications**

18. Appropriate levels of teaching staff will be appointed and funded from the increases to the schools' budgets triggered by the increased number of pupils, and the schools will use appropriate recruitment and selection procedures when making appointments.

## **Implications for Sustainability and the Environment**

19. Increasing the number of primary school places is demonstrated by sustainable demand. Any new build projects will require planning approval and will meet Building Regulations which reflect sustainability and environmental targets. By providing local school places, the need for travelling by car can be reduced.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That:

- 1) Committee notes and considers the outcomes of the Section 19 Notices published under the provisions of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 concerning the proposals referred to in this report.
- 2) to ensure provision is available in 2014/15, Committee conditionally agrees to the implementation of the proposals with effect from 1 September 2014 to significantly increase:-
  - the number of pupil places at Beardall Street Primary School from 210 places to 315 places on a new school site, and to raise the school's PAN from 30 to 45
  - the number of pupil places at Forest Town Primary School from 280 places to 400 places, and to raise the school's PAN from 45 to 60
  - the number of pupil places at Pierrepont Gamston CE Primary School from 210 places to 315 places, and to raise the school's PAN from 30 to 45
  - the number of pupil places at Round Hill Primary School from 420 places to 525 places, and to raise the school's PAN from 60 to 75

pending planning permission being granted under the provisions of Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 by 31 August 2014.

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### **Constitutional Comments (LM 14/08/13)**

20. The Children and Young People's Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

### **Financial Comments (KLA 13/08/13)**

21. The financial implications of the report are set out in paragraph 12 above.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

- 1) Schools with an increase in School Places of 25% or More: Outcome of Statutory Consultation - report to Children and Young People's Committee on 10 June 2013 (previously published)
- 2) The Complete Proposals referred to in the published Section 19 Notices
- 3) Equality Impact Assessment

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **Electoral Divisions and Members Affected**

Beeston North:	Councillor Steve Carr
Hucknall:	Councillors Alice Grice, John Wilkinson and John Wilmott
Mansfield East:	Councillors Alan Bell and Colleen Harwood
West Bridgford Central & South:	Councillors Steve Calvert and Liz Plant

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