

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Petitions

(i) Details of decision

That the response to the petition, attached as Appendix 1, be approved

(ii) Reasons for decision

To respond to the petition

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None

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

Debbie Dalzell was in attendance at the meeting and read a statement on behalf of Amanda Gibb in favour of the expansion of the school.

Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted

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None

Decision taken by:

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CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

To Determine a Proposal to Relocate the Epsom Sycamore Centre Base of the North East Short Stay School to Stanwell New Road in Staines on Thames

(i) Details of decision

- That the Sycamore Centre in Epsom be vacated and closed.
- The short stay school provision on this site relocates to the former Riverbridge Primary School building on Stanwell New Road in Staines.
- Prior to the relocation, a modest programme of building works is completed to make the provision suitable for secondary age students.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The NE Short Stay Secondary School provision currently operates on two sites in Hersham and Epsom. The Epsom site has become unfit for purpose and requires urgent and substantial building work. The school's location is also not ideal: Spelthorne pupils attending the NE Short Stay School have no local provision and therefore have to travel out of borough to the Hersham site. As the former Infant School building on Stanwell New Road has become vacant, it is proposed to relocate the Epsom facility to this site and thus establish a base in Spelthorne Borough. The Hersham site will continue to operate as now.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None

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CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

To Determine the Publication of Statutory Notices to Consult on a Proposal to Expand Heathside

(i) Details of decision

- The school is enlarged by one form of entry (from seven FE to eight FE). Adding a net total of 150 places in Years 7 to 11 by 2020.
- The school undertakes a programme of building remodelling on its present site to add teaching accommodation and improve the use of space on campus. This will enable the school to accommodate 1200 11-16 students (PAN 240) plus its sixth form which is not due to expand under this proposal
- The expansion is effective from 1 September 2016 and is funded by Surrey County Council as part of its Basic Need Capital programme.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The trend of increased demand for places in primary schools in Elmbridge is due to move into the secondary phase of education in 2015 after which there is a growing need for secondary places that the borough's schools cannot currently meet. These places are required across the borough and most secondary schools are likely to expand by a form of entry over the period 2015-2018.

Heathside is a popular and successful school which delivers high quality education. It was rated by OFSTED at its last inspection (October 2013) as a good school and it is consistently over-subscribed. The proposed provision of 150 additional places at Heathside therefore meets the government's policy position to expand successful schools in order to meet parental preferences.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None

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School Governor and County Councillor, Richard Wilson, will be invited to attend the meeting.

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CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

To Determine Publication of Statutory Notices to Consult on a Proposal to Expand Hinchley Wood Primary School

(i) Details of decision

- The school be enlarged by one form of entry (from two to three classes per year group). Adding a net total of 210 places in Years R to 6 by 2020.
- The school undertakes a building programme on its present site which would add teaching accommodation and a new kitchen and dining room
- This expansion would be effective from 1 September 2016 and would be funded by Surrey County Council as part of its Basic Need Capital programme.
- Prior to the permanent expansion Hinchley Wood Primary school would take one more bulge class in September 2015.

(ii) Reasons for decision

There has been an increasing trend in the demand for places in primary schools in Elmbridge. Despite the expansion of a number of local schools in The Dittons and Weston Green areas there will still be a need for one more form of entry by 2016.

Hinchley Wood Primary is a popular and successful school which delivers high quality education. It was rated by OFSTED at its last inspection (May 2012) as a good school and is consistently over-subscribed. The proposed provision of 210 additional places at Hinchley Wood therefore meets the government's

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CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

The Proposed Expansion of Stoughton Infant School by One Form of Entry

(i) Details of decision

That the Statutory Notice stating the local authority's intention to expand Stoughton Infant School is determined so that the school becomes a three form entry infant school from September 2015, with a published admission number (PAN) of 90 and a total of 270 infant places.

(ii) Reasons for decision

This action is reflective of the ongoing demand for school places in the North Guildford planning area, demonstrated by several years of additional 'bulge' classes. Additional classes have been provided at a number of schools, including Stoughton Infant School, which has already admitted two 'bulge' classes, increasing their current Reception and Year 1 cohorts to 90. They will admit another 'bulge' year of 90 places into Reception in September 2014, giving an overall capacity of 270.

Stoughton Infant School is an outstanding school and it is entirely appropriate to expand good schools in line with government policy. The provision of places both meets the increased demographic pressures in the area and will allow the Council to admit those people who name the school as their preferred option, meeting the wider statutory duty to offer all applicants a school place. It will also reduce the impact of school travel in the area as it will mean that an increased number of local children are able to attend a local school.

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None

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CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

The Proposed Expansion of Junior (Key Stage 2) Provision at Worplesdon Primary School by One Form of Entry

(i) Details of decision

That the Statutory Notice stating the local authority's intention to expand the junior provision at Worplesdon Primary School is determined, such that the school will admit a form of entry at junior level (Year 3) with a Published Admissions Number (PAN) of 30 from September 2016. The PAN for Reception will remain at 60 meaning that the school will have an overall capacity of 180 places in Reception – Year 2 and 360 places in Years 3 – 6.

(ii) Reasons for decision

This action is reflective of the ongoing demand for school places in the North and West Guildford planning areas, demonstrated by several years of additional 'bulge' classes. Additional classes have been provided at a number of schools, including Stoughton Infant School, which has already admitted two 'bulge' classes, increasing their current Reception and Year 1 cohorts to 90. They will admit another 'bulge' year of 90 places into Reception in September 2014, giving an overall capacity of 270.

This proposal is in conjunction with the local authority's proposal to permanently expand Stoughton Infant School from two forms of entry to three forms of entry. If agreed, the increase in places at Stoughton Infant School will reduce the number of Year 3 places available at Northmead Junior School for children attending Wood Street Infant School which has historically been the typical route of progression to Key Stage 2. The proposal to expand Worplesdon is therefore intended to provide a clear and secure route through to Key Stage 2 for all children attending Wood Street Infant School, which will be reflected in the admissions criteria established at Worplesdon for the 30 additional places.

Worplesdon Primary School is a good school and it is entirely appropriate to expand good schools in line with government policy. The provision of places meets the increased demographic pressures in the area and will allow the Council to admit those people who name the school as their preferred option, meeting the wider statutory duty to offer all applicants a school place

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Keith Witham, County Councillor for Worplesdon, attended the meeting and asked for pick up and drop off points to be considered to help ease congestion.

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“We strongly support the expansion of Barnett Wood Infant School to incorporate a junior school. This is the only OFSTED "Outstanding" school in Ashtead and we would like to see this standard extended to juniors too under the leadership of Mrs Penny. Let's make us of the already acquired land adjacent to the school to ease the pressure of expansion on other local schools. We would like to see the expansion happen as soon as possible and would urge Surrey County Council to explore all available options.”

Thank you for your petition and your interest in Schooling in the Ashtead area.

As I am sure you are aware Surrey is experiencing a significant increase in the demand for school places and very few communities have been unaffected by this. As a Council we are undertaking a major capital programme that is providing 16,000 additional school places up to 2019. These are desperately required to ensure that all Surrey residents receive a high quality education.

There are currently two schools where consultations are being undertaken concerning their expansion within Ashtead. All schools within the planning area have been considered as part of the process, including discussions with the Planning and Highways Authority.

It is anticipated that the number of pupils requiring schooling will increase in the area to reflect changes in local demographics. In addition it is expected that future housing in the Ashtead area will significantly add to these demand patterns. If current trends continue, and with a view to further potential housing across the District, it is anticipated that demand for school places will continue to grow and that further school places will be required.

The Council has taken steps to proactively look at potential property assets that offer opportunities to meet this demand in a sustainable manner. Firstly through the provision of further additional junior places, and secondly with a view to look at the pattern of provision more widely to include the admission numbers at the existing schools, with a focus on junior provision.

As a result of this the Council has purchased a site next door to Barnett Wood Infant School with the view that this could possibly provide school places needed in the future. It would mean that Barnett Wood would have the potential to provide additional junior places in the area. Additionally the expansion of Barnett Wood is contained within the Schools Basic Need Capital Programme. We will continue to work with the school to explore this option in detail and provide a project plan for its delivery.

It should be noted that any change to the present pattern of provision would require consultation both with schools, parents and wider stakeholders and it cannot be guaranteed that all respondents would

welcome this proposal. Consultations would not start until we are sure that options are achievable and considerable work needs to take place to get to that position.