

# Agenda Item 7



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**Report of:** Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date of Decision:** 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016

**Subject:** Call-In of decision by Cabinet on “Primary School Places in Ecclesall”

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## Purpose of Report:

This paper reports the outcome of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 where a Call-In on the decision of Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 regarding “Primary School Places in Ecclesall” was considered.

**Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

- a) Notes the decision of the Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny Committee.

**Background Papers:**

Cabinet Report: Primary School Places in Ecclesall

<http://sheffielddemocracy.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&MId=6281&Ver=4>

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.	Finance: <i>(Insert name of officer consulted)</i> <b>n/a</b>
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3	<b>Cabinet Member consulted:</b>	<i>(Insert name of relevant Cabinet Member)</i> <b>n/a</b>
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	<b>Lead Officer Name:</b> <i>Diane Owens</i>	<b>Job Title:</b> Policy & Improvement Officer
	<b>Date:</b> <i>8/9/2016</i>	

## Called-In Decision – Outcome of Scrutiny Committee Meeting

### 1. Cabinet Decision

1.1 At its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 the Executive Director for Children Young People & Families, Jayne Ludlum submitted a report to Cabinet in relation to Primary School Places in Ecclesall.

1.2 Cabinet took the following decision, to:

- i. Approve the proposal to increase the capacity and upper age range at Ecclesall Infant School as described in the statutory proposals. The lower age range would remain and would not change. This approval is conditional on the granting of planning permission before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.*
- ii. Agree the commitments and actions outlined at 4.2 in the report (as below)*

*“4.2 There were some very strong feelings aired during the consultation. The most common overall response was to raise issues and many of these were around how the proposals would be implemented. Many called for further opportunities to understand, comment on, and shape the proposals if they are to proceed. In order to address the specific issues raised during consultation and to allow for that further consultation, we would propose the following:*

- Transition: that Cabinet makes a commitment that the Local Authority will support work led by the three governing bodies and the Diocese to come together during the Autumn Term, in partnership with families, to put together clear transition plans to address the issues raised during this consultation, including consideration of a 2019 start for transition and the extent to which Ecclesall CE Junior classes could be taught in the new buildings, whilst taking into account the implications for the Junior school and the future children from Clifford who would transfer.*
- Traffic & parking around Ecclesall Infant: in acknowledging the strength of feeling around existing issues relating to traffic and parking it is proposed that agreement to proceed is subject to the scheme being acceptable in planning terms, following further engagement and consultation, including work around traffic impact.*
- Design: further work would be required working towards detailed design, with further opportunities for residents and parents to engage, contribute and see what is planned before designs are finalised as well as engagement around ensuring that construction is undertaken considerately*
- Ecclesall Junior site: that Cabinet makes a commitment that the Local Authority will support Governors and the Diocese to ensure that work takes place on the Ecclesall Junior site to create a good environment for a smaller number of pupils, within the constraints of the current financial position facing the Local Authority, school, and the Diocese.*
- Clifford I & Ecclesall J: that Cabinet makes a commitment that the Local Authority will support work led by the two governing bodies and the Diocese to come together during the Autumn Term in partnership with families to put together clear plans around future leadership and timing.*

- *Sustainability: the Council's commitment to supporting the long-term success and sustainability of these three local schools and their neighbours*
- *Early Years: there was little support for this development during the consultation, the need in terms of places is currently unclear, and we would not wish to destabilise existing local provision. Should the need develop in the future then this could be a possibility and would be subject to fresh consultation"*

## **2. Scrutiny**

- 2.1. As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision was called in.
- 2.2. The Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny Committee considered this call-in at a meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016.
- 2.3. The Committee heard from the relevant Cabinet Member, Council Officers, Councillors who called-in the decision, and members of the public. The issues discussed included, the consultation process, options considered, transition arrangements and the role of governors, the diocese and planning.
- 2.4. The Scrutiny Committee:
  - (a) agreed to take no action in relation to the called-in decision

## **3. Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

- a) notes the decision of the Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny Committee