

# 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 Families

**Date:** 24 January 2017

**Decision in the matter of:** Disley Primary School Proposed Expansion

- Decision:**
1. That the Cabinet Member for Children and Families authorises the publication of a statutory public notice detailing the Local Authority's proposed expansion of Disley Primary School from 210 to 280 pupil places for implementation in September 2017.
  2. That the proposed expansion be progressed through a phased programme as from September 2017 with an initial phase being to complete the necessary changes to car parking and complete the building of an additional classroom; Phase 2 will follow, following structured dialogue with the school regarding the ongoing arrangements for the current on-site Disley Under 5's Pre-School.

**Background:** As the Strategic Commissioner of School Places, Cheshire East Council has a statutory duty to ensure a sufficiency of school places for children resident in its area. An analysis of the latest pupil forecasts identified the need to provide additional primary school places in Disley in response to increasing pupil populations. The data analysis indicates the need for an extra 70 school places (Reception to Year 6) which, if agreed, would provide 10 more reception class places in this area.

The proposed expansion to increase the intake from 30 to 40 pupils (not 45 which is a more typical delivery model) is deliberate in that this increase allows for a phased expansion programme based upon a class organisation/curriculum delivery model that best suits the school and therefore learners. The school can further increase to 45 depending upon need and any future increases would not require additional building or capital expenditure.

This paper reports on the outcome of required consultation, which took place between 14 September and 12 October 2016 and requests approval to issue a public notice of the proposed expansion of Disley Primary School from 210 to 280 pupil places with a planned implementation date of September 2017.

The Headteacher and Governing Body of the school are fully supportive of the proposed increase and have confirmed their continued commitment to support their growing local community. The school is seen as an integral part of the local community with village events often held on school premises, such as baby and toddler; post natal groups; jujitsu; slimming and aerobic classes.

**Background Documents:**

The background papers relating to this decision can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

**Approved:**

Signed Councillor Liz Durham (Portfolio Holder for Children and Families)

**Date:**

24 January 2017

**Advising Officer:**

Signed Mark Bayley (Head of Service School Infrastructure)