
Report to CABINET

Expansion of Mayfield Primary School

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Reason for Decision

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places within its area. There is a forecasted shortfall in the East Oldham planning area from September 2018 and ongoing. In order to meet this demand the Local Authority is under a statutory obligation to provide an additional 2 FE in East Oldham by 2020. Current predictions show that an additional 2 FE will be needed by 2020, increasing to 3 to 4 FE by 2023. One additional form of entry at Clarksfield Primary School has already been agreed by Cabinet in July 2018. There is now a requirement to secure an additional form of entry to satisfy demand. Four schools were considered for expansion (Greenhill Academy, Woodlands Academy (formerly Watersheddings Community Primary School), Greenacres Academy, and Mayfield Academy. Following site visits and a desk top analysis EPG (Education Provision Group) has recommended that Mayfield Academy be expanded by 1 FE to ensure that demand is met. Only good and outstanding schools can be expanded and Mayfield Primary School was given an Ofsted rating of good in June 2018. In addition Mayfield Primary School is the most oversubscribed school of the 4 considered. The cost per place represents good value for money and is the most cost effective option.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:

1. Approves the basic need funding of up to £2.5m for a 1 FE expansion at Mayfield Academy.
2. Delegates authority to the Director of Education and Early Years to develop, consult, procure and arrange for the execution by the Director of Legal Services of any relevant contracts and incidental and ancillary documentation in accordance with the agreed school expansions programme.

Mayfield Primary School 1 FE Expansion

1 Background

- 1.1 Mayfield Primary School is located in the St James area of Oldham. The school has pupils on roll. The school was inspected by Ofsted in June 2018. The school is part of the Cranmer Trust. The Trust are keen to expand the provision of this significantly oversubscribed school.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 The LA has a statutory obligation to create additional primary places in the East Oldham District.
- 2.2 A number options were considered in relation to the expansion of provision in East Oldham, cost analysis reveals that the expansion of Mayfield Primary School to be the most cost effective option and given its over subscription rates would prove popular with parents.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 Option One: Expand Mayfield Primary School by 1 FE. The cost of this expansion up to £2.5m. No significant planning/structural issues are anticipated and this school is the most oversubscribed of the options available.

Option two: Expand Woodlands Primary school. The cost of this expansion is circa £2.5 M. The school is not oversubscribed.

Option Three: Expand Greenacres Primary School by 1 FE. This expansion could only be achieved by a school rebuild next to the existing site, the cost of this expansion would be circa £6 m.

Option Four: Expand Greenhill Primary School by 1 FE. The cost of this expansion is circa £3 M. There are significant structural/site issues with this expansion.

4 Preferred Option

- 4.1 It is recommended that a 1 FE expansion to Mayfield Academy be approved.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 Full consultation in line with statutory requirements will be undertaken.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 Capital Implications

The Council contribution to expansion works to the school will be capital expenditure and will be a charge against the People and Place capital programme. The total contribution is estimated to up to £2.5m and can be met from within the balance of currently unallocated Basic Needs Grant. The cost estimation is based on early drawings, a cost per square foot and previous costs for the build of a 1 form entry expansion. There is a risk that costs could be over this estimate, should this occur the remaining balance for the use at other schools, shown in the table below, would reduce.

The Council has a total Basic Needs Grant allocation of £48.1m for the period 2017/21 (£15.4m 2017/18, £22.8m 18/19, £9.9m 19/20 and nil in 20/21). Notification on Basic Needs Grant for 2021/22 will not be given until after the Comprehensive Spending review. The allocation of £34.367m (including this proposal) and the remaining amount of £13.730m are shown in the table below.

| Capital Project | Basic Needs Grant Allocation (£m) |
|--|--|
| Crompton House | 10.829 |
| Oldham Academy North | 5.000 |
| Feasibility Costs | 0.100 |
| Greenfield CP | 1.862 |
| Royton and Crompton | 5.000 |
| Holy Trinity | 0.250 |
| Oasis Academy – Dining Room | 0.575 |
| Oasis Academy – UTC adaptations | 0.350 |
| North Chadderton Expansion | 3.400 |
| Kingfisher (Expansion) | 0.750 |
| Kingsland School (Laurel Bank) | 0.240 |
| Clarksfield Primary (Oasis) | 2.904 |
| Hollinwood Academy contribution | 0.390 |
| St Herberts | 0.217 |
| Mayfield (this report) | 2.500 |
| Total Allocated | 34.367 |
| Total Grant | 48.097 |
| Amount Available for Allocation | 13.730 |

The ESFA may use a portion of the remaining Basic Needs funding to cover the cost of building the new Oasis Free School (Leesbrook). The exact amount for the build costs and initial fit out of the school are not currently known. However, there will be ongoing negotiations with the ESFA and the impact on the Council's available Basic Need funding will be reported once known. (James Postle)

6.2 Revenue Implications

The revenue funding of the expansion will have to be met from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

The Council will not receive any additional funding in the DSG for the estimated increase of 30 pupils in 2020/21 as the DSG settlement is based on the October 2019 census and will not be re-determined in the 2020/21 financial year.

The cost for 30 new pupils for September 2020 – March 2021 will be £48,778, with the same increase in resources required across future years. This will be funded from the growth fund as illustrated in the table below.

From 2019/20 Local Authorities are funded for Growth via a formula according to actual levels of lagged pupil number growth and is within schools block NFF allocations. Growth funding for 2020/21 will be based on funding of growth in schools in a geographical area (middle layer super output area between the October 2018 and October 2019 school censuses. The growth allocation for each LA is based on an amount per primary growth

pupil and an amount per secondary growth pupil, plus a lump sum amount for each new school. Each LA decides how to allocate funding to individual schools locally.

If the allocation of growth funding to schools becomes unaffordable it will be essential to review the method by which growth funding is allocated to schools within the available resources and if necessary increase the 'top slice' on the overall schools block or review the allocation criteria for individual schools.

The table below details how based on the current agreed criteria the explicit growth will be allocated to schools from 2019/20 to 2022/23.

| School | Additional Places | Cost 2019/20 (£) | Cost 2020/21 (£) | Cost 2021/22 (£) | Cost 2022/23 (£) |
|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| East Crompton St Georges | 30 | 48,778 | 48,778 | 0 | 0 |
| Mills Hill | 30 | 48,778 | 48,778 | 0 | 0 |
| Propps Hall | 10 | 16,259 | 16,259 | 0 | 0 |
| Watersheddings | 15 | 24,389 | 24,389 | 0 | 0 |
| Oasis Academy Limeside | 30 | 48,778 | 48,778 | 48,778 | 0 |
| St Herberts | 5 | 8,130 | 8,130 | 8,130 | 8,130 |
| Holy Trinity Dob Cross | 5 | 8,130 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blue Coat | 47 | 107,738 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Saddleworth School | 10 | 22,923 | 22,923 | 22,923 | 0 |
| Greenfield School | 30 | 48,778 | 48,778 | 48,778 | 48,778 |
| Crompton House | 112 | 323,215 | 323,215 | 323,215 | 323,215 |
| Oldham Academy North | 60 | 137,538 | 137,538 | 137,538 | 137,538 |
| North Chadderton | 30 | 68,769 | 68,769 | 68,769 | 68,769 |
| Clarksfield | 30 | 48,778 | 48,778 | 48,778 | 48,778 |
| Mayfield | | | 48,778 | 48,778 | 48,778 |
| TOTAL Estimated Additional Place/Cost Already Allocated | 587 | 960,981 | 893,891 | 755,687 | 683,986 |

(Liz Caygill)

7 Legal Services Comments

7.1 The Council has a statutory duty to provide that efficient primary and secondary education is available to meet the needs of the local population and that there are sufficient schools to provide for all pupils the opportunity for appropriate education (Colin Brittain)

8. Co-operative Agenda

8.1 A Co-operative council delivering good value services to support a co-operative borough.

8.2 The provision of sufficient numbers of quality school places is a statutory service and contributes to the Council's outcome around getting the basics right (Andy Collinge)

9 **Human Resources Comments**

- 9.1 There are no HR implications from a statutory perspective. Expansion of existing provision will provide valuable employment opportunities in the borough (Andy Collinge)

10 **Risk Assessments**

- 10.1 By implementing a scheduled and robust programme of capital works and expansions the risk of running short of school places will be reduced and the likelihood of creating high quality places will be increased (Mark Stenson)

11 **IT Implications**

- 11.1 The only ICT service that the school currently takes from the Council is the provision of First Class. The School may need more First Class accounts to be set up if the number of school staff increases. These are available at a cost of £8 per account per annum.

The ICT requirements in the proposed new build should be part of the building project and should include connectivity, active equipment, structured cabling, telephony, Wi-Fi, ICT hardware and software licenses for which financial provision must be made. (Alison Heneghan)

12 **Property Implications**

- 12.1 The proposed expansion will facilitate the expansion of school places in East Oldham to ensure the Local Authority satisfies its statutory duty to ensure sufficient places are available and sufficient surplus places are provided to ensure that an element of parental choice can be facilitated.
- 12.2 The design, procurement and construction of the project will be considered specifically and project proposals will be drawn up based on funding available and design requirements. (Andrew Hall)

13 **Procurement Implications**

- 13.1 Any works and services required associated with school expansions are to be procured carried out in line with EU Regulations and Oldham Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
- 13.2 It would be prudent to ensure that the proposed recommended options, including the expansion proposals are aligned with the council's overall commercial strategy in relation to school expansions. (Dan Cheetham)

14 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**

- 14.1 It is essential that any expansion works are completed in compliance with health and safety legislation. It is essential that competent contractors are procured and building works are properly managed. (Laura Smith)

15 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**

- 15.1 Admission authorities have a legal duty to comply with the parental preference wherever possible. Consequently, Oldham's school place planning approach takes account of identified demand for places. In terms of equality, the proposal will positively increase the supply of school places in the borough.
- 15.2 The LA makes every effort to ensure that parents are not only aware of which schools are available in their local area and beyond but that the information that is published is clear
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and concise so that parents and young people are able to make informed choices about the school that they would like to attend. The level of satisfaction in terms of the availability of places at a preferred school contributes to community cohesion. (Andy Collinge)

16 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**

16.1 Advice has been sought on EDI and there are no implications for any vulnerable groups. (Andy Collinge)

17 **Key Decision**

17.1 Yes

18 **Key Decision Reference**

18.1 EDC-01-19.

19 **Background Papers**

19.1 Education Provision Strategy 2016-2020

20 **Appendices**

20.1 East Oldham Places Matrix
