

CABINET – 28 JANUARY 2020**PROCEDURAL MATTERS****Members Questions****Question (1) Will Forster (Woking South):**

- a. Please could the Cabinet confirm the latest future projections for the number of pupils in primary and secondary schools in Woking Borough, and the maximum capacity in local schools?
- b. If the proposed developments in Woking Town Centre and Woking Football Club are built, what action does the Council believe needs to be taken to ensure sufficient school places in Woking?

Reply:**a. Primary Places**

The substantive capacity and published admissions numbers (PAN) across Woking Borough total 8,400 places or 1,200 PAN respectively.

The forecasts of places shows:

- In 2020/21 academic year the total number on roll will be exceeded by 40 places although these are catered for by bulge classes already in place across the borough.
- Thereafter the numbers on roll are within the capacity of the schools, through to the end of the forecast period to 2028/29.

Secondary Places

The substantive capacity and published admissions numbers (PAN) across Woking Borough total 5,400 places or 1,080 PAN (through additional classes at Hoe Valley in 2018/19 and 2019/20 and planned for 2020/21 and beyond).

The forecasts of places shows:

- In 2021/22 academic year this would be exceeded by 100 places in year 7 and by 96 places across the school in other year groups as pupil product arises from new housing.
- Year 7 places exceed the PAN and overall numbers on roll exceed the capacity through to the end of the forecast period to 2029/30.

Plans are being formulated to provide the necessary places through school expansions to ensure the Council's statutory duty to provide school places is met.

- b. The development of 1,000 homes would normally yield around 250 primary children and 180 secondary children. The pupil product arising from the developments in Woking Town and at Woking Football Club will depend on the type of new homes provided. Urban developments are likely to be smaller properties, such as flats, and the pupil yield would be less.

Once the details of the applications and size of homes are known these will be adjusted in the forecasts to give an update for demand.

To ensure there are sufficient places in Woking, the Council would seek developer contributions through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and or Section 106 contributions, as appropriate. The funds would contribute to providing the necessary additional places across Woking Borough to meet need.

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