



Report of Chief Executive, Education Leeds

Meeting: South (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 11th November 2009

Subject: Consultation on expansion of 17 primary schools in Leeds and additional provision for children with special educational needs at 2 primary schools

Electoral Wards Affected:

Beeston & Holbeck
City & Hunslet
Middleton Park

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the Area Committee with the consultation document on proposals for the expansion of 17 primary schools and additional provision for children with special educational needs at 2 primary schools.

The consultation document appended forms the basis of the report. Members of the Area Committee are asked to consider this and comment on the expansion proposals.

Purpose of This Report

1. The consultation document appended forms the basis of this report.
2. The consultation document asks for comments on proposals to
 - create extra space to permanently increase the size of 17 primary schools in Leeds from September 2010
 - provide extra places for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) at two of the schools.
3. **Background Information**

Leeds City Council has a legal duty to provide school places for every child in the city taking into account where those children live and may want to attend school. Education Leeds has been planning extra places due to a rise in the number of children aged five and under in the city, and extra places are needed for the school year starting September 2010.
4. The consultation period runs from Monday 2 November 2009 to Friday 11 December 2009. Education Leeds are holding meetings to gather the views of schools, families, young people, governors, and the general public to create opportunities to debate the proposals and ask questions. The findings from the consultation will be presented to the council's Executive Board.
5. **Main Issues**

All the issues are described in full in the consultation document.
6. **Implications For Council Policy and Governance**

All the issues are described in the Executive Board report considered in October 2009, which gave permission to consult on the proposals. The local authority has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places. In planning that capacity, they need to take into account where those children live and where they might want to attend school.
7. **Legal and Resource Implications**

All the issues are described in the Executive Board report considered in October 2009, which gave permission to consult on the proposals.
8. **Recommendations**

The Area Committee is requested to

 - Note and consider the report appended
 - Consider any response they wish to make as a part of the consultation

Background Papers

Executive Board Report, 16th October 2009. Proposal for statutory consultation for the expansion of primary provision for September 2010