

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
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SCHOOL ORGANISATIONAL PLAN 2013–2018 – DELIVERING LOCAL PLACES FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Lead Member for Education, Skills and the University	Deadline date : N/A
1. For Cabinet to note the School Organisation Plan in light of the pressures on school places and in terms of planning growth in the city	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following a referral from Cllr John Holdich – Lead Member for Education, Skills and the University

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to outline to Cabinet the proposal around meeting the statutory requirement for school places in Peterborough. The school organisation plan draws together the latest demographic data, the capital programme and identifies the need for further school places. It also acts as a supplementary planning document to the core strategy document.

2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.3, To take a leading role in promoting the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of the area.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO
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4. SCHOOL ORGANISATIONAL PLAN 2013–2018

4.1 The School Organisation Plan (SOP) used to be a statutory requirement for Local Authorities to produce to outline how they meet their statutory requirement to provide school places. Given the high profile nature of meeting this requirement in Peterborough, this document has been revived to support the planning and transparency of school places in Peterborough.

4.2 The School Organisation Plan sets out the City Council’s strategy for managing the school estate and delivering school places for the next five years. It will be a Supplementary Planning Document to the adopted Core Strategy and will support the process of developer contributions and the Council’s medium term financial strategy.

- 4.3 Supplementary Planning Documents are statutory documents that provide a greater level of detail, guidance or good practice to supplement a policy (or policies) in a Development Plan Document (DPD).

Appendix 1 outlines the final version of the school organisation plan for 2013-18.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The SOP was taken to the 'Creating opportunities, tackling inequalities' scrutiny panel in April and the Committee noted the report and requested that the Plan be brought back to the Committee when it is refreshed on one year's time. They also noted the pressure the city was under demographically but were satisfied that planning was in place to ensure every child could access a school place.
- 5.2 A copy of the document was sent to schools with positive feedback around producing the document and identifying for the first time the spatial impact of growth in birth rates and migration was having upon Peterborough.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 Cabinets acceptance of the report will place the SOP within the adopted core strategy of the council.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The report is for Cabinet to note. Appropriate action is being undertaken to deliver the statutory requirement for school places.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

N/A.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial – the SOP works within the financial parameters established within the medium term financial plan. This will be updated annually as the budgets change and demographic needs become updated.

Property – the document outlines the proposed impact on existing school sites and the requirements for further schools. The requirements will need to be included in the Asset Management Plan (AMP).

Procurement – separate decision notices will be issued as capital expenditure is procured using the variety of procurement vehicles open to PCC.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

None.