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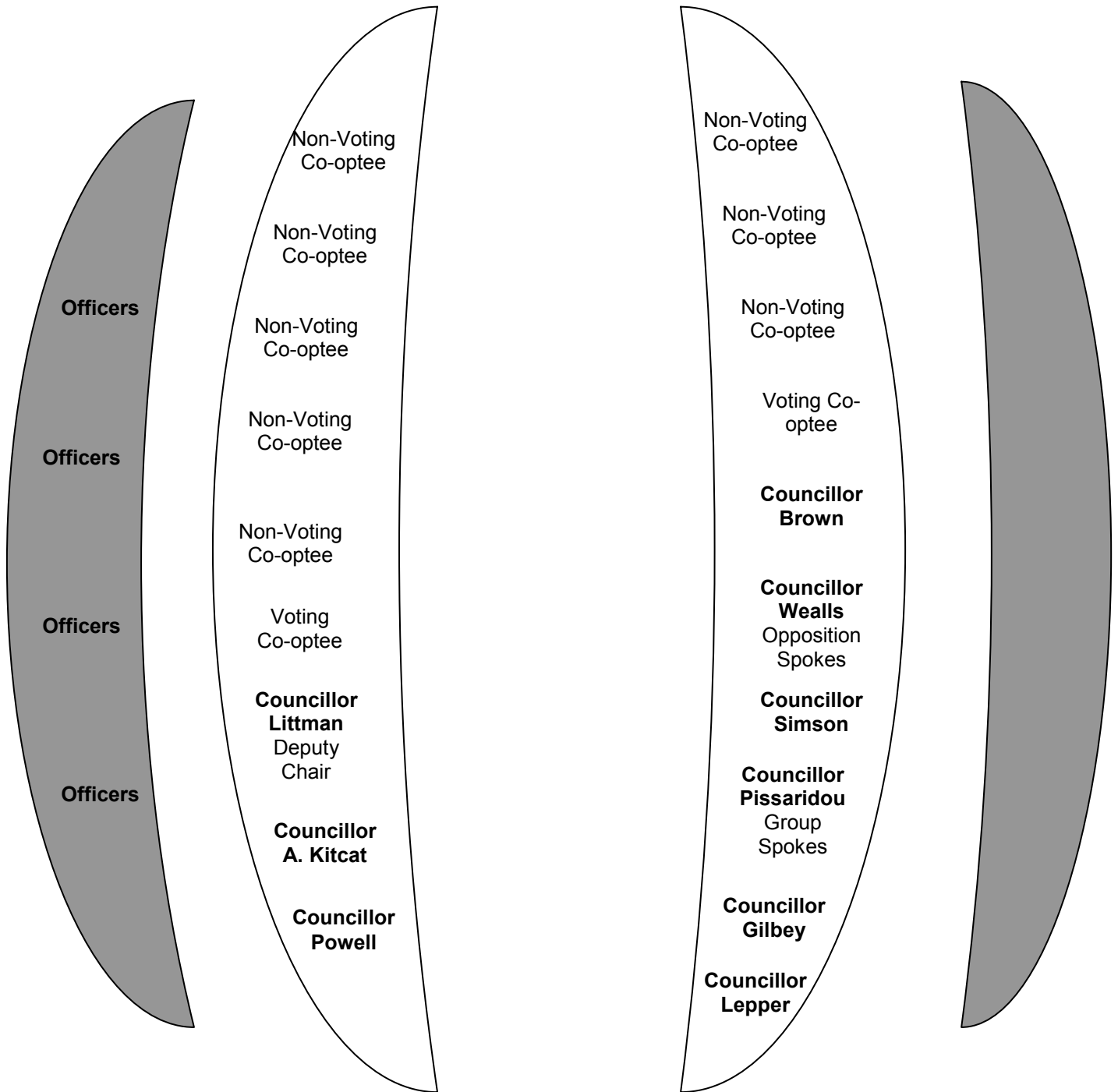
Children & Young People Committee

Title:	Children & Young People Committee
Date:	21 July 2014
Time:	4.00pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall
Members:	Councillors: Shanks (Chair), Littman (Deputy Chair), Wealls (Opposition Spokesperson), Pissaridou (Group Spokesperson), Brown, Gilbey, A Kitcat, Lepper, Powell and Simson
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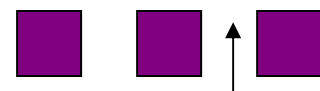
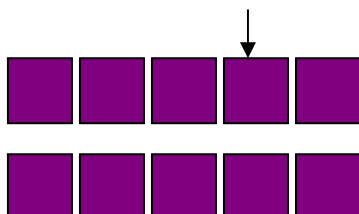
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AGENDA

17 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

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- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions presented to the full council

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or at the meeting itself;

(b) **Written Questions:** to receive any questions submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 14 July 2014;

(c) **Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 14 July 2014

20 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

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(a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions submitted to the full Council or at the meeting itself;

(b) **Written Questions:** to consider any written questions;

(c) **Letters:** to consider any letters;

(d) **Notices of Motion:** to consider any Notices of Motion referred from Council or submitted directly to the Committee.

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Ward Affected: Hangleton & Knoll

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Contact Officer: Michael Nix Tel: 01273 290732

Ward Affected: Rottingdean Coastal

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Report to Follow

25 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL

To consider items to be submitted to the 23 October 2014 Council meeting for information.

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Date of Publication - Friday, 11 July 2014

Subject:	Amalgamation of Hangleton Infant and Hangleton Junior Schools		
Date of Meeting:	21 July 2014		
Report of:	Executive Director of Children's Services		
Contact Officer:	Name:	Michael Nix	Tel: 29-0732
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Ward(s) affected:	Hangleton & Knoll		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 It is proposed that Hangleton Infant and Junior Schools amalgamate to become a three form entry, all through primary school.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to report on the outcome of consultation on this proposal and to seek approval to proceed to the next stage of the statutory process, which is the publication of Statutory Notices.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 To note the responses to the consultation undertaken regarding the proposal in 1.1 above.
- 2.2 To agree to the publication of the required Statutory Notices to progress this proposal.
- 2.3 That following the statutory notice period the matter is referred back to the meeting of the Children and Young People Committee on 13th October 2014 for a final decision.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Brighton & Hove City Council has had a policy, as set out in its Protocol for the Creation of an All-through Primary School, of supporting the amalgamation of infant and junior schools where appropriate since 2000. This policy was reaffirmed in the new School Organisation Plan 2013 – 2017 adopted by the Council at its meeting on 27 March 2014. The Protocol states that the Council will consider merging linked infant and junior schools when the Headteacher of one of the schools leaves. Each case for possible amalgamation is considered on its merits and any proposals for change are subject to public consultation. The consultation paper (Appendix 1) sets out the main reasons for this policy.
- 3.2 This proposal has come forward now because the Head Teacher of Hangleton Junior School is leaving to take up another headship elsewhere. At present Hangleton Infant and Junior Schools operate as separate institutions within the same building and on the same site, each with its own headteacher, staff and

governing body. The majority of children transfer from the Infant School to the Junior School at age 7+.

- 3.3 Both schools have recent, positive Ofsted judgements, the Junior School being 'good' and the Infant School 'outstanding'.
- 3.4 In accordance with the Council's Protocol, the Council has therefore discussed the future arrangement for Hangleton Infant and Junior Schools with the two governing bodies. The two schools already work very well together and have developed several joint policies, both in the interests of pupils and in anticipation of a possible future all through school development. Both governing bodies in response to the consultation have confirmed that they support the proposal that the two schools should amalgamate.
- 3.5 The proposal is to create a three form entry community primary school for pupils aged 4–11 years by closing Hangleton Junior School and extending the age range of Hangleton Infant School. This should in no way be seen as a 'takeover' of one school by the other. It is the legal means by which a single primary school would be achieved and both schools would work together as equal partners in bringing it about. The Head Teacher of the Infant School would continue as the Head Teacher of the primary school.
- 3.6 A draft Statutory Notice can be found at Appendix 4. If the recommendation of this report is approved, it is proposed to publish the Notice at the beginning of September.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The alternative option would be for the two schools to continue to operate as separate infant and junior schools. The Council's policy is based on sound educational and organisational reasons and the rationale for the amalgamation has been strongly supported through the consultation.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The consultation document (Appendix 1) was issued on 7th May 2014. It was published online and was circulated to the parents, staff and governors of Hangleton Infant and Junior Schools and to Heads of nearby schools. It was also circulated to local Councillors.
- 5.2 As part of the public consultation process a public meeting was held on 3rd June 2014 at Hangleton Junior School. The meeting was noted and a copy of the notes is included as Appendix 2 to this report.
- 5.3 This initial stage of the consultation ended on 30th June 2014. The responses to this consultation exercise have been collated and analysed and are shown at Appendix 3 to this report.
- 5.4 In summary 169 responses were received of which 164 were in favour of the proposal and 5 were against the proposal.

- 5.5 Those in support of the proposal commended the very effective staff team of both schools and welcomed the fact that the Head Teacher of the Infant School would continue in post in the primary school. Practical concerns were raised about the need for a common timetable and a nursery. The overwhelming majority of respondents agreed that an amalgamated school would be in the best interests of the children and their families. It would provide an opportunity for both schools to spread and share best practice and ensure continuity in the standards of teaching.
- 5.6 The 5 responses opposed to the proposal raised concerns about the impact on the Head Teacher, staff and ultimately children of a larger school, as well as the disruption caused by any refurbishment of the building.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Public consultation about the amalgamation of Hangleton Infant and Junior Schools has shown that there is overwhelming support from parents, staff and governors for the proposal to amalgamate the two schools. The proposal is in accordance with the Council's policy, most recently affirmed in the School Organisation Plan 2013 – 2017.
- 6.2 Councillors can view the individual responses by making contact with Roz Scott in room 312, King's House, extension: 0736.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 There are no direct implications as a result of the recommendation for publication of the statutory notice. Only if a decision is agreed to close one of the schools and extend the age range of the other will there be any financial implications.

Finance Officer Consulted: Andy Moore

Date: 03/07/14

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 In order to achieve the proposed amalgamation it will be necessary to close Hangleton Junior School and extend the age range of Hangleton Infants School to cater for pupils aged from 4 to 11. Statutory notices will need to be published in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006, as amended, and associated Regulations. Following publication of the notices there will be a period of 4 weeks during which any person or organisation can submit comments on the proposal to the Council. At the end of the representation period a decision must be made on the proposal within 2 months.
- 7.3 It is intended that if the two schools amalgamate this should take effect in January 2015. The deadline for expressing preferences for an infant/primary school place is 15 January 2015. In order to provide parents with the fullest possible information regarding the possible change and to avoid a potential breach of the School Admissions Code it is important that the final decision on the proposal is published in good time before the deadline for applications. The recommendation does not allow for a decision to be made in time to be included

in the admissions booklet for 2015/16, due for publication in August 2014. However the admissions booklet can alert parents to the prospect of a decision being made at the Children and Young People Committee meeting in October 2014. It is recommended that in the event that the proposal is agreed every effort is made to ensure that parents are aware of the new arrangement so that they are given the option of including the newly created primary school when expressing a preference.

Lawyer Consulted: Serena Kynaston

Date: 07/07/2014

Equalities Implications:

- 7.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this proposal. The City Council as admissions authority must treat all applications openly and fairly in accordance with the statutory School Admissions Code.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.5 There are no sustainability implications arising from this proposal.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.6 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Consultation document
2. Notes from the public meeting held on 20 May 2014
3. Analysis of responses to the consultation document
4. Draft Statutory Notice

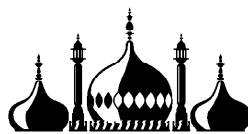
Documents in Members' Rooms

1. Individual responses to the consultation can be viewed by Members in Room 312, Kings House – please contact Roz Scott, extension: 0736

Background Documents

1. None

Appendix I



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CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE HANGLETON INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS IN HOVE TO BECOME AN ALL THROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM JANUARY 2015

- Inviting you to have your say -

Why are we consulting you?

The Council is proposing that an all through primary school is created to replace Hangleton Junior School and Hangleton Infant School from 1 January 2015. This document is published by Brighton & Hove City Council and explains the reasons for this proposal and the arrangements for consultation. At the end you will find a reply slip for you to let us know what you think. There is also some information about what happens after the consultation. The document will be distributed to the school's staff, pupils, governors and parents and other groups who may be interested in the proposal. It is also available on the Council's website under the consultation portal.

This consultation is being conducted in accordance with the [School Organisation: statutory guidance](#) published by the Department for Education in January 2014.

Some background facts

Brighton and Hove City Council has had a policy of supporting the amalgamation of infant and junior schools where appropriate since 2000. Protocols for this were established following recommendations arising from the merger of three primary schools in 1999. The protocols have been kept under review and the present policy was reaffirmed in the new School Organisation Plan 2013 – 2017 adopted by the Council at its meeting on 27 March 2014. Each case for possible amalgamation is considered on its merits and any proposals for change are subject to public consultation.

The Council has a statutory duty to secure a maintained school place for any child that wants one. We are committed to working with schools to make them centres for community learning, and supporting them in meeting the wider needs of the community. Our aim is to ensure as far as possible that children can access a primary school that is local to their home.

The proposal

At present the two schools operate as separate institutions within the same building and on the same site, each with its own headteacher, staff and governing body. Children remain in the Infant School until the age of seven, and then are able to transfer to the Junior School in accordance with the City's published admissions criteria. Children from the Infant School have priority under these criteria for a place at the Junior School and a sibling link established by having a child at one of the schools applies for priority admission to the other. The majority of children do transfer from the Infant School to the Junior School.

The proposal is to create a community primary school for pupils aged 4–11 years by closing Hangleton Junior School and extending the age range of Hangleton Infant School.

It is proposed that the primary school be three forms of entry (i.e. an intake of 90 pupils) as at present. Flexibility would be retained so that the school could continue to take 32 pupils per class for Years 3 to 6.

Brighton and Hove City Council has a policy of supporting the amalgamation of infant and junior schools where appropriate. The Council believes the advantages of all through primary schools include:

- Greater continuity in teaching, pupil care and development under a single headteacher and teaching staff
- Greater continuity in planning the curriculum across the stages of education so that pupils make the best possible progress in learning
- The school could offer a greater range of teaching skills, including the opportunity to appoint curriculum co-ordinators with the time to oversee the effective teaching of individual subjects across the whole 4–11 age range
- Greater flexibility that a 4–11 school has in organising classes, deploying teachers and support staff and using resources, including buildings, more effectively
- Closer contact with parents over a longer period of time and covering the full span of the children's primary education
- Practical advantages for parents e.g. same staff development days, the same school policies relating to home links, uniform, codes of conduct
- Transfer to a different school environment after three years or less of schooling might be seen as an unnecessary disruption to pupils' sense of security and well being. A positive feature of 4–11 schools is the social interaction between younger and older pupils
- Separate admissions applications at age seven will not be necessary and any uncertainty about transfer between the schools would be removed

It is also recognised that there are some benefits in having separate infant and junior schools. In particular, the staff of such schools are able to develop specialist expertise and resources for meeting the needs of the particular age range. There may also be practical difficulties in bringing together schools which, unlike Hangleton Infant and Junior Schools, do not share the same site. However, the Council believes that normally the benefits of a single primary school arrangement significantly outweigh the benefits of having separate infant and junior schools.

The reason that this proposal is being considered now is because the Head Teacher of the Junior School, Mr Glenn Livingstone, is leaving for another headship elsewhere and a decision must be made about whether to appoint a new Head Teacher. In accordance with the Council's policy, the Council has therefore discussed the future arrangement for Hangleton Infant and Junior Schools with the two governing bodies (see below). The two schools already work very well together and have developed several joint policies, both in the interests of pupils and in anticipation of a possible future all through school development.

The legal process for achieving a single primary school in this situation requires that one school must formally close and the other must extend its age range to create the new all through primary school. However, this should in no way be seen as a 'takeover' of one school by the other. It is the technical means by which a single primary school would be achieved and both schools would work together as equal partners in bringing it about.

The governing body of the closed junior school would cease to exist on the day the school closed. Legally the governing body of the infant school would continue, but the Local Authority expects both Junior and Infant Governing Bodies to work together to create a new Governing Body for the new school which includes representation from both existing schools.

As with any process of change, the interests of staff must also be considered carefully, and all staff and their unions will be consulted as part of this consultation. The Brighton and Hove policy document "The Creation of all-through primary schools - model procedure for handling staffing implications" states:

"All permanent full and part-time staff from the closing school will be assimilated to posts in the approved structure. Applications from temporary staff and staff from other new and closing schools shall only be considered when all the permanent staff from related schools have been offered posts in the new school. Any staff who remain unplaced in the school will be assisted in seeking redeployment within other Brighton and Hove schools."

Views of the Governing Bodies

The governing bodies of both schools have been consulted before taking the decision to hold a public consultation. The initial view of both governing bodies is that they support the proposal to create an all through primary school. Their views will be finalised in light of the consultation results.

Consultation arrangements

We have arranged a public meeting to give parents, carers and other local people the opportunity to hear more about the proposal and to ask questions. This meeting will be held at Hangleton Junior School Hall, Dale View, Hove on **Tuesday 3rd June 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** Anyone with an interest in the proposal is welcome to attend. The meeting will be attended by officers of the Local Authority and

members of the schools' senior leadership and governing bodies.

If, having read this document, you would like to comment on the proposals, there are several ways you may do so:

- You can complete and return (either to Hangleton Infant or Junior School or Kings House) the reply slip included in this document
- You can send a letter to Michael Nix, Head of Education Planning and Contracts, Grand Avenue, Hove BN23 2LS. *Please mark your letter for the attention of Michael Nix*
- You can complete a form online on the consultation portal of the Council's website at <http://consult.brighton-hove.gov.uk/portal>
- You can email your response: please address your email to Roz Scott at roz.scott@brighton-hove.gov.uk

In the interests of economy, letters and emails will not be acknowledged or responded to.

Replies must be received by Monday, 30th June 2014

The next stage

All the views put forward during the consultation stage will be reported to the Children and Young People Committee at a meeting on 21 July 2014. The views of the governing body of both schools will be made clear in the report. This will allow an informed decision to be made regarding progression to the next stage in the process.

If it is decided to move ahead with the proposal the next stage is the issuing of a Statutory Notice detailing the proposal. The notice will be in force for a period of four weeks during which time objections to and comments on the proposal may be made by any person or group. Details of how to make an objection or comment will be incorporated within the Statutory Notice.

The Council is empowered to make the decision on whether to implement the proposal contained in the Statutory Notice but in doing so has to take account of guidance issued by the Department for Education. Any comments or objections have to be considered as part of the decision making process. The final decision regarding this proposed change will be made by the Children and Young People Committee at its meeting on 13th October 2014, having due regard to the responses to the Statutory Notice and the views expressed by the governors of both schools.

The proposals set out in this document are put forward as a basis for consultation only. It is stressed that **no decisions have yet been made** and that none will be made until consultations have been completed and all views carefully considered by Brighton & Hove City Council and the governors of both schools. The consultation is however not a referendum and in reaching a decision at each stage of the process the Committee will need to take all factors into account, including the responses to consultation.

The following timetable is proposed:

Publication of Consultation Document	Wednesday, 7 th May 2014
Last date for responses	Monday 30 th June 2014
Issue Public Notice	Early September 2014
End of Public Notice period	Late September/early October 2014
Decision by the Children and Young People Committee	13 th October 2014

The Children and Young People Committee's major objective is to ensure the outcome of this consultation has local support and is in the best interests of pupils in Brighton and Hove.

The Councillors for the Hangleton and Knoll ward are:

Councillor Dawn Barnett

Councillor Tony Janio

Councillor Brian Fitch

RESPONSE FORM

**Please return no later than
30th June 2014**

To: Michael Nix
Head of Education Planning and Contracts
Kings House
Grand Avenue
Hove
BN3 2LS

Tel: (01273) 290732

Proposed Creation of an all through primary school to replace Hangleton Infant and Hangleton Junior Schools from January 2015

Name and Address	
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I support the proposal to create an all through primary school to replace Hangleton Infant and Hangleton Junior Schools from January 2015

I do not support the proposal to create an all through primary school to replace Hangleton Infant and Hangleton Junior Schools from January 2015

Please add any comments here and on the reverse of this slip if needed:

Signature and date:

Appendix 2

Proposed amalgamation of Hangleton Infant and Junior Schools from January 2015

Notes of a public consultation meeting held at Hangleton Junior School, 3rd June 2014

By agreement with the two governing bodies, this was a single consultation meeting to which parents, staff, governors and others with an interest in both schools were invited. Approximately 35 people attended the meeting, which was hosted by the two Chairs of Governors, Lesley Walker (Hangleton Infant School) and Kate Matthews (Hangleton Junior School). Emma Lake, Head Teacher of Hangleton Infant School was also present and answered questions.

Michael Nix (Head of Education Planning and Contracts) and Rose Wisdom (Partnership Adviser, School Governance and Leadership) attended the meeting on behalf of the local authority.

Michael Nix gave a brief presentation, setting out the Council's policy in relation to separate infant and junior schools and how it was proposed to apply this policy through the proposed amalgamation of Hangleton Infant and Junior Schools. He emphasised that although the amalgamation, if approved, was to be achieved through the closure of the Junior School and increasing the age range of the Infant School, this was a true partnership development, supported in principle by both Governing Bodies and leadership teams and in no way a takeover of one school by the other. The governing bodies had already set up a joint committee to oversee the process towards amalgamation and Rose Wisdom has joined this committee as an Associate Governor.

Michael Nix invited those present to comment or ask questions on the proposal. Comments and questions were addressed to both Michael Nix and Emma Lake, and these are summarised below. (Some questions have been grouped together where they related to similar themes.)

How would staff be appointed to the new school? What will the new structure be like?

Emma Lake said it was proposed in due course to publish a new structure and consult with staff. However, there would be only gradual change in January to August 2015, with the aim of having the new structure in place from September 2015. There would be the same number of classes in the primary school as now across the two schools. As far as possible, any changes would be achieved through staff moving to other jobs or retiring.

Michael Nix added that a protocol had been agreed between the Council and the unions for the appointment of staff in situations such as this and that the Governing Bodies were recommended to adopt this protocol.

Lesley Walker said that the governing bodies and senior leadership teams were discussing with other schools that have amalgamated and were taking advice from the local authority.

What are the funding implications of the amalgamation? Will the school benefit from the savings of only having one head? Will there be cuts later on?

Michael Nix explained that there would be some transitional funding to cover the differences between the funding for two schools and for one school – principally arising from the fact that there would only be one 'lump sum' element from the funding formula. All schools were funded on the same formula, but a larger schools should have some benefits of scale.

Emma Lake said that she would be looking to the authority to provide some capital investment to secure a 'single school' environment, for example creating a larger staff room and a clear entrance and reception area.

How will the Head Teacher be appointed? Will the post need to be advertised?

Michael Nix explained that as the Infant School's age range was being extended, Emma Lake would continue in post as the Head Teacher. Both governing bodies had agreed that she should be the Interim Head Teacher of the Junior School for the Autumn Term 2015.

When will children be told?

Emma Lake said the plan was to tell the children in the Autumn Term. They would be involved in planning for the primary school too, discussing things like uniform, logo and how they would like the school to be.

Will there be issues around managing a greater number of staff? And will Emma Lake continue to be Executive Head of Benfield School as well? If so, how will time be divided across the two schools?

Emma Lake said that team working across the leadership team, pooling expertise and resources, was key to her approach. Lesley Walker confirmed that this applied to the governing bodies too, and that both schools and governing bodies were already working as a team.

Emma Lake confirmed that she would be continuing as Executive Head of Benfield as well, but that now that arrangements there were well embedded she would expect to spend much more time at Hangleton than at Benfield.

Did all governors want to proceed with the amalgamation?

Lesley Walker confirmed that support was unanimous across both governing bodies.

Does the staff agree with the proposal?

Teachers and support staff present said that the proposal was positive and exciting. There would be more opportunities for professional development. Junior School staff were heartened by the commitment of both schools to working together.

Lesley Walker informed the meeting that the joint committee was setting up a group to focus on staff morale and staff development.

Will staff stay in similar roles?

Emma Lake said that change would not be immediate, but staff were already saying they'd love to work in infant/junior to develop their careers.

Will SENCO arrangements and counselling provision continue?

Emma Lake confirmed that they would. She explained that they already shared a SENCO across both schools and the counsellor works in both schools too. There was the possibility of developing an SEN centre in the larger school.

What are the reasons for not going ahead?

- MN: Buildings, different cultures, whether the schools are up for it as they clearly are here.

How do you measure if the amalgamation has been successful? What will be needed to make the new school outstanding?

Emma Lake said that ultimately Ofsted will judge the school. However, as Head Teacher she would be looking for evidence of working together; focussing on important things, not trivial things; always reviewing progress and what it means for children. She would be looking to draw the best from both schools: the Junior School too had outstanding features.

Lesley Walker said that the governors when faced with new developments always come back to the question: How is this good for the children? Kate Matthews said the governors would also be reflecting on staff morale – what does change mean for staff?

Lesley Walker reminded the meeting that governing body minutes are published once approved, including joint committee minutes.

Was consultation paper sent to new reception parents?

Emma Lake said that the paper would be given out at the new parents evening on 19th June, and Michael Nix confirmed that copies had been provided to local pre-school settings.

What would happen with transfer at 7+?

Michael Nix explained that there would no longer be any need for parents of Hangleton Infant School to apply for places at another school at 7+. It was expected that most if not all children would want to continue in the primary school until they transferred to secondary school.

At the end of the meeting, Michael Nix and Emma Lake thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions. Michael Nix explained that a note of the meeting would be included in the papers for the Children and Young People Committee, meeting on 21 July 2014.

Appendix 3

Consultation Responses on the proposed amalgamation of Hangleton Infants and Junior Schools to become an all through primary school from January 2015

The Proposal: to merge Hangleton Infants and Junior Schools from January 2015

In support: E-mails: 2, online portal: 10, response form: 139

Opposed: E-mail: 0, online portal: 0 Paper response form: 4

Total in support: 164

Total opposed: 5

Positive Consultation Responses:

- Very effective staff, particularly the Head, recognised by Ofsted, easier for the SENCO, the school can become very successful (including Full Governing Bodies of both the Junior and Infant schools.) (8)
- Please can schools have a common timetable. (1)
- A single admissions process is much simpler for parents to navigate and provides families with security for the future. (4)
- In the best interests of the children and families. (2)
- Needs a nursery (1)
- A single school is logical. (1)
- Brilliant, practical solution, should have happened before! Open and fair consultation. Thank you for consulting us. (4)
- Opportunity for both schools to spread and share best practice (1 Head at the Infants School.)
- Better continuity in the standards of teaching (1)

Negative Consultation Responses

- Better to make the Junior School into a Primary School. (1)
- Cost-cutting exercise which is not in the best interests of the child. The impact on the Head, staff and ultimately children is a great concern. The school building will need to be extended. (1)

Appendix 4

Brighton and Hove City Council

Statutory Notice: Changes to Hangleton Community Infant and Junior Schools, Hove

Notice is given in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (the Act) (as amended) that Brighton and Hove City Council, King's House, Grand Avenue, Hove, BN3 2LS intends to make the following changes:

Part 1: Discontinuation of Hangleton Community Junior School so that an all through primary school can be established

In accordance with section 15(1) of the Act to discontinue Hangleton Community Junior School, Dale View, Hove BN3 8LF from 1st January 2015.

The proposal is linked to the prescribed alteration set out in Part 2, to create an all through primary school with an extended age range of 4 to 11 (see part 2 of this notice). Pupils attending Hangleton Community Junior School at the time of closure will be offered places at Hangleton Community Infant School, which, subject to Part 2, will change its age range and enlarge its capacity, becoming an all through primary school from 1st January 2015.

Part 2 : Prescribed changes to Hangleton Community Infant School so that it becomes an all through primary school

In accordance with section 19(1) of the Act to make a prescribed alteration to Hangleton Community Infant School, Dale View, Hove BN3 8LF from 1st January 2015 by

- 1) changing the age range of the school by a year or more and,
- 2) enlarging the premises of the school

The current age range of the school is 4 to 7. The Local Authority proposes to extend the age range of the school to create an all through primary school that will cater for pupils from age 4 to age 11.

The current capacity of the school is 269. The proposed capacity of the primary school will be 654. It is proposed that the admission number for the school will be 90. It is proposed that the increase in capacity will be achieved by utilising the premises of the former junior school that is located immediately next door to the current infant school.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Michael Nix Head of Education Planning and Contracts, Brighton & Hove City Council, King's House, Grand Avenue, Hove, BN3 2LS or by contacting Gillian Churchill on 01273 293515 or via email at gillian.churchill@brighton-hove.gov.uk. The full proposal is also on the Council's website and can be found at <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/>

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal (i.e. by XXXXXX), any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Michael Nix, Head of Education Planning and Contracts, Learning and Development, Brighton & Hove City Council, King's House, Grand Avenue, Hove, BN3 2SR.

Signed: Pinaki Ghoshal

Publication Date: XX September 2014

Explanatory Notes: Part 1 & 2 are interdependent



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

DRAFT

Subject:	Proposed Expansion of Saltdean Primary School to Three Forms of Entry from September 2015: outcomes of consultation		
Date of Meeting:	21 July 2014		
Report of:	Executive Director of Children's Services		
Contact Officer:	Name:	Michael Nix	Tel: 29-0732
	Email:	michael.nix@brighton-hove.gov.uk	
Ward(s) affected:	Rottingdean Coastal		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 It is proposed that Saltdean Primary School expands by one form of entry to become a three form entry primary school from September 2015.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to report on the outcome of consultation on this proposal and to seek approval to proceed to the next stage of the statutory process, which is the publication of Statutory Notices.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 To note the responses to the consultation undertaken regarding the proposal in 1.1 above.
- 2.2 To agree to the publication of the required Statutory Notices to progress this proposal.
- 2.3 That following the statutory notice period the matter is further considered at the meeting of the Children and Young People Committee on 13th October 2014 for a final decision.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 There is a need for more primary school places in the Saltdean area of Brighton & Hove. Saltdean Primary School is currently two forms of entry but in each of the last two years (2013 and 2014) it has been necessary to add an additional 'bulge' reception class in order to accommodate all children living within the area. Because of the location of Saltdean, the nearest alternative schools where there are spare places would be over three miles away for children living there.
- 3.2 East Saltdean lies outside the city boundary within East Sussex. However, Saltdean residents regard themselves as a single community and traditionally all Saltdean children who wish to do so have been able to attend Saltdean Primary School. Under the statutory School Admissions Code, authorities are not

permitted to take their boundary into account in allocating places. Because of this, as the Council's policy for primary admissions is based on distance from home to school, without additional places it could arise that children living in East Sussex were allocated a place while Brighton & Hove children were not.

- 3.3 East Sussex County Council officers have been consulted on the availability of places in the closest schools east of Saltdean, in Telscombe Cliffs and Peacehaven. They have confirmed that there is a shortfall in places in this area also and that Saltdean children would be most unlikely to be allocated places there.
- 3.4 If approved, this expansion will require new accommodation to be provided, including seven new classrooms and improvements to the hall and other social spaces. The opportunity is being taken to design a scheme which will link the existing buildings, which were previously two separate schools. £2.5m has been allocated in the capital programme to fund this project and initial designs have been discussed with senior staff and governors.
- 3.5 The Governing Body has confirmed that it supports the proposed expansion.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 One alternative would be to secure a new one form entry primary school. This would be significantly more expensive as not only would a site need to be purchased but additional school infrastructure would need to be provided for a whole new school. The Council does not own a suitable site itself in the area. The only known site which might be suitable is the former St Aubyn's School in Rottingdean, which is outside the main area of search. The main building on this site was not originally designed as a school and is listed. As a consequence it would be difficult to develop as a modern primary school.
- 4.2 At its most recent Ofsted inspection Saltdean Primary School was judged to be good and it is popular with local parents. There are therefore strong and valid educational reasons for expanding this school rather than to secure a new school.
- 4.3 Another alternative would be to allocate places in other schools to some children from Saltdean. For the reasons set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 this is considered an unacceptable alternative.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The consultation document (Appendix 1) was issued on 7th May 2014. It was published online and was circulated to the parents, staff and governors of Saltdean Primary School and to Heads of nearby schools and nursery settings in the area. It was also circulated to local Councillors.
- 5.2 As part of the public consultation process a public meeting was held on 20th May 2014 at Saltdean Primary School. The meeting was noted and a copy of the notes is included as Appendix 2 to this report.

- 5.3 This initial stage of the consultation came to a close on 30th June 2014. The responses to this consultation exercise have been collated and analysed and are shown at Appendix 3 to this report.
- 5.4 In summary 21 responses were received of which 13 were in support of the proposal and 8 opposed. Concerns were raised about planning issues and the need to retain existing play areas. Other respondents mentioned parking and traffic congestion. Four parents were apprehensive about changes to the personal ethos of the school. One respondent suggested that a new school should be provided.
- 5.5 Concerns raised at the public meeting included whether a large school could be as successful as Saltdean is now, whether a hall large enough for the whole school would be provided, and access and parking issues. Parents also saw sport as strength at the school and wished to be assured that playing field area would not be lost.
- 5.6 Councillors can view the individual responses by making contact with Roz Scott, Room 312, King's House, extension: 0736.
- 5.7 Subject to the decision of the Committee, it is proposed to publish the Statutory Notice at the beginning of September 2014. A draft Notice can be found at Appendix 4.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The small number of concerns raised in relation to this proposal can mainly be addressed through the design and planning processes for the extension, while the positive commitment of the school's senior leadership and governing body can be expected to ensure that the quality, ethos and popularity of the school can be sustained.
- 6.2 There are no realistically achievable or acceptable alternatives to the expansion of Saltdean Primary School, without which it is forecast in excess of 20 children from the Saltdean community each year could find themselves allocated places in schools many miles away, outside their local community.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 There are no direct implications as a result of the recommendation for publication of the statutory notice. Only if a decision is agreed to extend the intake of the school will there be any revenue and capital financial implications.

Finance Officer Consulted: Andy Moore

Date: 07/07/14

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 If it is agreed to proceed with the proposed expansion of the school it will be necessary for the Council to publish statutory notices in accordance with section 19 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and associated regulations.

Following publication there will then follow a period of four weeks during which any person or organisation can submit comments on the proposal to the Council to be taken into account when a decision is made.

At the end of the representation period a decision on the proposed expansions will need to be taken within two months.

Lawyer Consulted: Serena Kynaston

Date: 07/07/2014

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 There are no equalities implications arising from this proposal. The City Council as admissions authority must treat all applications openly and fairly in accordance with the statutory School Admissions Code.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 There are no sustainability implications arising from this proposal. Children will be able to attend a local school as now, rather than travel long distances to other schools. The building extension will be completed to high sustainability standards and will not impact to any significant extent on the large amount of green space available to the school.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Consultation document
2. Notes from the public meeting held on 20 May 2014
3. Analysis of responses to the consultation document
4. Draft Statutory Notice

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. Individual responses to the consultation can be viewed by Members in Room 312, Kings House – please contact Roz Scott, extension: 0736

Background Documents

1. None

Appendix I



Brighton & Hove

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SALTDEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL TO THREE FORMS OF ENTRY FROM SEPTEMBER 2015

- Inviting you to have your say -

Why are we consulting you?

The Council is proposing that Saltdean Primary School permanently expands into a three form entry all-through Primary School from September 2015. This document is published by Brighton & Hove City Council and explains the arrangements for consultation. At the end you will find a reply slip for you to let us know what you think. There is also some information about what happens after consultation. The document will be distributed to the staff, pupils, governors and parents of the school and other groups who may be interested in the proposal to expand. It is also available on the Council's website under the consultation portal.

This consultation is being conducted in accordance with the [School Organisation: statutory guidance](#) published by the Department for Education in January 2014.

Some background facts

Saltdean Primary School is a successful and popular school. It caters for children primarily living in the BN2 8 postcode area of the city.

Over the last few years there has been year on year growth in the number of pre-school age children registered with General Practice (GP) Surgeries in Brighton & Hove. This increase is now being seen in Saltdean and since the area is geographically separate from other parts of the city it is not easy for parents to access alternative schools. It is anticipated that although this city wide growth in children entering reception classes of primary schools may be reaching a peak, the number of children exceeding the number of school places available in the Saltdean area is likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

The Council has a statutory duty to secure a maintained school place for any child that wants one. We are committed to working with schools to make them centres for community learning, and supporting them in meeting the wider needs of the community. Our aim is to ensure as far as possible that children can access a primary school that is local to their home.

The proposal

The proposal is to expand Saltdean Primary School to a three form entry school with a yearly intake of 90 children into reception (Year R), an increase of 30 places per year. The school will retain the flexibility to admit up to 32 pupils per class in Years 3 to 6.

To support the expansion of the school there will be an extension of the school premises that will be funded by using capital provided to the Local Authority for providing additional school places. Where possible and appropriate we will also use other funding streams such as funding secured under S106 agreements with housing developers. The extension will provide additional classrooms, hall space and hard play space to accommodate the extra pupils. There may also be some internal remodelling and refurbishment to meet the requirements of the latest school premises regulations and guidance and the school's own preferences.

Expanding the school by a form of entry (an additional 30 places each year) will ensure that more families can access their local school. This means that children will be able to attend school with friends that they have made prior to starting school, parents and carers will not have to travel long distances to deliver their children to school and extended services offered by the school can be tailored to meet the needs of the whole community.

Views of the Governing Body

The governing body of Saltdean Primary School has been consulted before taking the decision to hold a public consultation. The initial view of the governing body is that they recognise the need for additional places in this area of the city. They are, however, eager to safeguard the ethos and quality of education provided, and are confident that this can be sustained in the larger school.

The views of the governing body will be finalised in light of the consultation results.

Consultation arrangements

We have arranged a public meeting to give parents, carers and other local people the opportunity to hear more about the proposal and to ask questions. This meeting will be held at Saltdean Primary School, Chilton Way, Saltdean on **Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** Anyone with an interest in the proposal is welcome to attend. The meeting will be attended by officers of the Local Authority and members of the school's senior leadership and governing body.

If, having read this document, you would like to comment on the proposals, there are several ways you may do so:

- You can complete and return (either to Saltdean Primary School or Kings House) the reply slip included in this document
- You can send a letter to Michael Nix, Head of Education Planning and Contracts, Grand Avenue, Hove BN23 2LS. *Please mark your letter for the attention of Michael Nix*

- You can complete a form online on the consultation portal of the Council's website at <http://consult.brighton-hove.gov.uk/portal>
- You can email your response: please address your email to Roz Scott at roz.scott@brighton-hove.gov.uk

In the interests of economy, letters and emails will not be acknowledged or responded to.

Replies must be received by Monday, 30th June 2014

The next stage

All the views put forward during the consultation stage will be reported to the Children and Young People Committee at a meeting on 21 July 2014. The views of the governing body of the school will be made clear in the report. This will allow an informed decision to be made regarding progression to the next stage in the process.

If it is decided to move ahead with the proposal the next stage is the issuing of a Statutory Notice detailing the proposal. The notice will be in force for a period of four weeks during which time objections to and comments on the proposal may be made by any person or group. Details of how to make an objection or comment will be incorporated within the Statutory Notice.

The Council is empowered to make the decision on whether to implement the proposal contained in the Statutory Notice but in doing so has to take account of guidance issued by the Department for Education. Any comments or objections have to be considered as part of the decision making process. The final decision regarding this proposed change will be made by the Children and Young People Committee at a meeting on 13th October 2014, having due regard to the responses to the Statutory Notice and to the views expressed by the governors of the school.

The proposals set out in this document are put forward as a basis for consultation only. It is stressed that **no decisions have yet been made** and that none will be made until consultations have been completed and all views carefully considered by Brighton & Hove City Council and the governors of the school. The following timetable is proposed:

Publication of Consultation Document	Wednesday 7 th May 2014
Last date for responses	Monday 30 th June 2014
Issue Public Notice	Early September 2014
End of Public Notice period	Late September/early October 2014
Decision by the Children and Young People Committee	13 th October 2014

The Children and Young People Committee's major objective is to ensure the outcome of this consultation has local support and is in the best interests of pupils in Brighton and Hove. The consultation is however not a referendum and in reaching a decision at each stage of the process the Committee will need to take all factors into account, including the responses to consultation.

The Councillors for the Rottingdean Coastal area are: Councillor Lynda Hyde, Councillor Mary Mears and Councillor David Smith

RESPONSE FORM

<p><i>Please return no later than 30th June 2014</i></p>

To: Michael Nix
Head of Education Planning and Contracts
Kings House
Grand Avenue
Hove
BN3 2LS

Tel: (01273) 290732

Proposed Expansion of Saltdean Primary School by a form of Entry from September 2015

Name and Address	
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I support the proposal to expand Saltdean Primary School by one form of entry from September 2015

I do not support the proposal to expand Saltdean Primary School by one form of entry from September 2015

Please add any comments here and on the reverse of this slip if needed:

Signature and date:

Appendix 2

Proposed expansion of Saltdean Primary School to three forms of entry from September 2015

Public Meeting Notes

Meeting date 20th May 2014 at 19.00Hrs
Attendees Michael Nix, Gillian Churchill from the Local Authority (LA)
Katherine Eastland Chair of Governors and Suzanne Morgan Head Teacher St Andrews CE Primary School
Councillors Hyde, Mears and Smith
Approx 20 members of the public

Michael Nix gave a short presentation outlining the process and why the LA was making the proposal. He also stated that this is a genuine consultation, no decision has yet been made and that the final decision will be made by elected members not by officers. The LA has been considering the need for expansion in the Saltdean area for a while and it now believes that expanding the school by one form of entry is the correct action to take for the community and the school.

All responses to the consultation will be made available to members before the decision is made. The decision is made on balance bearing in mind the responses to the consultation and the need to provide additional school places.

Work has started on feasibility plans in conjunction with the school and the current intention is to provide the additional buildings to link the two existing buildings.

The floor was then opened to questions.

Why should parents of pupils currently at the school support this proposal?

A larger school can provide wider opportunities for pupils and staff alike. There are local examples of larger schools which have had outstanding Ofsted inspections recently. The success of a school is not necessarily linked to the size of the school: it is about exceptional teaching and leadership and management.

This proposal will bring additional congestion outside the school.

If the community of Saltdean is growing the school needs to grow too. As part of developing the scheme prior to submitting a planning application the Council will engage a traffic consultant to look specifically at the issue of traffic safety. If the school does not expand it is likely that some parents will have to be driving their children past the school to get to another school which would

also add to traffic congestion. Traffic safety is important to the school but it is difficult to change behaviours. The Head Teacher confirmed that the school does challenge poor behaviour by parents when they see it.

The school needs a larger car park to ensure that staff do not park on adjacent roads.

This is something that can be looked at as part of the design process but cannot be promised at the present time.

Can the current head teacher confirm that she will stay at the school for the foreseeable future?

The head teacher confirmed that she had no intention to move at the present time. She was confident that the school site could accommodate the additional pupils proposed and would ensure that the resultant school had a cohesive feel. The school was working with the architect to ensure that the year group clusters would remain and that a larger hall space would be provided. The Chair of Governors said that the school firmly believed that leadership, quality teaching and relationship with parents and pupils were what was important in a school. The head teacher stated that she would still be able to know each child individually if the expansion went ahead. As the expansion would 'fill from the bottom' it would also provide extra accommodation for a period of time that could be used in a creative way to benefit the pupils.

How will the disruption be managed and minimised during the construction phase if the proposal goes ahead?

The Council has a strategic partnership for the delivery of projects such as this. This partnership includes the architects, constructor and all the specialists necessary to deliver a large construction project. The constructor, Westridge Construction will work closely with the senior leadership of the school to ensure that the disruption is kept to an absolute minimum.

Will there be an opportunity to look at any building plans prior to a planning application being made?

Yes, we normally hold a meeting at the school just prior to submitting a planning application. This allows people to see the plans and make any comments they have. Where appropriate we will include amendments to the drawings.

What contribution will East Sussex County Council (ESCC) make to the cost of the proposed scheme?

ESCC has been approached to see if they would be able to make a contribution to the scheme but it is unlikely that this would be the case. All capital funding for projects such as this comes to LAs from central

government. Revenue funding follows the children regardless of their home address.

Will the systems for managing pupils with additional needs cope in the event of an expansion?

Yes. The school will always take these matters on board and build provision accordingly. The provision is always focused on the children and their needs and the proposed expansion would not change this. As a school Saltdean has been able to demonstrate that they have been 'closing the gap' and this too will continue. It is at the heart of the success of the school.

Will the proposed expansion cater for pupils who should properly go to other schools?

The data we have shows that there are very few pupils attending the school from outside the Saltdean / Rottingdean communities.

What will happen if the proposed budget is insufficient for the project?

The budget has been set on the basis of experience of similar projects. In the event that the cost of the scheme is higher than anticipated a value engineering exercise will be undertaken. Initially we will look to use different products that will not materially affect the end project. This will be carried out in conjunction with the school. Another benefit of using the partnership is that all parties, including costs consultants, are on board from an early stage which means that we have far fewer surprises in terms of costs than a more traditionally procured project.

What will happen is there are insufficient pupils within the catchment area to fill the school?

The admissions arrangement for primary schools is on the basis of distance from the school not catchment areas. It is not possible to refuse admission to the school until the school reaches its Published Admission Number (PAN). If a school is oversubscribed the council uses its published admission priorities to decide who gets offered a place.

Will the school engage additional staff?

Yes the school will need to engage additional staff as it expands. Schools are dynamic places with staff progressing to new positions and other schools all the time. The proposed expansion would be managed as part of this usual strategic planning process. The school will only ever recruit outstanding teachers. The pupils are involved in the recruitment process.

Are staff in support of this proposal?

Yes and very excited about the opportunities it brings for the school.

When would any works be completed if the proposal was to proceed?

The intention is that there would be sufficient accommodation available for September 2015 for the current bulge classes and the additional form of entry. The remainder of the project would be completed by Christmas 2015.

Meeting ended.

Appendix 3

Proposed Expansion of Saltdean Primary School to Three Forms of Entry from September 2015: outcomes of consultation

Proposal: to expand Saltdean Primary School by one form of entry

Support the proposal: e-mails (1), online portal (9), paper responses (3)

Oppose the proposal: online portal (4) e-mails: (1), paper responses (3)

Total in support: 13

Total opposed: 8

Positive consultation responses

- Saltdean is a single community, the Council needs to take a planned, long-term approach to admissions, avoid bulge classes and provide infrastructure. (2)
- Rottingdean has two one form entry schools. Could one of those schools be expanded? (1)
- Does the Council plan to build another secondary school? (1)
- Concern about traffic and congestion (1)

Negative consultation responses

- Planning: concerned about the loss of outside space (development of the site should be vertical to retain the scarce play areas. There is no space in the canteen already. Need further information about planning proposals. Is there physical space for another form of entry? Is it possible to build a new school in East Saltdean? (5)
- Parking is very difficult and dangerous due to congestion. (4)
- Lose the ethos of a small school, the community and the personal relationship between the children and Head Teacher. (4)
- Will the catchment area increase with the extra form of entry? Evidence suggests that young children benefit from small schools. (1)

Appendix 4

Proposed Enlargement of Premises of Saltdean Community Primary School

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Enlargement of Premises

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Brighton & Hove City Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Saltdean Community Primary School Chilmington Way, Brighton, Saltdean BN2 8HB, from 1st September 2015 by enlarging the premises of the school.

It is proposed that Saltdean Community Primary School is made in to a three form entry all through primary school from September 2015. The new school will have an intake of 90 pupils at 4+. The school will admit 90 pupils into Year R in September 2015 and each subsequent academic year. The school will thereafter grow incrementally for seven years until there are three forms of entry in each year group at the school. Flexibility would remain for Key Stage 2 to take additional children to a maximum of 32 children per class.

The current capacity of the school is 450 (including capacity for a bulge class) and the proposed capacity will be 654. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

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Signed: Pinaki Ghoshal

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