



**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
EXECUTIVE**

01 December 2016

Dear Councillor

EXECUTIVE - Tuesday 6 December 2016

Further to the Agenda and papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please be advised of the following information:-

8. Council Tax Support Scheme 2017/18

The recommendations from the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 29 November 2016 are as follows:

1. That the Local Council Tax Support Scheme report to Executive be supported by the Committee;
2. That the Executive be alerted to the service demand peaks expected in 2017 and the Committee receive an assurance that resources would be available to ensure the reputation of the Council is maintained.

10. Commissioning of New School Places in Barton-Le-Clay and Marston Moretaine for September 2018

The recommendations from the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 22 November 2016 are as follows:

1. That the Committee support the 3 recommendations as set out within the Executive report;
2. That the Committee recognises the occasions when school expansions may impact parking problems outside of schools and support, where appropriate and in line with current policy, the requirement to work closely with developers and planning in securing Section 106 contributions, enabling a broad range of mitigation measures to be introduced in this regard;

3. That the Executive recognise the increasing pupil yield from new housing developments and additional levels of young families settling in Central Bedfordshire was creating a pressure on existing school places.

Councillor Berry abstained from recommendation 2 in light of his Membership on the Development Management Committee.

11. Proposal to Change the Age Range of Everton Lower School from 3 - 9 years of age (Lower School) to 3 - 11 years of age (Primary School)

The late responses to the preliminary consultation on the proposal to change the age range of Everton Lower School, Sandy are attached to this supplement.

12. Corporate Accommodation Plan

The recommendation from the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 29 November 2016 is as follows:

The Committee supports the proposals outlined in the Office Accommodation report to Executive.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Sandra Hobbs, Committee Services Officer on Tel: 0300 300 5257.

Yours sincerely

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Addendum to Executive 6 December 2016

Item: Preliminary consultation responses to the proposal to change the age range of Everton Lower School from 3 - 9 years of age (Lower School) to 3 - 11 years of age (Primary School)

The Executive are asked to consider the additional late responses in their recommendation, following the closing date of the 16 November 2016 for the consultation replies to the above proposal, which were received by CBC on the 23 November 2016:-

	Agree with the proposal	Do not agree with the proposal	Summary of comments	CBC response (if required)
Local Resident:	3			
Parent of a child in the school	5			
School Governor	1			
Unity Church of England Multi Academy Trust Alban Academy, Bedford(in response to all the consultations in the area)		1	This will lead to a 'mixed economy of schools', surplus school places and uncertainty for pupils and parents.	The DfE guidance enables governing bodies of foundation and voluntary schools to propose and determine proposals. School places will be monitored and information through the admissions process will provide parents with the information to make informed decisions.
Potton Federation		1	The school will not be able to offer specialist provision and after school clubs. Potton Middle has existing capacity. Challenges in transition to a large school and transport.	This is addressed by the school in the FAQ, in the appendix of the Executive Report.
Total	9	2		

Purpose for considering the late responses

The above responses were received after the closing date for the consultation. Executive are asked to consider the above late responses as a number of other school consultations, facilitated by the schools Governing bodies, were being undertaken in the Sandy. These consultations had a closing date of the 23 November 2016. It is reasonable to assume that some consultees may have been confused with the two different programmes.

The DfE regulations and guidance outline the requirements and process for proposals to change age range at Council maintained schools and these include full public consultation, the publication of statutory proposals and the decision making process. The Council is the decision maker for proposals relating to maintained schools, which are set out in this report. However, whilst the revised guidance removed the power of governing bodies to propose and determine a change of age range of up to 2 years at community schools, it maintained that governing bodies of foundation and voluntary schools can propose:- age range change of up to 2 years (except for adding or removing a sixth-form) by following the non-statutory process.