
REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF EDUCATION LEEDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: 14 October 2009

SUBJECT: Proposal for expansion of primary provision in the Richmond Hill Area

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1 The report seeks the permission of Executive Board to consult on the proposal to permanently expand Richmond Hill Primary School by one form of entry with effect from September 2012.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2 There is significant demographic pressure in the inner East of the city, giving rise to the need to expand provision in 2010 and beyond. At its meeting in July 2009 the Executive Board approved applications to the schools adjudicator to meet the predicted need for September 2010. This proposal forms part of the longer term permanent plans to meet need in the area.
- 3 Richmond Hill Primary school is due to receive new accommodation as part of the Primary Capital Programme, opening in 2012. The opportunity exists to rescope these plans to allow for this further expansion.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4 The additional costs of expanding Richmond Hill Primary School by one form of entry beyond its current scope are currently estimated at £3m. This expansion will meet a part of the need for additional places in 2012. The additional cost will be met from the Education capital program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5 The Executive Board is invited to:
 - i) approve formal consultation is undertaken on the proposal to permanently expand Richmond Hill Primary School by one form of entry with effect from September 2012.
 - ii) note that a report detailing the outcome of these consultations will be brought back to Executive Board in Spring 2010.

Agenda Item:

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Electoral Wards Affected:

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality & Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call-in

Not Eligible for Call-in
(Details contained in the Report)

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The report seeks the permission of Executive Board to consult on the proposal to permanently expand Richmond Hill Primary School by one form of entry to three forms of entry with effect from September 2012.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 There is significant demographic pressure in the inner East of the city, giving rise to the need to expand provision in 2010 and beyond. At its meeting in July 2009 the Executive Board approved an application to the schools adjudicator to meet this need for 2010, and this proposal forms part of the longer term plans to meet need in the area. Formal proposals will be brought before Executive Board in December 2009 on the specific expansion proposals and consultation process to meet this need for 2011, and again in due course for 2012. Executive Board are being asked to approve consultation on expansion proposals for 2010 elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.
- 2.2 Richmond Hill Primary school is due to have new buildings provided as part of the Primary Capital Programme, opening in 2012. The opportunity exists to rescope

these plans to allow for this expansion. However to achieve this without impacting on the final delivery timeframe a decision on the final scope of the building must be made by late spring 2010.

3.0 THE MAIN ISSUES

- 3.1 The Richmond Hill planning area currently contains four primary schools: Richmond Hill Primary, Victoria Primary, All Saints CE Primary (Aided) and Mount St Mary's Catholic Primary (Aided). They currently provide 140 reception places each year, and a total capacity of 845 places.
- 3.2 In July 2009, Executive board agreed proposals to close Mount St Mary's Catholic Primary School. This was due to the lack of demand for Catholic places in the area. Given the projected overall demand for places in the area, a linked proposal to expand Richmond Hill Primary to two forms of entry to reprovide these places was also approved.
- 3.3 During the consultation for this proposal Education Leeds described the requirement to further expand provision in the area, and that further exploration of all options would be undertaken. In July 2009 Executive Board approved city wide expansion plans for 2010, which included plans to expand Victoria Primary from 50 to 60 reception places. Further discussions are being held with All Saints Primary about potential for expansion in 2011. It has not been possible to identify any sites for a new school in the area. Therefore the expansion of Richmond Hill Primary to three forms of entry is necessary to meet overall demand for places in the area. Full projections are in Appendix 1.
- 3.4 Richmond Hill Primary school is due to have new buildings provided as part of the Primary Capital Programme, opening in 2012. The opportunity exists to rescope these plans to allow for this expansion. However to achieve this without impacting on the final delivery timeframe a decision on the final scope of the building must be made by late spring 2010. The project brief will include the provision of a team rugby pitch for use by the local East Leeds Rugby League Club who have shared the school site for many years. The new school will be designed to ensure that an appropriate pitch will be available for the Club to access post construction. The Rugby Club is a key stakeholder in the project and, although there will be disruption to their usage of the site during the construction, they will continue to be supported by officers from the Council to ensure that their team activities can continue throughout the duration of the project. Their existing Club and changing facilities can continue to be used as they are outside the school site and are unaffected by the build project.
- 3.5 The proposed consultation will run during the second half of the autumn term, from 2nd November to 11th December 2009. A consultation document will be produced which describes the changing demographics and the need for additional provision. This will be widely circulated and available to the whole community to include pupils and parents, ward members and other stakeholders. The document will make clear how anyone can respond during the consultation and will describe the subsequent processes that would be followed and further opportunities to comment or influence decisions prior to a final determination. A public meeting will be organised.

4.0 LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The additional costs of expanding Richmond Hill Primary School by one form of entry beyond its current scope are currently estimated at £3m. This expansion will

meet a part of the need for additional places in 2012, currently estimated at 11 to 15 forms of entry which is described in the report on the expansion of primary provision for 2010. To enable the scope of the plans for a new school building to allow for this expansion a decision is required by Spring 2010. The additional cost will be met from the Education capital programme.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Executive Board is invited to:

- i) approve formal consultation is undertaken on the proposal to permanently expand Richmond Hill Primary School by one form of entry to three forms of entry with effect from September 2012
- ii) note that a report detailing the outcome of these consultations will be brought back to Executive Board in Spring 2010.

6.0 BACKGROUND REPORTS

22 July 2009 Proposals for changes to primary provision in the Richmond Hill Area
22 July 2009 Proposed increases in Admissions Limits for September 2010
June 2009 Expanding Primary Place Provision

Appendix 1

Richmond Hill Total												
	REC	YR 1	YR 2	YR 3	YR 4	YR 5	YR 6	TOTAL	AD LT	CAPAC ITY	SURPLU S	%
2003/2004	112	114	93	114	121	109	107	770	140	912	142	16%
2004/2005	110	127	114	100	117	122	112	802	140	870	68	8%
2005/2006	114	109	123	114	103	119	120	802	140	845	43	5%
2006/2007	118	119	111	115	117	101	119	800	140	845	45	5%
2007/2008	124	119	120	111	110	111	102	797	140	845	48	6%
2008/2009	137	119	109	119	102	116	111	813	140	845	32	4%
2009/2010	173	136	115	110	114	103	118	868	140	845	-23	-3%
2010/2011	176	170	130	117	104	116	104	917	140	845	-72	-8%
2011/2012	213	174	161	133	110	106	118	1,014	140	845	-169	-20%
2012/2013	228	211	166	164	127	113	107	1,116	140	845	-271	-32%