

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Ashford Park Primary School

(i) Details of decision

- (1) That Ashford Park Primary School be enlarged by 1 form of entry (from 2 FE to 3 FE) on 1 September 2015.
- (2) That the school roll be increased by one form each year until September 2021 when its capacity will be 630 pupils.
- (3) That an associated building programme goes ahead in a single phase to provide appropriate new classrooms and some improvements to ancillary accommodation.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Surrey County Council is putting plans in place to ensure that its popular schools meet the increased demand for places.

Primary school places in Surrey are in high demand and Spelthorne Borough is an area that has experienced a significant increase in pupil numbers, particularly in the Ashford and Staines conurbations. This demand is initially in the primary sector but will follow into the secondary sector in due course. This scheme is part of Surrey County Council's wider planning for the borough in order to meet the demand for additional capacity.

During the last decade the birth rate has been rising steadily in Spelthorne. It has risen by 24.9% since 2002 which is the fourth highest borough rate in the county. This has affected school rolls and there is an immediate requirement for one additional form of entry (1 FE) in Ashford town. To ensure sufficient provision of primary school places in the area, Surrey County Council is proposing the expansion of Ashford Park Primary School with effect from 1 September 2015.

The Governing Body of the school supports this proposal and in partnership with Surrey County Council held a public consultation from 4 September-16 October 2013, outlining the reasons for the proposal and inviting responses from stakeholders. Statutory Notices were published and a six-week public consultation was held, ending on 10 March 2014.

As the representative of the responsible body for the planning of school places and the funding body for this scheme, the Cabinet Member is asked to give final approval for the proposal to proceed. This proposal is subject to a planning application which will be submitted in due course.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None.

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

None.

Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)

None.

Decision taken by:

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CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Hurst Park Primary School, West Molesey

(i) Details of decision

- (1) That Hurst Park Primary School be enlarged by 1 form of entry (from 1 FE to 2 FE) on 1 September 2015.
- (2) That the school be relocated to the former John Nightingale School site on Hurst Road, West Molesey.
- (3) That an associated building programme goes ahead to provide a new Hurst Park Primary school.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Based on the most recent forecast of pupil numbers, which projects the requirement for school places up to 2020 and beyond, two additional forms of entry in this planning area would meet the basic need. Expansion of existing schools is the logical and most financially prudent response to this issue.

Hurst Park Primary School is a popular and successful school which delivers a high quality education. It was rated as a good school by Ofsted at its last full inspection (May 2013). The provision of additional places at Hurst Park Primary therefore meets the government's policy position to expand successful and popular schools in order to provide quality places and meet parental preferences.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None.

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

None.

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