

Report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services to the meeting of Executive Committee to be held on 4 December 2018

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Subject:

Proposed Increase of the Published Admission Number at Titus Salt School

Summary statement:

This report asks the Executive to:

Approve the increase in the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Titus Salt School from 240 to 250 from 1 September 2020

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1. SUMMARY

This report asks the Executive to:

Approve the increase in the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Titus Salt School from 240 to 250 from 1 September 2020

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Proposal to increase the PAN at Titus Salt School:

- 2.1.1 Whilst there is still some pressure on primary school places across parts of the District the main pressure which will be faced over the next few years will be on secondary school places as the extra pupils at primary level transfer to secondary schools.
- 2.1.2 The school has over a number of years admitted up to 250 year 7 pupils, some through appeals, to help meet the demand for places in the Aire Valley secondary school planning area. The proposal would formalise the increase in PAN from 240 to 250 to assist the school in its' planning and better meet the preferences expressed by parents.
- 2.1.3 There would be no changes to the admission arrangements for the school other than proposing to increase the number of year 7 pupils admitted each year from 240 to 250.
- 2.1.4 No building works would be required to make this proposed alteration to the PAN as recent net capacity assessment shows the school has space for more pupils.
- 2.1.5 Due to the proposed size of increase and no enlargement to the school premises, it will not be necessary to follow the statutory process of publishing statutory proposals if this increase is agreed by the Executive

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Consultation

3.1 Titus Salt

- 3.1.1 Consultation on the proposal to increase the PAN from 240 to 250 at Titus Salt School was carried out between 7 September 2018 and 19 October 2018.
- 3.1.2 The list of those consulted is shown in Appendix B. Details of the consultation were placed on the Council's website, Bradford Schools Online, Facebook and Twitter.
- 3.1.3 A total of 10 responses were received, see summary Appendix C and all comments in Appendix D.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Schools are allocated funding via the Fair Funding Formula. An increase in the PAN will result in the school being able to take in more children hence receiving funding through the formula for any additional children.
- 4.2 There would be no cost to the Council for the proposed change of PAN at Titus Salt School as the school would be allocated funds through the Fair Funding Formula.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

None

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 Under section 14 of the Education Act 1996, local authorities have a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places for all pupils in its area.
- 6.2 There is no statutory pre-publication period for significant changes. However, statutory DfE guidance states that there is a strong expectation on schools and local authorities that they consult interested parties in developing their proposals prior to publication as part of their duty to act rationally and to take into account all relevant considerations. All responses received to such consultation must be considered in deciding whether to publish the necessary statutory proposals as necessary on the basis proposed.
- 6.3 Local authorities must consult at least the governing body where it proposes to increase the Published Admission Number at a community school. In addition local authorities must follow a statutory process when a proposed enlargement to the premises of a school is permanent (longer than 3 years) and would increase the capacity by both more than 30 pupils and by 25% of the existing capacity or 200 pupils, whichever is the lesser.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

EIA form completed: see Appendix E

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

The proposals would not impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Parking and traffic concerns have been raised by a respondent to the consultation however, as the school has already admitted this number of pupils in recent years it is unlikely to have an impact.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no direct Human Rights implications arising from this report

7.6 TRADE UNION

Trade Unions have been informed of the proposals. Comments have not been received regarding the consultation

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward Councillors have been consulted about the proposed changes to the school in their ward.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

N/A

7.9 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

There are no proposed changes to the admission arrangements for the school and therefore no implications arising from the proposed changes for the provision of places for Looked After Children.

7.10 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

General Data Protection Regulation principles relating to individuals' data and rights under the Data protection Act 2018 will be respected. Privacy implications arising from these proposals have been addressed by anonymising consultees' personal information together with any information which may enable them to be identified from their responses and the summary of their responses.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

Considering the results of the consultation, the Executive can decide to:

- a) Approve the increase in the PAN at Titus Salt School from 240 to 250 from 1 September 2020
Or
- b) Retain the PAN at Titus Salt School at 240

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive approves the increase in the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Titus Salt School from 240 to 250 from 1 September 2020

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A: Sample consultation letter for Titus Salt School

Appendix B: List of Consultees

Appendix C: Summary of responses received for Titus Salt consultation

Appendix D: All responses received for Titus Salt consultation

Appendix E: Equality Impact Assessment Form

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.