

**THE FUTURE PATTERN OF EDUCATION PROVISION IN ST IVES**

*To:* **Cabinet**

*Date:* **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012**

*From:* **Executive Director: Children and Young People's Services (CYPS)**

*Electoral division(s):* **St Ives, The Hemingfords and Fenstanton**

*Forward Plan ref:* **Not applicable** *Key Decision:* **No**

*Purpose:* **To:**

- a) Advise Cabinet of:**
  - (i) the identified pressures on primary school capacity in the St Ives area resulting from demographic changes and housing development;**
  - (ii) the response to the recent public consultation on proposals for expanding primary school and associated early years and childcare provision in the St Ives area; and**
- b) Seek Cabinet's agreement to proceed with the proposals set out in Section 4 of the report.**

*Recommendations:* **That:**

a) Cabinet notes the views expressed during the recent consultation on the proposals to expand primary school and early years and childcare provision in the St Ives area;

b) Cabinet gives its approval:

i) to proceed with proposals to increase the capacity of the following schools:

- a. Thorndown Primary School to provide an additional 210 places and additional early years and childcare provision;
- b. Eastfield Infant School to provide an additional 30 places and additional early years and childcare provision;
- c. Westfield Junior School to provide an additional 40 places;
- d. Hemingford Grey Primary School to provide an additional 105 places and additional early years and childcare provision;

with priority being given to the expansion of Thorndown and Hemingford Grey Primary Schools;

ii) to Thorndown Primary School's catchment area being expanded to include housing development area C1 and the balance of land in area 5 on the plan attached as Appendix 1; and

iii) to the exceptional Basic Need funding awarded to the Council in April 2012 of £12,469,228 to be used to support the implementation of the proposals detailed above.

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## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Cambridgeshire County Council, the local Children's Services Authority, 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 state funded sector. To achieve this, the Council has to keep the number of school places under review and to take the appropriate steps to manage the position where necessary. The Education and Inspections Act 2006 also requires local authorities to adopt a strategic role, with a duty to promote choice, diversity and fair access to school provision.
- 1.2 St Ives is served by the following primary schools providing a total of 1400 places, 6.7 forms of entry (FE):
- Eastfield Infant and Nursery School and its partner, Westfield Junior school, 560 places (2.7FE);
  - Thorndown Primary School, 420 places (2FE);
  - Wheatfields Primary School, 420 places (2FE).
- 1.3 Some children in St Ives attend schools in neighbouring villages, notably Hemingford Grey Primary School, a 210 place (1FE) school. In addition, a number of the new housing developments along London Road, St Ives, while considered as part of the urban expansion of the Town, fall within the parish of Hemingford Grey and the catchment area for the primary school.
- 1.4 The catchment area secondary school for the St Ives Town primary schools and Hemingford Grey Primary School is St Ivo Academy.
- 1.5 Between 2001 and 2010, a total of 295 new houses were built in St Ives. Existing planning commitments provide for a further 600 houses to be completed between 2011/12 and 2016/17. Additional new housing development sites to the west of St Ives are allocated in Huntingdonshire District Council's (HDC) Local Development Framework (Core Strategy) which is expected to result in a further 615 new homes being built between 2016 and 2021. The details of these housing growth sites are shown on the map in **Appendix 1** together the location of the local schools. Sites 1-7 relate to the 615 new homes. The sites shown as C1-C5 are those already under construction or accounted for in existing plans.
- 1.6 A review of existing school provision in the St Ives area was launched in Spring 2011 in response to the planned housing development and demographic changes. The review was the subject of detailed consultation and engagement with local members.

## 2 DEMOGRAPHIC FORECASTS

### (a) Primary Schools

- 2.1 The table in **Appendix 2** sets out the projected pupil numbers in Reception in

the St Ives area for each academic year up until September 2015. These figures are based on the most up-to-date Cambridgeshire NHS birth data (at January 2012) for the relevant primary school catchment areas. The table compares the forecast data with each school's agreed annual pupil intake figure or Published Admission Number (PAN)<sup>1</sup>. It is assumed that 100% of these children will require Reception places. The table highlights that whilst numbers remain steady for the next couple of years, demand for primary school places is then forecast to increase.

- 2.2 The NHS birth data does not include the impacts of future additional housing development as this does not have planning permission. Therefore, pupil numbers generated by new housing need to be considered as additional to the trends identified in the birth data.
- 2.3 The Council's established multiplier for calculating the potential number of additional children generated from housing developments within Cambridgeshire is that 100 dwellings will produce between 25 and 35 primary school children. Therefore, the 615 additional homes allocated in HDC's Core Strategy are expected to produce between 150-215 additional primary-aged pupils (0.7-1FE). The combined forecasts suggest it would be prudent to plan for a total 8FE, or a combined PAN of 240 places across the St Ives schools. This represents an increase of 280 primary school places (1.3FE) in total across the Town.
- 2.4 Development in the catchment area of Hemingford Grey Primary School is also forecast to increase demand for places at this village school. It currently has a PAN of 30 but the NHS data on the number of children born in the school's catchment area already indicates demand exceeding the available places for the foreseeable future. In 2014/15, up to 45 Reception-age children could require places at the school. The NHS birth data for Hemingford Grey is set out in Appendix 2.
- 2.5 A further 100 houses are anticipated to be built in the school's catchment area. Increasing the school's PAN to 45 will, over time, enable the school to provide an additional 105 places, sufficient to meet the anticipated demand from its catchment area.

#### (b) Early Years and Childcare

- 2.6 The Council's established multiplier for calculating the potential number of 0-4 year olds generated from housing developments within Cambridgeshire is that 100 dwellings will produce between 18 and 25 children. Therefore, the 615 additional homes allocated in HDC's Core Strategy are likely to generate between 56 and 77 children of pre-school age (3-4 year olds)<sup>2</sup>. In addition to this growth, recent Government announcements have set out expectations that local authorities will provide funded childcare places (15 hours per week, term-

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<sup>1</sup> PAN or Published Admission Number is the number of Reception children a school takes at the beginning of the school year. For example, a 1FE school of 210 places has a PAN of 30. A 2FE school will have a PAN of 60, thus providing two Reception classes.

<sup>2</sup> Assumes 50% of the potential number of 0-4 year olds will be aged 3 and 4.

time) to all 2-year-olds living in poverty by September 2013, and to 40% of all 2-year-olds by 2014/15. Therefore, a minimum of a further 14 places for 2-years-olds will also be needed across the St Ives area.

#### (c) Children's Centre

- 2.7 The St Ives Children's Centre currently occupies temporary accommodation on the Wheatfields Primary School site. Children's Centres were planned to serve 800 families. The St Ives Children's Centre already serves more than 1400 families and is, as a result, operating under significant pressure. Any additional housing development will increase demand for Children's Centre services further, necessitating an expansion of the services currently offered.

#### (d) Secondary School

- 2.8 The 10 year pupil forecasts for St Ivo Academy show numbers increasing to around its capacity in Year 7, the intake year for secondary school, by the end of the decade following a period of falling rolls. There is, therefore, no need to provide additional places at the school in the foreseeable future. However, the situation will be kept under review on an annual basis.

### **3 KEY ISSUES FOR THE REVIEW**

- 3.1 The aim of the review was to take a longer-term, strategic view of the future delivery of education and associated children's services within the St Ives area.
- 3.2 Much of the schools' estate in St Ives dates back to the 1960s and 1970s. There are significant condition and suitability issues with a number of the existing school buildings. The most challenging of these are at Thorndown Primary School. In addition, all of the pre-school and Children's Centre provision across the Town is currently located in mobile accommodation much of which has been in-situ for a long time. Renewals of planning consent for these buildings are becoming more difficult to achieve as their conditions deteriorate and concerns/objections are made to the Local Planning Authority (HDC) that there are no plans for their replacement. **Appendix 3** sets out the number of mobiles currently located on school sites in St Ives and the facilities they provide.

### **4.0 THE PROPOSALS**

- 4.1 The proposals for responding to the changes taking place in the St Ives area were developed following individual discussions with each school on the understanding that implementation of any agreed changes would be subject to the identification and availability of capital infrastructure investment funding.

#### **4.2 Thorndown Primary School**

- **Expand the school on its existing site from 2FE (420 places) to 3FE (630 places) and increase the number of early years and childcare places by providing an additional 26 places for 3-4 years olds and 24**

### **places for 2 year olds**

- Expand the catchment area for Thorndown Primary School to include the new development area C1 and the balance of land in area 5 (see Appendix 1). These areas currently fall within the catchment area for Houghton Primary School which is some distance away. Placing these development areas within the catchment area for Thorndown Primary School would place the future children living there within the catchment area for St Ivo Academy, which is much closer and within easy walking distance.
- Expand the pre-school service provided by Pavilion Playgroup, which currently provides 35 morning and 35 afternoon places (a total of 70 places), to provide 48 morning and afternoon places (96 places in total). In addition to this, 12 morning and 12 afternoon places (a total of 24 places) would be created for 2-year-olds.
- Replace existing unsuitable school accommodation and mobile accommodation with permanent buildings. Thorndown Primary School was created in 2011 following the decision to amalgamate the former, separate infant and junior schools, which operated from the site.

#### **4.3 Eastfield Infant and Nursery School**

- **Extend the school on its existing site from 2.7FE (240 places) to 3FE (270 places) and increase the number of early years and childcare places by providing an additional 40 places for 3-4 years olds**
- The change in intake is being proposed not only to create additional school places overall, but also to help the school with their organisation and structure. Expanding the school to 3FE, or 90 places per year group, will help to reduce the need for mixed year group teaching that the current intake of 80 pupils creates.
- The maintained nursery to be re-housed in permanent accommodation and increase the number of places for 3-4 year olds from 80 to 120.
- The school-run pre-school to be re-housed in permanent accommodation. This will allow further expansion to meet the needs of local families requiring places for 2-year olds.

#### 4.4 **Westfield Junior School**

- **Extend the school on its existing site from 2.7FE (320 places) to 3FE (360 places)**
- As with Eastfield, the change in intake is being proposed not only to create additional school places overall, but also to help the school with their organisation and structure.
- Replace mobile accommodation with permanent buildings.

#### 4.5 **Wheatfields Primary School**

- **No change to the size of the school from its current 2FE (420 places) (in line with the views expressed by the school)**
- The Wheatfields site currently has two separately run pre-schools. The Burleigh Hill pre-school has capacity for 27 children and the Wheatfields pre-school has capacity for 35 children. Subject to the views of the providers, both of these services would be relocated within a redesigned joint-use permanent building. No expansion in the number of places offered is proposed.

#### 4.6 **Hemingford Grey Primary School**

- **Extend the school and increase the PAN from 30 to 45 to provide 105 additional places and increase the number of early years and childcare places by providing an additional 16 places for 3-4 years olds**
- It will be necessary to do this in a phased manner, with the provision of mobile accommodation required as early as September 2013 to meet the immediate demand being replaced with permanent accommodation over time.
- Pre-school provision to be upgraded and rehoused in new, permanent buildings enabling it to increase the number of places available from 64 to 80.

#### 4.7 **St Ives Children's Centre**

The Children's Centre will need to be capable of serving approximately 1700 families with children in the 0-5 age range. It will need to continue to provide a range of services as well as to provide links to health services (such as health visiting, midwifery, speech and language) and adult services (such as Job Centre Plus, Citizens' Advice Bureau, Adult and Family Learning).

- 4.8 The results from the consultation relating to the Children's Centre (including a response from Wheatfields Primary School) are that it should remain on its current site. However, the total number of responses was very low.

- 4.9 As this is a critical service to both the existing and future community of St Ives, its future location is now being considered as part of the recently launched Making Assets Count (MAC) project for St Ives.
- 4.10 In preparing these proposals, detailed work has been undertaken in relation to the geographical distribution of the existing and future demand for school places, the potential for each school to expand on its existing site and the quality of the built environment from which these schools and associated services currently operate.
- 4.11 Wherever possible, the approach taken is that the schools in whose catchment area the new housing development and growing demand for places is taking place should increase in size to meet the extra need. This reflects environmental, community, health and economic considerations, including the aim of enabling as many children as possible to walk and cycle to school thus reducing the need for them to be transported, either by their parents or the Council. In this case, the majority of the major new developments are within either the catchment area of Thorndown Primary School or Hemingford Grey Primary School.

## 5.0 OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION

- 5.1 A series of open public consultation meetings were held during March 2012 and consultation information was circulated widely through schools, early years settings and the local community. The consultation ended on 4 May 2012. There was a good response to the public meetings and a number of comments were received. A summary is included in **Appendix 4**.
- 5.2 The proposals relating to the expansion of the primary schools, pre-schools and the replacement of temporary buildings were supported and are reflected in the recommendations for expanding the existing schools and replacing unsuitable accommodation.

## 6.0 PROPOSED ACTION

- 6.1 The amount of capital funding required to deliver these projects could be in the region of £19m. Each project will require a detailed feasibility study to establish greater certainty of cost.

School	Cost
Thorndown Primary - expansion to 3FE and replacement of existing, separate former Infant and Junior school accommodation with purpose-built all-through primary accommodation and replacement of pre-school mobiles	£9.5m
Hemingford Grey Primary - increase PAN to 45 and replace pre-school accommodation	£2.5m
Eastfield Infant – expansion to 3FE and replace maintained nursery and pre-school mobile accommodation	£2.3m
Westfield Junior – expansion to 3FE and replace mobile	£2m



classroom accommodation	
Replace pre-school and Children's Centre mobile accommodation based at Wheatfields Primary	£2.7m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19m</b>

- 6.2 £5.5m of this funding is likely to come from developer contributions; a combination of negotiated S106 funding and payments through the newly adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). £1.3m of this funding has already been secured and has been allocated in the current Capital Programme in 2013/14 to Thorndown Primary School (£500,000) and Hemingford Grey Primary School (£800,000). When the remainder will be received is subject to the pace of housing development and the outcome of future S106 / CIL negotiations with housing developers. The potential funding gap that would need to be provided from the Council's own Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) capital programme resources is in the region of £13.5m.
- 6.3 There is potential to phase this investment. The most urgent need for additional places is at Thorndown and Hemingford Grey Primary Schools. The investment in other school sites could be viewed as medium to longer term commitments.
- 6.4 In April 2012, the Department for Education (DfE) published details of an additional £600m made available in the Chancellor's November 2011 Autumn Statement to support the provision of additional pupil places in those areas facing the most urgent pressures. Cambridgeshire secured a sizeable amount of this additional basic need funding, £12,469,228.
- 6.5 This additional allocation is not currently included in the sources of funding supporting the existing CYPS capital programme. The proposal is to use it to support the delivery of the capital schemes at Thorndown and Hemingford Grey Primary Schools as these provide the majority of the extra places needed in St Ives. This would bring to an end a period of uncertainty for the schools and the local community regarding the timing and level of investment that would be available. Furthermore, allocating the additional DfE funding in this way will clearly demonstrate that it has been used to provide additional basic need pupil places.
- 6.6 The two schemes are sufficiently far advanced in terms of their design to commence in 2013/14.
- 6.7 The other proposals/capital projects at Eastfield Infant School, Westfield Junior School and Wheatfields Primary School deliver fewer additional school places and are, therefore, a lower capital programme priority (70 places in total for 4 - 11 year olds). It is proposed that these schemes are considered, alongside others, for inclusion in the new year five (2017/18) of the CYPS capital programme as part of the annual business planning process.

## **7.0 ALIGNMENT WITH PRIORITIES AND WAYS OF WORKING**

### **7.1 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people when they need it most**

Determining the best location for the Children's Centre, as part of the MAC project, will ensure that services delivered through the Centre will meet the demands of those families in most need within its designated reach area.

### **7.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives in their communities**

If pupils have access to local schools and associated children's services, they are more likely to attend them by either cycling or walking rather than through local authority-provided transport or car. They will also be able to more readily access out of school activities such as sport and homework clubs and develop friendship groups within their own community. This will contribute to the development of both healthier and more independent lifestyles.

### **7.3 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all**

Providing access to local and high quality education and associated children's services will enhance the skills of the local workforce, provide essential childcare services for working parents or those seeking to return to work. The schools, pre-schools and Children's Centre themselves are providers of local employment.

### **7.4 Ways of Working**

The proposals reflect the Council's strategic role as a commissioner of high quality services, rather than a direct provider of those services, and work to build constructive partnerships with the providers of early years and childcare services across St Ives.

## **8.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS**

### **8.1 Resources and Performance**

- 8.1.1 The proposals contained in this report are described in detail in Section 6 above. The amount of capital funding required to deliver these projects is in the region of £19m. £5.5m of this funding may come from developer contributions (S106 and CIL funding and payments), £1.3m of which has already been secured and has been allocated in the current Capital Programme in 2013/14 to Thorndown Primary School (£500,000) and Hemingford Grey Primary School (£800,000). The £12,469,228 secured through the additional basic need funding will be used to proceed with the capital schemes at Thorndown and Hemingford Grey Primary Schools. The investment for proposals/capital projects at Eastfield Infant School, Westfield Junior School and Wheatfields Primary School will be considered, alongside others, for inclusion in the new year five (2017/18) of the CYPS capital programme as part of the annual business planning process.

### **8.2 Statutory Risk and Legal Implications**

- 8.2.1 The Council will be required to publish statutory notices to give effect to each individual school proposal which will be followed by a consultation period of 4 weeks when representations can be made. The Council's Cabinet will determine whether to proceed with implementation of the proposed changes following expiry of the public notices.

### **8.3 Equality and Diversity implications**

- 8.3.1 The Council is committed to ensuring that children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are able to attend their local mainstream school where possible, with only those children with the most complex and challenging needs requiring places at specialist provision.
- 8.3.2 The new buildings, and expansion of existing buildings, will fully comply with the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty and current County Council standards.

### **8.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications**

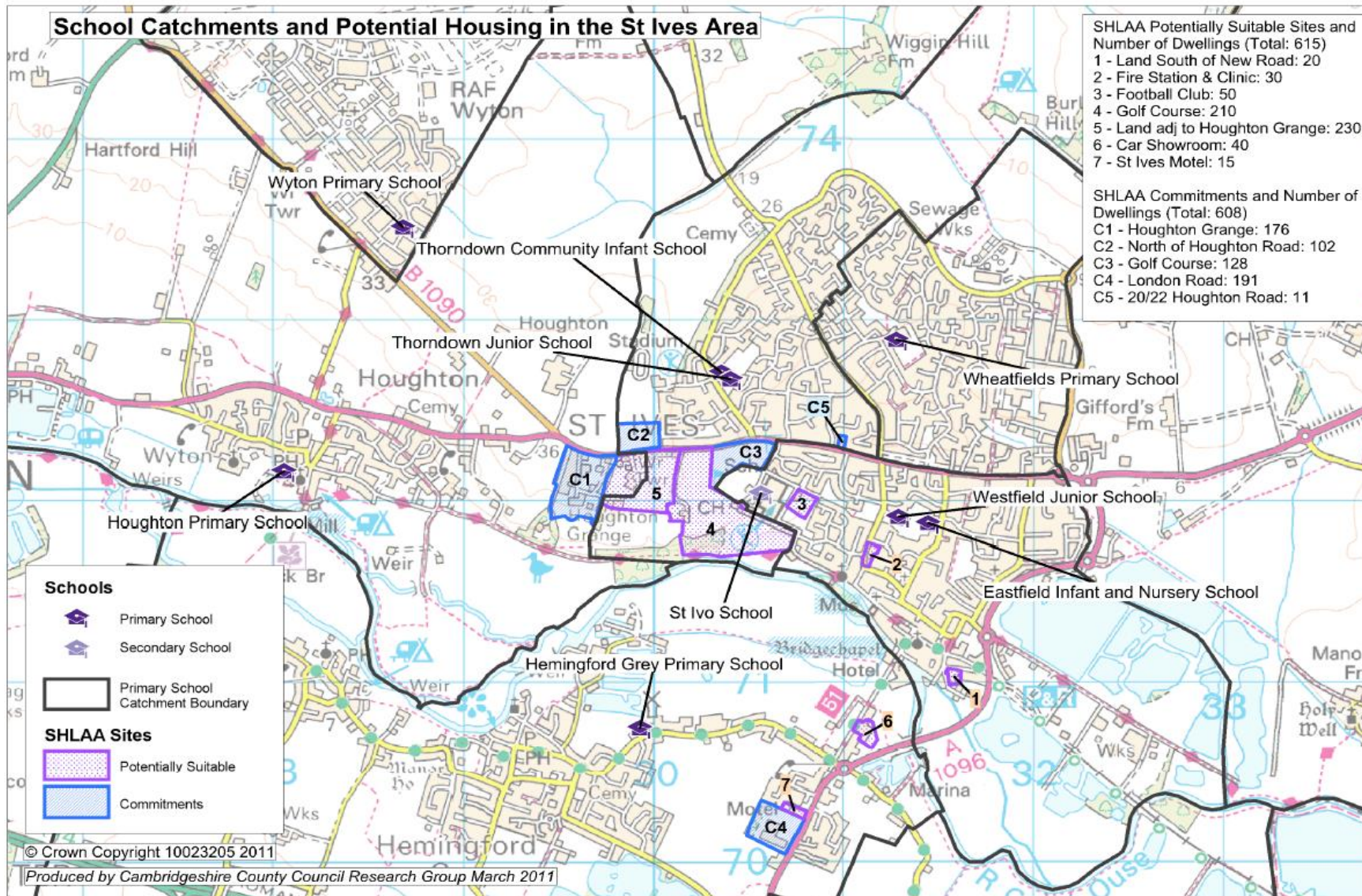
- 8.4.1 Over the past year, there have been meetings with the schools and the Children's Centre and pre-school staff. A consultation exercise was undertaken from 1 March until 4 May 2012 and a series of public meetings were held in each of the schools directly affected during March 2012. Offers were also made to meet directly with the Town and Parish Councils; however, these offers were not taken up.
- 8.4.2 A working group was formed comprising the Cabinet member for Learning and the local members representing St Ives and the surrounding villages of Hemingford, Fenstanton and Houghton. The Working Group was supported by officers from CYPS Infrastructure and the Making Assets Count Team. The scope of the review and the proposals presented for consultation were developed and approved by the working group.

### **8.5 Public Health Implications**

- 8.5.1 The schools will be accessible to pupils as either pedestrians or cyclists. If children had to attend schools some distance away (more than 2 miles) they would be provided with free transport by the Council in accordance with its statutory duty.

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St Ives West Consultation Paper</li><li>• Consultation responses</li><li>• CCC research Group forecasts</li></ul>	Alison Cook Assistant Education Officer  B202, Castle Court Cambridge

## Appendix 1 - School Catchment Areas and Potential Housing Development Sites



## Appendix 2 – Demographic Forecasts

### NHS 0-4 DATA BY District and Primary Catchment (based on district of school location) - 31.08.11

Age as at 31.08.11

Primary Catchment	Total PAN	Age on 31st Aug 2011				
		0	1	2	3	4
Eastfield I & Westfield J	80	63	55	53	50	59
Hemingford Grey	30	41	45	36	41	43
Thorndown	60	55	52	49	60	68
Wheatfields	60	99	93	91	78	82
<b>St Ives Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>252</b>
Over PAN						

### Ages in reversed order:

Age on 31st Aug 2011				
4	3	2	1	0
2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
59	50	53	55	63
43	41	36	45	41
68	60	49	52	55
82	78	91	93	99
<b>252</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>258</b>
22	-1	-1	15	28

### Appendix 3

#### The temporary buildings on St Ives school sites

School Site	Mobiles	Expiry of Planning Consent
Eastfield Infant	Double Mobile for Nursery Double Mobile for Pre-School	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2012 Not known
Westfield Junior	Double mobile providing 2 classrooms	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2011 (new planning consent under consideration for a further 5 year period)
Thorndown Primary	Double mobile for pre-school and out of school club Double mobile providing 2 classrooms	Not known Application for 5 year consent currently under consideration
Wheatfields Primary School	1 double mobile and 3 x single mobiles pre-school, school and Children's Centre use	Renewed April 2012
Hemingford Grey	Double mobile for pre-school	Not known

## Appendix 4 - Consultation Responses

### General Responses

Respondent	For	Against	Balanced	Summary of Content
Parent/Resident		•		Insufficient future planning being given to the provision of secondary school and post 16 places
Parent/Resident			•	Concerned that no additional places being planned at St Ivo Secondary School
Parent/resident			•	Concerned that if catchment areas are reviewed a younger child may go to a different school than an older sibling
Houghton Parish Council			•	Parish Council asked why no meetings had been planned in Houghton. A meeting with the Parish Council has been offered but as yet not taken up
Parent			•	Developer in west of St Ives providing inaccurate information on which is the catchment school for the new housing developments in the west of the town
Roman Catholic Diocese of east Anglia		•		The proposals increase the number of places by expanding existing schools. This approach does not promote diversity of provision. The East Anglia Diocese' strategy is to increase the availability of Catholic places across the County and the Huntingdonshire area is a priority. The Diocese requests that consideration be given to creating a new 1FE Catholic Primary School in St Ives as an alternative to providing over 300 places at existing schools as a way of meeting demand whilst also meeting the Authority's duty to promote diversity in education provision
Parent			•	Are there any plans to amalgamate Eastfield Infant and Westfield Junior Schools?
Parent	•			Supports change of catchment area so the Houghton Grange development falls wholly within the catchment area of Thorndown for primary education and St Ivo for secondary education. No sense in transporting pupils to Huntingdon for secondary education when they can easily walk to St Ivo. However, the consideration should be given to extending this change of secondary school catchment to the whole of the parish of Houghton.
Thorndown Governing Body	•			In favour of expansion to 3FE.
St Ives Town Council	•			Broadly in favour. Some concern re PAN increase to 45 at HG. Suggest may be better to move from 30 to 60 to avoid mixed year teaching. Emphasis that Children's Centre location must ensure total inclusion for all users
Parent	•			Supports all proposals
Wyton Primary BoG			•	Unsatisfied that investment is being made in St Ives schools and some should be made in their school as part of this process. Response will be made.
Thorndown Governor	•		•	Fully support proposals for increase to 3FE for Thorndown Primary School

**Eastfield Infant and Nursery and Westfield Junior School – Expand PAN form 80 to 90 places.**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Balanced</b>	<b>Summary of Content</b>
Governor and member of Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>			Expansion of provision and replacement of temporary accommodation welcomed. Provision of permanent accommodation for the playgroup was also an opportunity to make netter provision for the Out of School Club



### Hemingford Grey Primary School – Expand School to PAN of 40 or 45

Respondent	For	Against	Balanced	Summary of Content
Parent	•			Need to provide additional accommodation and external space. Children from the new developments within the catchment area off London Rd should be accommodated at the school but not at the expense of those in the existing community of Hemingford Abbots Playgroup requires better and larger premises as they have a waiting list. How the playgroup building is linked to other needs should be explored (e.g. Out of School Club)
Parent/Governor			•	School size does need to be considered Can the mother and babies group at the Parish Centre be consulted?
Parent	•			Need for larger pre school in better premises. Accept need for more Reception places but proper mixing of children required Bigger classrooms needed
Parent	•			Concern that younger child with elder sibling already at the school will not obtain a Reception place in 2014. Do not want their children in different primary schools.
Chair of Governors			•	The Governing Body considers there are only two viable options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• keep the PAN at 30 but consider how to mitigate any adverse impacts on children in Hemingford Abbots</li> <li>• increase the PAN to 45 but must be better estimates of future demand, assessment that the site can accommodate a larger school and that temporary solutions for providing for a larger school do not become permanent ones</li> </ul>
Hemingford Grey Playgroup	•			Playgroup urgently wants to be able to provide an improved offer to their customers and to be located in a new, permanent building. They agree to the expansion of provision to 32 places and suggest that this may need to be increased further, although they do not state a number.
Parent	•			Supporting increase. Some concerns to ensure any future building work does not adversely affect current facilities. Asked for clarification as to why secondary school provision was only under review. Response given.

### Children's Centre Provision – Retention at Wheatfields

Respondent	For	Against	Balanced	Summary of Content
Parent	•			Favoured Wheatfields as the location for the Children's Centre. Centre is established and popular with good access to outside areas.
Parent	•			A lot of young parents live on the Burleigh Hill Estate. A town centre location would be less accessible than Wheatfields Primary School site
Parent		•		Town Centre preferred. Bus routes to the Town Centre are better than to Wheatfields.
Wheatfields Primary School Governing Body	•			<p>The benefits of relocating the Children's Centre would be significantly outweighed by the adverse impact on the quality of provision made. The reasons given are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are more vulnerable families in the Wheatfields area and deprivation levels are increasing</li> <li>• All areas in St Ives are already covered by either the Wheatfields centre or the satellite provision in place</li> <li>• There is an excellent working relationship with the school and the Children's Centre which brings added benefits</li> <li>• An equally good relationship exists between the on site pre-schools and the Children's Centre. This helps to identify hard to reach or vulnerable families.</li> </ul>
Parent	•			Should not move an established Centre that is working well. Provision can be made elsewhere in the Town by utilising existing facilities.
Pre-school				Many concerns relating to the 'merger' of the two pre-schools currently on site at Wheatfield Primary School. This was not part of the consultation as such. Childcare Sufficiency Team will respond.
Pre-school				Questions relating to a 'joint use' building. Childcare Sufficiency Team will respond.