

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services and Rural Affairs

Date: 6 January 2014

Decision in the matter of: Manor Park School and Nursery, Knutsford - Proposed Expansion

Decision: That approval be given to commence statutory consultation on the proposed expansion of Manor Park School and Nursery from 210 to 315 pupil places for implementation from September 2015.

Background: As the Strategic Commissioner of School Places, the Local Authority has a statutory duty to review provision within its area and to establish future demand.

Pupil forecasts indicate a shortfall in the number of primary school places due to changing populations and increasing demand in some areas of the Borough. Proposals are being made for the Knutsford area of the Borough to expand existing accommodation to meet this increasing demand and to ensure a level of operational surplus which is a level of spare capacity intended to accommodate reasonable journey times to school, some degree of parental choice, and flexibility to allow for mid-year entrants.

In making this recommendation, officers have considered a number of issues including the number of pupils in each school's catchment area, the number of first preferences received for each school, the current size of the school together with the school sites and those suitable for expansion and the likely costs of extension. Suitable schools need to be central to the areas where the extra places are required.

The advice of the Council's Legal and Finance Officers has been taken into account in producing the report presented to the Portfolio Holder.

Background Documents:

The background papers relating to this matter may be inspected by contacting the report author.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor R Bailey (Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services and Rural Affairs)

Date:

6 January 2014

Advising Officer:

Signed
Barbara Dale (School Admissions and Organisation Manager)