

Central Bedfordshire Council

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

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Schools for the Future – Commissioning of new school places in the ward of Biggleswade North through the expansion of Edward Peake Church of England VC Middle School, Biggleswade for September 2020

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This report relates to a decision that is Key

Purpose of this report

1. This report seeks the recommendation to Executive for the capital expenditure at Edward Peake Middle School in Biggleswade to expand by 2 forms of entry (60 places in each school year group) by September 2020 to meet a forecast deficit of school places.

Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation

2. To provide the Committee with the outcome of the consultation regarding the proposal to expand the school by 2 forms of entry (60 places in each year group) by September 2020.
3. To seek support for the approval for the proposed expansions and commitment to the required capital expenditure.
4. The school referred to within the report is in the ward of Biggleswade North.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

1. Consider the Executive report attached as Appendix 1 and support the recommendation set out within it.

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

5. Overview and Scrutiny are asked to recommend to Executive support for the proposed capital expenditure at Edward Peake Middle School, Biggleswade.

Council Priorities

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

Legal Implications

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

Financial and Risk Implications

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

Equalities Implications

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

Conclusion and next Steps

10. If recommended, the school will launch the proposed programme for the new build.