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## Report of the School Organisation Advisory Board

**Date:** 16th January 2019

**Subject:** Report on Statutory Proposals for the expansion of Benton Park School

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### 1.0 Purpose of This Report

To explain to the Board the role of the Board in considering the objections to these proposals and making recommendations to the Executive Board to assist the Executive Board in reaching a decision in relation to the proposals.

### 2.0 Background Information

#### Changes to Benton Park School to expand the school

The proposal by the local authority is to:

Expand Benton Park Secondary School from a capacity of 1225 to 1500 students by increasing the admission number from 245 to 300 with effect from September 2021. The schools current SEN and 6th Form provision is unaffected by this proposal.

A public consultation on this proposal took place between 29th June and 27th July 2018. A total of 223 representations were received.

A Statutory Notice was displayed from 19th November until 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018. A final decision must be made within 2 months of the expiry of the notice and therefore by 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

There were 2 responses to the statutory notice which opposed the change.

This proposal is now submitted to the Board to consider the proposal and the objections received and to make recommendations to the Executive Board.

Members of the Board will have the following documents to consider which are attached to this report:

Documents submitted by Children's Services in support of the proposals;  
Copies of the responses received

### 3.0 Recommendations

The Board is asked to consider the proposals and consider the written objections and any verbal objections made at the meeting of the Board and to make recommendations with reasons for consideration by the Executive Board.