



## Report of Chief Executive, Education Leeds

**Meeting:** Inner East Area Committee

**Date:** 14 January 2011

**Subject:** Consultation on expansion of primary school provision for September 2012

### Electoral Wards Affected:

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

Gipton & Harehills

Killingbeck & Seacroft

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 a proposal to expand Wykebeck Primary School.

The consultation documents appended form 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 a proposal to permanently expand Wykebeck Primary School from one and a half forms of entry to two forms of entry, with effect from September 2012.

## **Background Information**

3. 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. Pupil projections for the area in which this school is located, suggest there would be a shortage of primary school places by 2012 if no extra provision was made.
4. The consultation period runs from Wednesday 5 January 2011 to Friday 18 February 2011. 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 proposal and ask questions. The findings from the consultation will be presented to the council's Executive Board.

## **Main Issues**

5. All the issues are described in full in the consultation document. In addition, the following points should be noted:
6. Any schemes involving building works will be subject to the normal planning permission process, allowing any interested parties to comment, and meaning any traffic and access issues will receive due consideration. The school would be fully involved in the design of the building scheme. At present it is anticipated that the scheme will primarily be achieved through the addition of modular units.
7. There are currently 6 proposals being consulted on across the city, including this one. However, demographic data suggests further provision is needed across the city beyond these, and this is unlikely to be solved purely through the traditional approach of expanding existing schools. Long-term planning for the city is ongoing, and whilst some options are still at an exploratory stage, this includes:
  - working with council officers to consider the impact of new housing.
  - identifying sites / other buildings and interested parties to run new schools or split site / federated schools.
  - collaboration with all primary, Early Years and secondary providers to optimise overall use of space.
  - secondary planning for when the increased numbers work through to high school – this needs to be linked for changes to the 14-19 provision, and BSF plans.

We are establishing a new process for working with all schools and other stakeholders on an area by area basis to respond to trends and to plan and deliver a place at a local school for every child in the city. Ongoing engagement with Area Committees and ward members will be essential to this process.

## **Implications For Council Policy and Governance**

9. All the issues are described in the Executive Board report considered in December 2010, which gave permission to consult on this and other 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.

### **Legal and Resource Implications**

10. All the issues are described in the Executive Board report considered in December 2010, which gave permission to consult on the proposal.

### **Recommendations**

11. 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**

12. Executive Board Report December 2010 Proposals to expand Wykebeck Primary School from September 2012.