

## **Councillor Questions for Council 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

(NOTE: The following question and response will be published on the Council's website as soon as possible after the meeting and linked to the published draft minutes of this meeting.)

### **1. Question from Councillor Nicholas Coombes**

With demographic pressures and planned development, there is likely to be an increased demand for places at Bathwick St Mary's Primary, which is already a popular and well regarded school. How is the council assisting the governors in expanding the school?

### **Answer from Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children and Youth**

In line with the Council's Concept Statement for the development of the MOD Warminster Rd site, the expansion of Bathwick St Mary's Primary is the preferred option to cope with the pupils generated from that development and other future planned developments in the central /city area and N E area of North Bath. A feasibility study to identify the options for providing a 210 place extension to Bathwick St Mary's which would double the size of the school has been completed. This identifies how much of the MOD land would be required to accommodate the extension including play areas. The study is with the developer with a view to agreeing as part of a Section 106 agreement, an allocation of land and a financial contribution to reflect the number of pupils generated by the development. A response from the developer is awaited.