

Central Bedfordshire Council

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee 6 September 2016

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)

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This report relates to a non Key Decision

Purpose of this report

1. The attached report to 11 October 2016 Executive seeks support for a consultation regarding the proposed change of age range for Everton Lower School. The school referred to within the report serves the Ward of Potton.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to:

1. **Consider the Executive report attached as Appendix A and support the recommendations set out within it.**

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 A.

Public Health

4. Extended Services around School and Early Years settings may be further developed as a result of the proposed age range change. The range of extended services that may be provided in the school includes:
 - Parenting and family support officers.
 - Transition support for pupils, schools and families.
 - Combined clubs and after school activities.
 - Holiday activities.
 - Support for vulnerable pupils and families i.e. siblings group and young carers.

Sustainability

5. There are no immediate capital works planned at the school. Whilst there may be additional costs in order to meet sustainability objectives for any future new build, these will be borne by the school. These measures would contribute to reduced running costs through better energy and resource efficiency, alongside creating a better learning environment for the pupils.

Financial Implications

6. As set out in the Financial Implications section of the report attached as Appendix A.

Equalities Implications

7. As set out in the Equalities Implications section of the report attached as Appendix A.

Risk Management

8. Key risks include:
 - Failure to discharge legal and statutory duties/guidance.
 - Failure to deliver the Council's strategic priorities

Appendices

Appendix A – Executive Report (and Appendix 1) to Executive 11 October 2016 - Proposal to change the age range of Everton Lower School