

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**  
**Tuesday, 17 February 2015**

**Decision No:** (CAB 14/15 14199)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	EDUCATION AND CHANGE
SUBJECT:	INCREASE IN PUPIL NUMBERS AT BITTERNE PARK SCHOOL
AUTHOR:	Edward Harris

**THE DECISION**

- (i) To note the outcome of statutory consultation as set out in this report;
- (ii) To authorise the increase in pupil numbers at Bitterne Park Secondary School to 1800; increasing the PAN of the School to 360 from 1 September 2017; and
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Director, People, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Change, to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in this report.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

1. The number of pupils requiring a place in the City's Secondary Schools is set to increase as the current (and expected) high numbers in the City's primary sector progress to secondary. The additional places at Bitterne Park Secondary School will help the Local Authority to meet its statutory duty to provide a School place to all young people who require one. The School is also currently oversubscribed and will need to expand to take account of parental choice.
2. The buildings and infrastructure at Bitterne Park Secondary School are in need of renewal if the School is to continue to deliver the quality provision that has seen it rated as either Outstanding or Good with Outstanding features in its last three Ofsted inspections. This expansion will be funded by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) under the Priority Schools Building (PSB) Programme.

**DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The Council could decide not to increase pupil numbers at Bitterne Park Secondary School but this would mean it would not be able to offer a School place to all those who require one. The Local Authority would either not meet its statutory duty to provide sufficient places or would need to fund the expansion of other Schools in the City (over and above those already planned).

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Decision Maker: The Cabinet

Proper Officer: Judy Cordell

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*