

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	23 January 2013
<b>Title:</b>	Hambledon Community Infant School – Alteration to Upper Age Limit
<b>Reference:</b>	4569
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek authority to consult with parents, governors, staff; children, local schools and other interested parties on a potential change to the upper age limit of Hambledon Community Infant School from 7 to 11, which if agreed would create a primary school.

**2. Contextual information**

- 2.1. The governing body of Hambledon Infant School has contacted the Local Authority and asked for consultations to be undertaken regarding a proposal that the school becomes a primary school with effect from September 2013.
- 2.2. The governing body is aware that there are insufficient numbers of children within the catchment area to meet the school's published admission number of 30 and, notwithstanding the school is a net importer of children (see table below) has concerns about the school's viability.

No. of children in catchment	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	6	13	8	17	10	13	13	13
No. on roll	Actual				Forecast			
YR	18	19	7	21	12	15	15	15
Y1	27	16	20	8	21	12	15	15
Y2	11	26	14	17	5	18	9	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>

- 2.4. Hambledon Infant School is linked with Denmead Junior school for key stage 1 to key stage 2 transfer, however in reality few children take this path. To date the majority of Hambledon children have transferred to Droxford and Clanfield junior schools. Both these junior schools are experiencing greater numbers feeding through from their respective linked infant schools. With no guarantee of a place in either Droxford or Clanfield some parents have elected to move their child to a primary school when a place has become available resulting in mid-year transfers and consequent instability at Hambledon Infant School.
- 2.5. The former headteacher's house has recently become vacant and the Director of CCBS is in the process of carrying out a feasibility study as to how, with some minor works, this might be brought into school use in the future, subject to planning permission. It is not anticipated that any such works will impact upon the school's net capacity assessment.

### **3. Finance**

- 3.1. Any financial implications associated with the proposal will form part of the report back on the outcome of any authorised consultations.

### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1. **That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves consultations taking place in the spring term 2013 with parents, staff, governors, children, local schools and other interested parties on the possible alteration to the upper age limit of Hambledon Infant School and the consequent creation of a primary school.**
- 4.2. **That a report on the outcome of the consultations be prepared for the Executive Lead Member's Decision Meeting on 27 March 2013.**

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	no

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1. An impact assessment will be undertaken in conjunction with any authorised consultation process.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

- 2.1. The proposals have no impact on crime and disorder.

### **3. Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The proposals have no impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No specific measures have been identified.