

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director for People
to
People Scrutiny Committee

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Agenda
Item No.

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Outcome of Consultation on the Permanent Expansion of Primary Places in Southend

THIS IS A PRE CABINET SCRUTINY ITEM

Executive Councillor: Councillor Mrs Anne Jones
A Part 1 (Public) Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Committee to consider a draft report to Cabinet on the above subject by way of pre-Cabinet scrutiny.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The views of the Committee are sought on the draft report to Cabinet which is **attached**.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 7th January 2014, Cabinet considered a report on the provision of primary places. The set out the schools to expand and sought agreement to a consultation process on the significant enlargement of six schools.

The Cabinet resolved:

“1. That subject to 4 below, the permanent expansion of the Federated Thorpe Greenways Infant and Junior Schools to provide one additional form of entry from September 2015, be approved.

2. That subject to 4 below, the permanent expansion of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School to provide one additional form of entry from September 2015, be approved.

3. *That subject to 4 below, the permanent expansion of Hamstel Infant and Junior Schools to provide one additional form of entry from September 2015, be approved.*
4. *That a statutory joint consultation be undertaken with the Diocese of Brentwood concerning the provision of primary places in central Southend, that being the significant enlargement of: Hamstel Infant and Junior Schools, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, St. Helen's Catholic Primary School and The Federated Thorpe Greenways Infant and Junior School.*
5. *That the decision to proceed to the statutory stage be delegated to the Corporate Director for People, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Children and Learning, if there are no strong objections.*
6. *That the permanent expansion of Darlington Primary School to provide one additional form of entry from September 2015, be approved."*

(Minute 643 refers).

- 3.2 Consultation started on 2nd June 2014 and completed on 7th September 2014.
 - 3.3 Attached as **Appendix 1** is the draft Cabinet report recommending the expansion of six schools. The report sets out: the background that details the responses to the consultation; proposals; the reason for recommendations; and corporate implications.
 - 3.4 The intention is for the report to go to Cabinet on 11th November 2014. However, the People Scrutiny Committee is given the opportunity to consider the draft report in advance of the meeting by way of pre-Cabinet scrutiny. The views of the Committee will be reflected in the final report to Cabinet.
4. **Background papers**

None
 5. **Appendices**
 - 5.1 **Appendix 1** - Draft Report – Outcome of Consultation on the Permanent Expansion of Primary Places in Southend