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RECORD OF OFFICER DECISIONS

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DECISION TAKER (name and title)
Name: Helen Briggs Title: Chief Executive
DELEGATION GIVEN UNDER
<input type="checkbox"/> A specific express authorisation (at a meeting, include date and name of meeting). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under general authorisation (in the constitution or other document stating what section applies): Quarter 2 Financial Management Report No. 191/2016: Cabinet AGREED that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive and relevant Portfolio Holder to add small schemes (less than £50k) to the capital programme on the condition that all decisions are reported in the Quarterly Finance Report (Report No. 191/2016, Appendix A, para 2.4.4).
THE EFFECT OF THE DECISION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant a permission or Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Affect the rights of an individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Award a contract or incur expenditure which materially affects the council's financial position
ARE YOU FOLLOWING A PROCESS TO COME TO THE RESULTED ACTION OR ARE YOU MAKING A CHOICE BETWEEN TWO OR MORE ALTERNATIVES?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Following a process – No further action required <input type="checkbox"/> Choosing between alternatives
IS THE RECORD OF THE DECISION, INCLUDING THE DATE, DECISION AND REASONS ALREADY PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENT?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (state where) – No further action required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

TITLE OF DECISION
School Places Capacity and Feasibility Study
PURPOSE OF THE DECISION
To progress the feasibility study for our secondary school provision
DECISION DETAIL
<p>The Council wishes to commission a multi-disciplinary consultant to undertake a feasibility study to investigate expansion options for school growth at the three secondary schools situated at Catmose College, Oakham, Casterton College, Great Casterton and Uppingham Community College, Uppingham.</p> <p>The feasibility study will include an analysis of all three secondary school sites in terms of location and condition of the facility and the reality of whether the project would require extension to current buildings or re-building of some or all of the site. This will give us an accurate understanding of the most appropriate site for potential expansion to meet need within the secondary school phase, and the level of funding required to deliver the associated pupil place planning requirements.</p> <p>The cost of the initial phase will be circa £36,000 and will be funded from Schools Capital Maintenance.</p> <p>A full report will be taken to cabinet once the feasibility is completed.</p>
REASON FOR THE DECISION
<p>There are current in year admission pressures for all three secondary schools for places in Year 8 and Year 10. There are 570 places in total identified in the 3 secondary school admission arrangements and associated funding agreements. All three secondary schools have already taken at least one additional child over this number and there are currently 575 reported to be on roll across the schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Catmose College Y8 PAN 210: NOR 211 * o Casterton College Y8 PAN 180: NOR 182 * o Uppingham Community College (UCC) Y8 PAN 180: NOR 182 * <p>*Published Admission Number (PAN) *Number on roll (NOR)</p> <p>We have also completed a school capacity projection over a 10-year period (2019-2029) including the proposed St George's development and Stamford North.</p> <p>The 10 year projections for secondary school places do show there will be additional pressure on these places due to the probable number of secondary school age pupils from St George's starting to filter through between 2027 and 2029 on top of the pressure already identified and potential pressure from the Stamford North proposed development. Initial modelling including the Stamford North development indicates there is enough surplus capacity in the Stamford primary schools (based on their 2019 SCAP) and the</p>

new school to place all of these children. Therefore we do not predict any children requiring placements in Rutland schools due to lack of capacity in the primary sector.

We do, however, need to recognise the implications of pressure at secondary school level if the yield from the build pre-dates the expansion of Stamford Welland. If we make the assumption that 200 houses will be completed per year from 2021, then Welland Academy would not have enough capacity to place 24 children, therefore these will most likely attend Casterton.

If this forecast were to be extended beyond 2029, the trend of being increasingly over capacity would likely continue for around six more years as St George's is built to completion (bearing in mind the assumptions made about build rates).

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED


Do Nothing – rejected – due to identified need for places
Continue with current approved increase at Catmose (Report 219/2016) – rejected – due to need to understand which school within the county is appropriate for expansion due to the change in demand since the previous report was taken to Cabinet.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS GIVEN IF AUTHORISATION WAS GIVEN AT A MEETING

N/A

SUMMARY OF EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION NOT DISCLOSED

N/A

Signed..... 

Date.....13/01/2020.....