

**PREScribed ALTERATIONS TO CHERRY HINTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED INFANT SCHOOL AND CHERRY HINTON  
COMMUNITY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

*To:* Cabinet

*Date:* 14 December 2010

*From:* Service Director: Strategy and Commissioning,  
Children and Young People's Services (CYPS)

*Electoral division(s):* Cherry Hinton

*Forward Plan ref:* 2010/039

*Key decision:* Yes

*Purpose:* To seek Cabinet's approval to proceed with plans to:

- extend Cherry Hinton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School on its existing site, and change its intake and age range from a two form entry infant school (4 - 7 years) to a one form entry primary school (7 - 11 years) from September 2011;
- extend Cherry Hinton Community Junior School on its existing site, and change its age range from a two form entry junior school (7 – 11 years) to a two form entry primary school (4 – 11 years), from September 2011.

*Recommendation:* Members are asked to:

- a) approve the extension of Cherry Hinton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School on its existing site, and the change of its intake and age range from a two form entry infant school (4 - 7 years) to a one form entry primary school (7 - 11 years) from September 2011; and
- b) approve the extension of Cherry Hinton Community Junior School on its existing site, and the change of its age range from a two form entry junior school (7 – 11 years) to a two form entry primary school (4 – 11 years), from September 2011.

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## **1 BACKGROUND**

### **General**

- 1.1 The Council has a statutory duty to provide a school place for every child living in its area of responsibility who is of school age and whose parents want their child educated in the maintained sector. The Council's policy is to admit children into Reception in the September following their fourth birthday; children become of school age once they reach the age of five.
- 1.2 A series of reports were produced for the advisory Children and Young People's Policy Development Group (CYP PDG), between 13 November 2008 and 8 March 2010, which provided detailed information about the projected increased demand for primary school places across Cambridgeshire due to rising birth rates and increased fertility rates. This information was based on National Health Service (NHS) data. The most up-to-date version of this data has made it possible to identify demographic pressures at individual school and local area level up to and including the 2013/14 academic year.
- 1.3 The areas identified with the greatest predicted pressure were Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire. Officers have been working with key stakeholders since the demographic trends were identified, in order to ensure that the Council's good record in meeting the demand for school places and, wherever possible, parental preferences, is maintained.

### **Cambridge City**

- 1.4 The most significant level of growth has been experienced in Cambridge, particularly in the south. In order to address this need, a public consultation document, with outline options for meeting the identified demographic pressures in the south of the City, was circulated during December 2009. This included specific proposals in relation to Cherry Hinton Infant and Junior Schools. A series of public consultation meetings was also held at this time.
- 1.5 The outcome of this consultation process was presented in a report to Cabinet on 23 February 2010, and the recommendations, including those relating to Cherry Hinton Infant and Junior Schools (see section 2, below) were approved by Cabinet.
- 1.6 A breakdown of the most up-to-date NHS birth data for the City (September 2010) compared with each school's Published Admission Number (PAN), is attached as **Appendix 1**. This includes the 100% figures and the established five-year average of 83% of the children born in Cambridge being educated in a maintained school.
- 1.7 This data shows that the demographic pressures on primary school places in Cambridge is continuing, and, when the projected figures for September 2010 were compared with the actual admissions to Reception for that academic year, the match was extremely close. This data will continue to be monitored carefully to inform future planning.

## **2. Prescribed Alterations to Cherry Hinton Infant and Junior Schools**

- 2.1 The proposed changes to Cherry Hinton Infant and Junior Schools are complementary proposals which, while published separately, are linked and need to

be considered together. The proposals will provide an additional 30 Reception places and result in two all-through primary schools, rather than separate infant and junior schools, which is also in line with the County Council's policy preference. The detail is set out below.

## **2.2 Cherry Hinton Church of England Voluntary Controlled (CE VC) Infant School**

- 2.2.1 The Cherry Hinton CE VC Infant School governing body published a statutory notice on 8 October 2010, with a closing date for comments of 19 November 2010. A copy of the notice is attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 2.2.2 This notice proposed a prescribed alteration to extend the school on its existing site, and change its intake and age range from a two form entry infant school (4 - 7 years) to a one form entry primary school (7 - 11 years) from September 2011.
- 2.2.3 No written comments have been received in response to the publication of the notice.

## **2.3 Cherry Hinton Community Junior School**

- 2.3.1 The Council published a statutory notice, to make a prescribed alteration to Cherry Hinton Community Junior School, on 8 October 2010, with a closing date for comments of 19 November 2010. A copy of the notice is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 2.3.2 This notice proposed the extension of Cherry Hinton Community Junior School on its existing site, and a change of its age range from a two form entry junior school (7 – 11 years) to a two form entry primary school (4 – 11 years), from September 2011.
- 2.3.3 No written comments have been received in response to the publication of the notice.

## **3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS**

### **3.1 Resources and Performance**

- 3.1.1 The Council has developed proposals to provide additional accommodation at Cherry Hinton Infant and Junior Schools. The total capital cost of these projects will be met from the basic need allocation made to the Council by the Department for Education. The schemes are included in the Children and Young People's capital programme for 2010/2011 to 2015/2016.

### **3.2 Statutory Requirements and Partnership Working**

- 3.2.1 Statutory notices to make the prescribed alterations described earlier were published in the appropriate local newspaper on 8 October 2010 and expired on 19 November 2010.

### **3.3 Climate Change**

- 3.3.1 The Council's current policy is for all newly-commissioned Council buildings to meet the BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) 'very good' standard, with an aspiration to achieve 'excellent'. In the Council's Climate Change and Environment Strategy, a public commitment has been made to develop a new minimum standard for all newly-commissioned buildings. This will

ensure that the Council is prepared for the implementation of the Government's zero carbon standards for new schools, which come into effect in 2016, and for other buildings, which come into effect in 2018.

### **3.4 Access and Inclusion**

- 3.4.1 A duty of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 is that local authorities should take account of the needs of all communities when planning educational provision.

### **3.5 Engagement and Consultation**

- 3.5.1 The Council has complied with all the statutory requirements in respect of consultation in relation to these proposals. This includes the publication of notices in a local newspaper, and for notices to be on placed on public display at the schools concerned and in at least one other venue in the local area. Copies of the notices were sent to the following:

- Local District Council
- Member of Parliament
- Local member
- Trade Unions
- Local Primary and Secondary Schools
- Diocesan Boards
- Department for Education (formerly the Department for Children, Schools and Families) School Organisation Unit.

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
Report to 23 February 2010 meeting of Cabinet on Demographic Pressures on Primary Provision in Cambridge City.	Infrastructure Service Cambridgeshire County Council Box CC1209, Castle Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP
Prescribed Alteration documents School Admissions Code (February 2009)	

## Number of children born in each primary school's catchment area in Cambridge compared with Published Admission Numbers (PANs) / Places Available : September 2010

Child Health Register Data/ Schools	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	PAN/Places Available*
<b>South of City</b>					
Abbey Meadows (CP)	103	125	127	131	90
Cherry Hinton Infants CE (VC)	62	67	79	79	60
Colville (CP)	60	64	53	57	60
Fawcett (CP)	49	49	54	39	30
Morley Memorial (CP)	86	100	83	79	60
Newnham Croft (CP)	53	57	48	66	34
Park Street CE (VA)	11	16	14	18	18
Queen Edith (CP)	91	88	79	67	90
Ridgefield (Foundation with Trust)	59	66	85	94	30
Spinney (CP)	38	29	43	37	30
St Alban's RC (VA)					30
St Matthew's (CP)	72	107	99	115	60
St Paul's CE (VA)	43	55	42	46	30
St Philip's CE (VA)	72	94	85	77	45
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>667</b>
<b>83% (5-year average)</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>749</b>	
<b>Children/PAN +/-</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>-94 (3FE)</b>	<b>-73 (2.5 FE)</b>	<b>-82 (3FE)</b>	
<b>North of City</b>					
Arbury (CP)	59	76	89	83	60
Grove (CP)	51	39	68	71	30
King's Hedges (CP)	60	68	73	79	60
Mayfield (CP)	39	58	62	53	60
Milton Road (CP)	83	84	70	92	60
Orchard Park (CP)	23	31	34	26	15
Shirley(CP)	84	88	102	111	60
St Laurence's RC (VA)					35
St Luke's CE (VA)	48	60	51	63	37
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>83% (5-year average)</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>480</b>	
<b>Children/PAN +/-</b>	<b>+46</b>	<b>- 1 (0)</b>	<b>-39 (1.5 FE)</b>	<b>-63 (2FE)</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>1421</b>	<b>1440</b>	<b>1483</b>	<b>1084</b>
<b>83% (5-year average)</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>1230</b>	

**The Governing Body of Cherry Hinton Church of England  
Voluntary Controlled Infant School**

**Alteration of the upper age limit and change of admission number**

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the Governing Body of Cherry Hinton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Cherry Hinton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School, High Street, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge, CB1 9HH, from 1 September 2011.

The Governing Body is proposing to alter the upper age limit of Cherry Hinton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School (4 to 7 years) to make the school into an all-through primary school for pupils from 4 to 11 years. The current capacity of the school is 180 and the current number of pupils registered at the school is 171. By 2014/15, following a phased transition period to become an all-through primary school, the school's capacity will increase to 210 places. Cambridgeshire County Council will implement this proposal.

The phased transition arrangements, as agreed with the County Council, include a reduction in the current published admission number. The current admission number is 60 and the proposed admission number for the school will be 30, which means the school will only admit 30 pupils in Reception in September 2011, and in all subsequent years.

Additional Reception places will be provided locally in a complementary proposal to alter the age range of Cherry Hinton Community Junior School (see the explanatory note below). There will be no admission to Year 1 or Year 2 in the partner Junior School in September 2011.

For pupils currently attending the Infant School in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, where the published admission number is 60, the size of these year groups will be maintained until these pupils reach the end of Year 2, when all pupils would previously have been required to apply for a place at the partner Junior School, or seek admission to other schools which had places available.

As the school enters the phased transition period, the admission number for the new Year 3 in September 2011, and all subsequent years, will be 30. Places cannot be guaranteed for all Year 2 pupils wishing to remain at the school. Parents will be required to complete an application form, and return this to the Local Authority Admissions Team by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011. The requirement, to complete an application form, will continue for admission to Year 3 in 2012 and 2013 only, as by 2014 the transition to an all-through primary school will be complete. Further information will be issued to parents of children attending the school.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal, copies of which can be obtained from: David Clark, Assistant Education Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council, Box CC1209, Castle Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP. E-mail: [david.clark@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:david.clark@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) Tel: 01223 699782.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal in writing by sending them to David Clark (see contact details above).

Signed: Zandra Davies  
Chair of the Governing Body

Publication Date: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010

### Explanatory Notes

This proposal results from a review of primary school provision in Cambridge undertaken by Cambridgeshire County Council in response to an increased demand for primary school places. The County Council has published complementary proposals to alter the age range of Cherry Hinton Community Junior School to make the school into an all-through primary school for pupils from 4 to 11 years, and provide a total of 420 places. The complementary proposals, while published separately, are linked and will therefore be considered together when being determined.

Details of this proposal can be found on the County Council's website at:  
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/schools/planning/>

Please note that the schools concerned in these complementary proposals share the same catchment area. The proposals seek to establish two new primary schools in the area, without changing the shared catchment area. The arrangements will be reviewed at the end of the transition period.

The following table outlines the phased transition arrangements and changes in capacity in both schools.

	Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Current Infant School transition to a 210 place primary school	Rec	60	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
	Y1	60	60	30	30	30	30	30	30
	Y2	60	60	60	30	30	30	30	30
	Y3	X	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
	Y4	X	X	30	30	30	30	30	30
	Y5	X	X	X	30	30	30	30	30
	Y6	X	X	X	X	30	30	30	30
	Classes	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7
	Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Current Junior School transition to a 420 place primary school	Rec	X	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
	Y1	X	X	60	60	60	60	60	60
	Y2	X	X	X	60	60	60	60	60
	Y3	60	30	30	30	60	60	60	60
	Y4	60	60	30	30	30	60	60	60
	Y5	60	60	60	30	30	30	60	60
	Y6	60	60	60	60	30	30	30	60
	Classes	8	9	10	11	11	12	13	14

**Cambridgeshire County Council**

**Alteration of the lower age limit, and changes to admission arrangements at Cherry Hinton Community Junior School, Cambridge**

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Cambridgeshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Cherry Hinton Community Junior School, Fulbourn Old Drift, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge, CB1 9ND from 1 September 2011.

The County Council is proposing to alter the lower age limit of Cherry Hinton Community Junior School (7 to 11 years) to make the school into an all-through primary school for pupils from 4 to 11 years, commencing with the introduction of a Reception Year in September 2011. The current capacity of the school is 240 and the current number of pupils registered at the school is 162. By 2017/18, following a phased transition period, the school's capacity will rise to 420. Cambridgeshire County Council will implement this proposal.

The current admission number and the proposed admission number for the school will be 60. There will be entry to Reception, but no pupils will be admitted to Year 1 or Year 2, in September 2011, and no pupils will be admitted to Year 2 in September 2012.

The phased transition arrangements include a time-limited reduction in the number of Year 3 places from 60 to 30, as the school will only take 30 pupils in Year 3 in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Additional Year 3 places will be provided locally in a complementary proposal to alter the age range of Cherry Hinton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School (see the explanatory note below).

In September 2014, the number of Year 3 places will revert back to 60, as pupils from Year 2 move through the school under the phased transition arrangements. Further information will be provided to parents on these arrangements.

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Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal in writing by sending them to David Clark (contact details as above).

Signed:        Adrian Loades

Executive Director, Children and Young People's Services

Publication Date:    8<sup>th</sup> October 2010



## Explanatory Notes

This proposal results from a review of primary school provision in Cambridge undertaken by Cambridgeshire County Council in response to an increased demand for primary school places. Complementary proposals have been published by the governing body of Cherry Hinton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School to alter the school's age range and admission number to make the school into an all-through primary school for pupils from 4 to 11 years and provide a total of 210 places. The complementary proposals, while published separately, are linked and will therefore be considered together when being determined.

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	Y1	60	60	30	30	30	30	30	30
	Y2	60	60	60	30	30	30	30	30
	Y3	X	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
	Y4	X	X	30	30	30	30	30	30
	Y5	X	X	X	30	30	30	30	30
	Y6	X	X	X	X	30	30	30	30
	Classes	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7
	Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Current Junior School transition to a 420 place primary school	Rec	X	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
	Y1	X	X	60	60	60	60	60	60
	Y2	X	X	X	60	60	60	60	60
	Y3	60	30	30	30	60	60	60	60
	Y4	60	60	30	30	30	60	60	60
	Y5	60	60	60	30	30	30	60	60
	Y6	60	60	60	60	30	30	30	60
	Classes	8	9	10	11	11	12	13	14