

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	26 March 2014
Title:	Enlargement of Marnel Infant and Junior Schools, Basingstoke
Reference:	5618
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Education approves statutory consultations being undertaken on the proposal to increase the capacity of Marnel Infant School from 270 to 360 places and Marnel Junior School from 360 to 480 places with effect from September 2016.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. New housing development is underway in the Popley area of Basingstoke for up to 1,300 new dwellings. Further development is proposed at Marnel Park for 450 new dwellings which recently received planning approval on appeal and is situated close to the Marnel Schools. The Marnel Park development is expected to start in summer 2014 with first completions expected in early 2015. This will create additional pressure for places in the Marnel Schools necessitating the provision of additional places. It is proposed to expand the schools by one form of entry, providing an additional 90 places at the Infant School and 120 places at the Junior School, making each school 4 forms of entry.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to provide additional school places. This will result in children from the new housing development being unable to secure a local school place.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable.

5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

6. **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

7. **Statement from the Decision Maker:**

Approved by:

Date:

26 March 2014

**Executive Member for Education
Councillor Peter Edgar**