

Central Bedfordshire Council

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 21 November 2017

**Temporary increase in Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN)
and related capital expenditure in the wards of –**

**1 - Cranfield & Marston Moretaine at Thomas Johnson
Lower School, Lidlington**

2 - Biggleswade South at Biggleswade Academy (middle)

Report of Cllr Steven Dixon, Executive Member for Education and Skills,
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This report relates to a decision that is Key

Purpose of this report

The Committee is asked to consider the draft Executive report as attached in
Appendix 1

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to recommend to the Council's Executive: -

1. The commencement of capital expenditure as set out in Appendix 1, subject to the granting of planning permissions under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act for the temporary expansion of Thomas Johnson Lower School and Biggleswade Academy.
2. Authorise the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Children's Services to enter into all appropriate legal documentation to implement the scheme.

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

1. Overview and Scrutiny are asked to recommend to the Executive the recommendations as set out in Appendix 1.

Council Priorities

2. The report supports Central Bedfordshire's Five Year Plan 2015- 2020 and the specific priority of Improving Education and Skills.

Legal Implications

3. As set out in the Legal Implications section of the report attached as Appendix 1.

Financial and Risk Implications

4. As set out in the Financial Implications section of the report attached as Appendix 1.

Equalities Implications

5. As set out in the Equality Implications section of the report attached as Appendix 1.

Conclusion and next Steps

6. Subject to the Council's Executive approval, Thomas Johnson Lower School will temporarily expand its pupil numbers to meet the basic need in the local area for September 2018 and Biggleswade Academy will temporarily expand its pupil numbers for 2018 and 2019 to meet a basic need for middle school places in the town. The Biggleswade Academy expansion is also subject to the granting of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. There will be a further town and country planning consultation.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Draft Report to the Executive
Appendix A: Letter from Thomas Johnson School

Background Papers

None

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