
REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF EDUCATION LEEDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: 4 November 2009

SUBJECT: Proposal for expansion of primary provision in the Gildersome Area

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1 The report seeks the permission of Executive Board to consult on a proposal to permanently expand Gildersome Primary School by one form of entry with effect from September 2011, as part of the remodelling work planned through the Primary Capital Programme.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2 Based on current demographic information an increase of 1 form of entry is needed in the area over the next four years. This expansion will contribute to the need for additional places across the City in 2011, currently estimated at 11 to 15 forms of entry, which is described in the report on the expansion of primary provision for 2010 (see background reports).
- 3 Gildersome Primary school is planned to receive significant investment as part of the Primary Capital Programme and the necessary additional accommodation needs to be incorporated into the scope and design of that project.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3 The additional cost of expanding Gildersome Primary School by one form of entry beyond its current capacity are estimated at £1.1m. The additional cost will be met from the Education capital programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

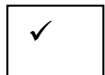
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Electoral Wards Affected:

Morley North



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

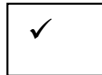
Specific Implications For:

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 Gildersome Primary School by one form of entry to two forms of entry with effect from September 2011, as part of the remodelling work planned through the Primary Capital Programme.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Primary Capital Programme is a 14 year capital investment programme from the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), to achieve educational transformation in primary school learning environments. The capital investment will support the delivery of the Leeds Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) including raising standards and improving the life chances and well being of children. The aim of the programme is to create primary schools for 21st century learning, at the heart of the community, with a range of Children's Services in reach of every family.
- 2.2 Following the submission of a strategy for change the DCSF approved the release of capital allocations to Leeds of £8.4m for 2009/10 and £10.7m for 2010/11. The

expectation is that future years will be funded at a similar level. The schools proposed for works within the first two years were identified as part of the approved submission and included proposals for significant refurbishment at Gildersome Primary.

3.0 THE MAIN ISSUES

- 3.1 Based on current demographic information an increase of 1 form of entry is needed in the local planning area over the next four years. Gildersome Primary School occupies a site that is suitable for expansion and is considered a good candidate to meet projected need.
- 3.2 Since Gildersome Primary school is planned to have new investment as part of the Primary Capital Programme the necessary additional accommodation as a result of an expansion proposal needs to be incorporated into the scope and design of the project. To achieve the proposed delivery timeframe, a decision on the specification for the building must be made by late spring 2010.
- 3.3 The planning area currently contains three primary schools: Gildersome Primary, Birchfield Primary Primary, and Drighlington Primary. These schools provide 120 reception places each year, and a total capacity of 840 places.
- 3.4 Pupil projections indicate steadily increasing demand for places (see appendix 1), with more reception places required in coming years than are currently available. Gildersome and Birchfield predominantly serve the village of Gildersome itself, and each currently has an admission limit of 30. Projections suggest around 90 or more reception children will need places by 2012. Gildersome has previously been a larger school and it occupies a site that is suitable for expansion and can meet projected need through remodelling and refurbishment of existing space and minimal new building. The opportunity exists to align the major refurbishment planned through the Primary Capital Programme with the required expansion.
- 3.5 At their October meeting Members approved consultation on proposed permanent expansion plans for 17 primary schools from September 2010 and noted that proposals would be brought to the Board for further expansion proposals for implementation in 2011 and again for 2012 in order to meet continuing growth in pupil numbers. This proposal for Gildersome Primary forms a part of the overall requirement for 2011, but has been brought forward because of the need to scope and progress a Primary Capital Programme scheme without delaying the completion date.
- 3.6 **Consultation**
The proposed consultation will run during the second half of the autumn term, from 9th November to 18th December 2009. A consultation document will be produced which describes the proposed change and the reasons why it is needed, including future pupil projections. This will be widely circulated and available to all of the schools and communities affected 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.

4.0 LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The additional cost of expanding Gildersome Primary School by one form of entry beyond the proposed refurbishment scheme is estimated at £1.1m. This

expansion will meet a part of the need for additional places across the city in 2011, currently estimated at 11 to 15 forms of entry which was 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 Gildersome Primary School by one form of entry to two forms of entry with effect from September 2011; and
- 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

October 2009 Proposal for statutory consultation on the expansion of primary provision for September 2010

June 2009 Expanding Primary Place Provision

June 2008 Primary Capital Programme Strategy for Change

Appendix 1

Gildersome / Drighlington

1 Year Weighting (inc housing & uplift factors)

Gildersome / Drighlington Total												
	REC	YR 1	YR 2	YR 3	YR 4	YR 5	YR 6	TOTAL	AD LT	CAPACITY	SURPLUS	%
2003/2004	125	121	130	140	114	108	119	857	140	955	98	10%
2004/2005	109	119	119	130	145	118	106	846	140	899	53	6%
2005/2006	101	107	125	115	132	143	114	837	120	811	-26	-3%
2006/2007	113	102	106	121	114	131	142	829	120	811	-18	-2%
2007/2008	102	112	100	108	116	115	133	786	120	811	25	3%
2008/2009	108	106	112	98	106	118	111	759	120	811	52	6%
2009/2010	123	111	105	111	96	107	116	770	120	811	41	5%
2010/2011	125	127	111	105	108	97	106	780	120	811	31	4%
2011/2012	145	130	127	111	102	110	96	820	120	811	-9	-1%
2012/2013	165	151	130	126	108	103	108	890	120	811	-79	-10%
2013/2014	145	171	151	129	123	110	101	930	120	811	-119	-15%