

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**CABINET****DATE: 18 JULY 2017**

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SUBJECT: SUNBURY MANOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, SUNBURY ON THAMES

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

There is a forecast need for additional Secondary Places in Spelthorne by 2020. Many Primary Schools within the vicinity of Sunbury Manor Secondary School have had bulge classes and permanent expansions, consequently the need for additional Secondary School places is emerging.

This paper provides the Business Case for the expansion of Sunbury Manor School, a standalone academy. The school currently operates as an eight Form of Entry (Published Admission number of 240 and a total school capacity of 1200 places) co-educational 11-16 school with a specialist centre for pupils with communication and interaction needs. The school is currently rated 'Good' by Ofsted.

The proposal is to expand the school by one 1 form of entry to 9 forms of entry per year from September 2020. A form of entry is normally 30 students. The school would change its Published Admission Number from 240 to 270 and grow incrementally over a five year period to total school capacity of 1350 places. This will provide in total an additional 150 secondary places in the Sunbury area of Spelthorne.

The expansion will enable Surrey County Council to meet the forecast demand for secondary school places in Spelthorne borough. Any existing surplus places at the school are in upper years, as the larger intake years (year 7 pupils) replace these smaller older year groups these vacant places will be reduced.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that, subject to the agreement of the detailed financial information for the expansion as set out in Part 2 of this agenda, the Cabinet approves the business case for the provision of an additional form of entry (30 places per year) providing, in total, 150 secondary places at Sunbury Manor School from September 2020.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The proposal supports the Authority's statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places to meet the needs of the population in Spelthorne Borough by providing Year 7 places when and where they are needed.

DETAILS:

The county council has a statutory responsibility to provide a sufficient number of school places to meet the needs of its residents. The council monitors future demand and decides on appropriate changes to school organisation, where necessary, in order to meet this statutory responsibility. The council plans secondary places on a borough wide basis to ensure that additional capacity is spread across the borough's schools to facilitate local availability.

The current position in Spelthorne and in the Sunbury on Thames area

1. Births in Spelthorne peaked in 2012/13, but fell marginally in 2014. This pattern of fluctuation has been evident since the early 2000s, and is reflected in the demand for primary school places in the borough. There have been a number of temporary primary 'bulge' classes and permanent expansions provided since 2013 to meet these demand patterns.
2. There have been both bulge classes and permanent primary expansions in the Borough. Specifically in Sunbury Springfield Primary School has taken additional pupils in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015 and is due to permanently expand by 1 FE in September 2017. Hawkedale Infant School is also due to convert to full primary status in September 2017. These additional primary places are in close proximity to Sunbury Manor, with Springfield being just a few yards away on the same road.
3. The larger primary cohorts are now entering the secondary sector. Although there has formerly been surplus capacity in the six secondary academies in the Borough, this is gradually being utilised year on year. By 2018 the forecast numbers for Year 7 admissions are expected to exceed the current combined area Planned Admission Number 1156. The expansion of Sunbury Manor School is part of a suite of proposals to manage this increase in demand. Initially the council is providing two forms of entry at another site (Thomas Knyvett School, 3.5 miles from Sunbury Manor School) in 2018 increasing the Planned Admission Number to 1216. The demand continues to rise with this proposal meeting that demand from 2020.

4. Projections of future demand for school places in the Borough are presented in the below table:

Year	Y7 PAN	Y7 Projection	Surplus/Deficit places
2018/19	1216	1221	-5
2019/20	1216	1178	+38
2020/21	1246	1290	- 44 (2FE)
2021/22	1246	1273	-27 (1FE)
2022/23	1246	1338	- 92(3FE)
2023/24	1246	1337	-91 (3FE)
2024/25	1246	1413	-167 (5.5FE)
2025/26	1246	1359	-113 (4FE)

Note: 1, negative figures indicate a forecast deficit of provision 2, the year 7 PAN figures include the proposed expansion from 2020

5. The forecasts of demand indicate that there may be the need to provide further provision within the planning area from 2024 as year 7 projections are greater than the capacity that will be provided. Officers will continue to monitor the situation and come forward with relevant proposals should this trend persist. Officers are conscious of the need to balance the needs of the current pattern of provision whilst not supplying more permanent places than are necessary within the area.
6. The building programme at Sunbury Manor has been developed in such a way that it does not preclude the provision of further additional places at a later date. It may however be appropriate to manage the demand in 2024-26 with bulge provision or consider other mechanisms for the delivery of places including the Department for Education Free School Programme.
7. Sunbury Manor has a small specialist centre for pupils with Communication and Interaction Needs. There are no plans to expand this provision at present. There is an onsite Leisure centre at the school that operates on a commercial basis, this will be unaffected by the proposed works.
8. Sunbury Manor is an increasingly popular school which delivers high quality education. It was rated as 'Good' by OFSTED at its last inspection (June 2012) and confirmed by an Ofsted monitoring inspection in March 2016. It was under-subscribed in the past, along with other secondary schools in the borough but it is now a school of first choice with many parents. As a result any existing surplus places at the school are in upper years, as the larger intake years (year 7 pupils) replace these smaller older year groups these vacant places will be reduced.
9. The proposal consists of a new two storey teaching block incorporating a new kitchen on the ground floor. There is also some internal alterations and refurbishments to the existing building to create 2 science laboratories

CONSULTATION:

10. As an academy Sunbury Manor is not required to consult on expansion as long as it has the infrastructure to supply the additional places. The governing body has given its permission for Sunbury Manor to expand subject to Surrey County Council funding a scheme that is agreed by both parties.

11. The proposed construction programme will be managed by Surrey County Council's Property Team operating under a Development Agreement on the academy's site.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

12. There are risks associated with the project and a project risk register has been compiled and is regularly updated. A contingency allowance appropriate to the scheme has been included within the project budget to mitigate for potential risks.

Financial and Value for Money Implications

13. The project will be subject to robust cost challenge and scrutiny to drive optimum value as it progresses. Further financial details are set out in the report circulated in Part 2 of the agenda. These details have been circulated separately to ensure commercial sensitivity in the interests of securing best value.

Section 151 Officer Commentary

14. The County Council is facing a very serious financial situation, whereby there are still substantial savings to be identified and delivered to achieve a balanced budget in the current year and a sustainable budget plan for future years.
15. The Section 151 Officer can confirm that an estimated cost for this capital scheme has been included in the current School Basic Need capital programme as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan. A significant part, but not all of the school basic need capital programme, is funded from DfE capital grant.
16. In spite of these factors, it is important to recognise that agreeing to this recommendation will reduce the council's options to achieve a sustainable budget in future years.

Legal Implications – Monitoring Officer

17. Section 13 of the Education Act 1996 places a duty on a Local Authority (with responsibility for education) to ensure sufficient primary and secondary education provision is available to meet the needs of the population in its area.

Equalities and Diversity

18. The expansion of the school will not create any issues which would require the production of an Equality Impact Assessment.
19. The new classrooms will comply with Disabilities Discrimination Act (DDA) regulations. The expanded school will provide employment opportunities in the area.
20. The school will be for children in the community served by the school. The Admissions arrangements will give the highest priority to Looked After Children and pupils on the Special Educational Needs (SEN) register and/or those who would benefit from a statement of educational need, thus supporting provision for our most vulnerable children. Children with siblings will receive the next

priority, followed by those children living closest to the school. There is no proposal to amend the admissions criteria which is fully compliant with the Schools Admissions Code.

Other Implications:

21. The potential implications for the following council priorities and policy areas have been considered. Where the impact is potentially significant a summary of the issues is set out in detail below.

Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications

22. This proposal would provide increased provision for secondary places in the area which would be of benefit to the community served by the school. This means it would therefore also be of benefit to any looked after children who may attend the school.

Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults implications

23. The council has a duty to promote and improve educational outcomes for all children, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged. Sunbury Manor is an inclusive school and has robust safeguarding policies and procedures in place.

Climate change/carbon emissions implications

24. The design philosophy is to create buildings that will support low energy consumption, reduce solar gain and promote natural ventilation. The school will be refurbished in line with this policy and any new building will be to the standards in the local planning authority's adopted core planning strategy.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

25. If approved, to proceed to detailed design to allow procurement of tenders and subsequent contract award through delegated decision.

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Annexes:

None - Part 2 report with financial details attached to agenda.

Sources/background papers:

- The Education Act 1996
 - The School Standards Framework Act 1998
 - The Education Act 2002
 - The Education and Inspections Act 2006
 - Report to Cabinet: Schools Capital Budget Allocations Service update based on latest or most appropriate report year and version
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