

Notes / Feedback

Schools Partnership Meeting – Crewe

Appendix 7a

Date: 9 November 2012.

Present:

Schools Darren Locke – Vine Tree Primary
 Rhian Fitcher – Hungerford Primary
 Lisa Lee – St Mary's
 Sue Fau- Goodwin – St Mary's

LA Officers Rob Hyde
 Barbara Dale
 Ken White
 Val Simons

Introductions

VS explained that Invitations had been sent out to all Crewe schools and low attendance was explored. DL responded stating that a School Direct meeting was also being held on the same day.

Presentation:

Statutory process considered including timescales for proposed expansion of Pebble Brook.

Information re: forecasts for Crewe shared and discussion about the need to continue to review provision and ensure future demand and respond to parental preferences.

DfE presumption in favour of expansion of popular and successful schools and risks in relation to potential increase in the number of 'independent' schools (Academies/Free Schools)

Discussed operational surplus – local level 4%, CE level 10%

BD presented data and illustrated immediate shortfalls for Crewe. Not only for Reception intakes but in year casual admissions and lack of school places in key stage 1 in particular.

Temporary measures already taken to get local children into local schools.

Process for considering options was explained.

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Need to have further meetings with the schools in the future to discuss further reorganisation once draft town plans finalised.

Statutory process involved

Timetable for proposal

Forecasting methodology currently being reviewed Pre school (NEG) data needed earlier in the process, GP data may be option.

Financial implications.

Draft Town strategy and future housing developments. Confirmed any pupil yield is additional to the forecast shortfall that is already indicated.

Section 106 process

Feedback:

Attendees fully aware of the problems and issues around Crewe and acknowledged that further reorganisation would be needed in addition to the proposal for Pebble Brook.

Appreciative of the meeting and the time taken to have discussion with the schools

SFG raised concern about demand for places at St Mary's and increasing demand for faith education in Crewe . Additional children were admitted in 2012 putting pressure on existing accommodation. It was explained that there is a need for additional classrooms as they move through the school. Commented that this is the only faith school serving Crewe,

Although notes taken from this meeting those present were urged to visit the web site read the information and complete the consultation feedback form