

**Single Member Cabinet Decision**

<b>Executive Forward Plan Reference</b>	<b>E2225</b>
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**Publication of Statutory Notice to enlarge Bathampton Primary School.**

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	Cllr Chris Watt
<b>The Issue</b>	A consultation document was circulated by the Local Authority to seek the views of interested parties on the proposal to permanently expand Bathampton Primary School. The consultation was completed and the Cabinet Member was asked to decide if the Statutory Notice can be published.
<b>Decision Date</b>	17/1/11
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Member agrees that: The necessary statutory notice for the expansion of Bathampton Primary School can be published.
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>Nine responses were received during the consultation period - seven of these were in support of the proposal, one made some general observations and one was not in support of the proposal.</p> <p>The school was enlarged on a temporary basis in 2008 by the addition of a temporary building to the school site. A condition of the planning permission granted at that time was that the temporary building would either need to be removed or replaced with a permanent structure after three years. Births and pupil numbers in the city of Bath have risen in recent years and pupil forecasts indicate that the additional places created temporarily will continue to be needed in the future and therefore cannot be removed and must be made permanent.</p> <p>Before the enlargement can be made permanent, a Statutory Notice must be published as the enlargement of the premises of the school would increase the capacity of the school by both more than 30 pupils and by 25%.</p> <p>The proposal has the support of the Governing Body who wish to be able to continue to provide this number of places to serve the local community.</p>
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	The capital required for the necessary building work can be met from existing Basic Need Funding for provision of additional pupil places provided by Government funding.
<b>Issues considered</b>	Social Inclusion; Sustainability; Property; Young People; Human Rights; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations.
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Ward Councillor; Parish Council; Trades Unions; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer.

<p><b>How consultation was carried out</b></p>	<p>Paper copies of the consultation document were delivered to the school who were asked to give a copy to every member of staff both teaching and non-teaching, to the governing body and to every pupil to take home with them for their parents/carers. The school were also asked to consult with pupils via the School Council. The consultation document was also emailed to the two neighbouring Local Authorities, local Ward Councillors, union representatives, Bathampton Parish Council, the two MPs for Bath and Bath and North East Somerset, the local Church of England Diocese, the governing bodies, teachers and staff at other local primary schools, the Chief Executive and other B&amp;NES officers.</p>
<p><b>Other options considered</b></p>	<p>The option to remove the temporary building and for it not to be replaced with permanent so that the school reverts to its original size prior to the temporary enlargement, was rejected as the additional places created are projected to be required to accommodate pupils in the future.</p>

<p><b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b></p>	
<p><b>Date of Signature</b></p>	
<p><b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b></p>	