

Report Title:	<b>Demand for School Places</b>
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Member reporting:	Councillor Stuart Carroll, Lead Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health
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Wards affected:	All

## REPORT SUMMARY

1. This report sets out the latest projections of demand for school places in the Royal Borough, as reported to the Department for Education in the annual school capacity (SCAP) survey.
2. At present, these projections indicate that additional school places may be required over the next four years to meet rising demand in Maidenhead primary schools (particularly in the central and southern eastern parts of the town), and in Windsor upper schools.
3. The Royal Borough is nearing completion of its school expansions feasibility programme, refining options for new school places to meet likely demand as identified in the borough's Infrastructure Delivery Plan. This will support the planned new housing set out in the draft Borough Local Plan (BLP).
4. This report proposes that the outcome of the school expansions feasibility programme is reported to Cabinet in March 2020. It is also proposed that a second report is prepared for Cabinet in March 2020, setting out options to meet the projected demand for school places. These options will be based on the outcomes of the school expansions feasibility programme.

## 1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

### RECOMMENDATION: That:

- i) **the outcome of the borough's school expansions feasibility programme be reported to Cabinet in March 2020, including a prioritisation matrix of options for new school places.**
- ii) **specific options be brought to Cabinet for consideration in March 2020 for new school places in:**
  - a. **Maidenhead primary schools.**
  - b. **Windsor upper schools.**

## 2. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

### Background

2.1 The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead has a legal duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places to meet demand<sup>1</sup>. This report provides:

- The 2019 projections for future demand for school places in the borough.
- An update on the school expansion feasibility studies programme.

### The current school expansion programme

2.2 The Royal Borough is currently delivering a secondary school expansion programme, providing new secondary and middle school places to meet rising demand in the borough. The most recent to be approved was the expansion of St Peter's CE Middle School, Old Windsor. The programme is summarised in Appendix A.

2.3 The programme is providing 1,500 new secondary, middle and upper school places over the period 2017/18 to 2019/20, at a projected cost of £31m.

### The medium-term need for places in 2019 to 2022

2.4 Projections of future demand are done annually in July and reported to the Department for Education (DfE) in the School Capacity (SCAP) survey. The projections take into account the latest demographic data, changing parental preference and the latest available new housing trajectory. The methodology is kept under review, but there are no major changes for the 2019 projections.

2.5 The projections and SCAP commentary, as submitted to the DfE, are available on the borough's website at:

[https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200168/schools\\_and\\_schooling/1117/school\\_organisation\\_places\\_and\\_planning/5](https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200168/schools_and_schooling/1117/school_organisation_places_and_planning/5)

2.6 The data is summarised in Table 1: 2019-based projections and commentary for primary schools and Table 2: 2019-based projections and commentary for secondary schools.

2.7 A map showing areas of growing and falling demand (primary and first school intakes only) in the borough is provided at Appendix B (electronic only).

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<sup>1</sup> Section 14, Education Act 1996.

**Table 1: 2019-based projections and commentary for intakes to primary schools (including first schools).**

- White cells indicate a surplus of 5% or more.
- Grey cells indicate a surplus of between 0 and 4.9%.
- Black cells indicate a deficit of places.

a	b Actuals				c Projected			
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Ascot Primary</b>								
<b>Number on roll in Reception:</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>Surplus/deficit</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>+16</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>+11</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>+29</b>
on published admissions numbers, including all temporary increases/decreases and agreed expansion schemes:		+10.3%	+14.7%	+10.7%	+10.0%	+7.3%	+5.3%	+19.3%
%	-2.0%							
<b>Commentary:</b>	No further action is currently proposed at present for Ascot. The level of surplus is likely to be at or above the 5% target during the forecast period, although this should be partially offset by 'in-year' applications as the cohorts move up through the schools. Drops in demand locally have been countered by a rise in out-borough numbers. There is a risk that one or more schools could have a very small Reception intake in September 2022. The borough has carried out feasibility works on proposals for expansion in the area to meet the demand arising from new housing as set out in the draft Borough Local Plan, and will be reporting these to Cabinet in early 2020.							
<b>Datchet and Wraysbury Primary</b>								
<b>Number on roll in Reception:</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Surplus/deficit</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>+25</b>
on published admissions numbers, including all temporary increases/decreases and agreed expansion schemes:		+1.1%	+1.1%	+3.3%	+2.2%	+0.7%		+27.6%
%					-1.4%		-2.4%	
<b>Commentary:</b>	No further action is currently proposed for Datchet/Wraysbury. There is a close fit between supply and demand for places in Datchet/Wraysbury area, with little or no surplus of places. At present any local children not found places in one of the two schools are often allocated places in a Windsor first school. Providing an extra 30 places per year group would provide enough places for a 5% surplus, but a new school site would likely be needed. A significant surplus is currently expected in 2022. The borough has carried out feasibility works on proposals for expansion in the area to meet the demand arising from new housing as set out in the draft Borough Local Plan, and will be reporting these to Cabinet in early 2020.							



**Table 1: continued...**

<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>				<i>c</i>				<i>d</i>				<i>e</i>				<i>f</i>				<i>g</i>				<i>h</i>				<i>i</i>			
	<b>Actuals</b>								<b>Projected</b>																							
	<b>2015</b>		<b>2016</b>		<b>2017</b>		<b>2018</b>		<b>2019</b>		<b>2020</b>		<b>2021</b>		<b>2022</b>																	
<b>Windsor First</b>																																
<b>Number on roll in Reception:</b>		<b>511</b>		<b>531</b>		<b>500</b>		<b>478</b>		<b>498</b>		<b>517</b>		<b>458</b>		<b>463</b>																
<b>Surplus/deficit</b>		<b>+34</b>		<b>+44</b>		<b>+45</b>		<b>+67</b>		<b>+47</b>		<b>+28</b>		<b>+87</b>		<b>+82</b>																
on published admissions numbers, including all temporary increases/decreases and agreed expansion schemes:																																
		+6.2%		+7.7%		+8.3%		+12.3%		+8.6%		+5.1%		+16.0%		+15.0%																
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<b>Commentary:</b>		No immediate further action is currently proposed for Windsor. The surplus of places is expected to be on target in September 2020 (5.1%), but is then expected to rise to around 15% in 2021 and 2022. The borough will be monitoring this, and may bring forward proposals for temporary reductions in Published Admission Numbers if appropriate. There has recently been an army unit move (the Household Cavalry moved out; the Welsh Guards moved in). The current indications are that approximately 100 children across all year groups have moved away, whilst the numbers moving in are lower, although applications for school places are still being made. Despite projected reductions in demand, the borough has been carrying out feasibility works on proposals for expansion in the area to meet the demand arising from new housing as set out in the draft Borough Local Plan. These will be reported to Cabinet in early 2020.																														

**Table 2: 2019-based projections for intakes to secondary schools (including middle and upper schools).**

- White cells indicate a surplus of 5% or more.
- Grey cells indicate a surplus of between 0 and 4.9%.
- Black cells indicate a deficit of places.

a	b c d e				f g h i j k					
	Actuals				Projected					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Ascot Secondary</b>										
<b>Number on roll in Year 7:</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>270</b>
<b>Surplus/deficit</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
on published admissions numbers, including all temporary increases/decreases and agreed expansion schemes:	<b>%</b>		0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
		-4.6%			-0.4%					
<b>Commentary:</b>	No further action is currently planned for Ascot secondary, following on from the expansion of Charters School. Although the projections show a low surplus, or even deficit, of places in some years, there are enough places now to meet the designated area demand in the forecast period. The popularity of Charters School means that any sizeable surplus is undeliverable, because the school will continue to fill with pupils from further afield. The borough has carried out feasibility works on proposals for expansion to meet the demand arising from new housing as set out in the draft Borough Local Plan. These will be reported to Cabinet in early 2020.									
<b>Datchet and Wraysbury Secondary</b>										
<b>Number on roll in Year 7:</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Surplus/deficit</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>+92</b>	<b>+81</b>	<b>+63</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>+10</b>
on published admissions numbers, including all temporary increases/decreases and agreed expansion schemes:	<b>%</b>	+65.7%	+57.9%	+45.0%	+12.7%	+13.6%	+9.1%	+4.5%	+5.5%	+9.1%
<b>Commentary:</b>	No further action is currently proposed for Datchet and Wraysbury secondary. Churchmead School has temporarily reduced its Published Admission Number from 140 to 110, and is now set to increase it to 120 for September 2020. The school is, however, growing in popularity, including with local residents in Datchet and Wraysbury. This will need to be monitored, and it is very possible that future demand could be higher than projected here. The borough has carried out feasibility works on proposals for expansion to meet the demand arising from new housing as set out in the draft Borough Local Plan. These will be reported to Cabinet in early 2020.									

Table 2 continued...

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	Actuals								Projected																															
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024										
<b>Maidenhead Secondary</b>																																								
<b>Number on roll in Year 7:</b>		<b>839</b>		<b>868</b>		<b>874</b>		<b>921</b>		<b>959</b>		<b>992</b>		<b>1,007</b>		<b>1025</b>		<b>1,081</b>		<b>1,032</b>																				
<b>Surplus/deficit</b>		<b>No.</b>		+99		+136		+130		+87		+58		+46		+31		+13		-43		+6																		
on published admissions numbers, including all temporary increases/decreases and agreed expansion schemes.		<b>%</b>		+10.6%		+13.5%		+12.9%		+8.6%		+5.7%		+4.4%		+3.0%		+1.3%		-4.1%		+0.6%																		
<b>Commentary:</b>		<p>No further action is currently proposed for Maidenhead secondary. The surplus of places has been falling, even with the expansions at Cox Green, Furze Platt and Newlands School, and is set to fall below the 5% target from September 2020. The projections suggest a deficit of places by September 2023. This would suggest that urgent further expansion is required, except that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the projections include 6.9 FE of out-borough demand (i.e. 207 per intake). This provides scope to address more local demand by taking fewer out-borough children. This assumption is complicated by the fact that Maidenhead does export significant numbers of children as well. Around 5.1 FE (i.e. 150 per intake) of Maidenhead children got a selective school place in September 2019. If, for whatever reason, this number were to fall, it would increase the local pressure on Maidenhead schools.</li> <li>Holyport College has begun consultation on a proposal that will increase the number of Year 7 places it offers by 26 from September 2020. This will increase the number of places available in Maidenhead secondary schools (the associated removal of the school's Year 9 intake in September 2022 will reduce the number of Year 9 places available for Windsor – see the Windsor Upper section below). Note that the impact of this is not included in the figures above, as the change is not yet approved.</li> </ul> <p>The recent closure of Burnham Park E-Act Academy in Buckinghamshire may have a small impact on demand for school places in Maidenhead. Proposals for a new school on the site have been put forward, but it is unclear at this stage whether this will go ahead.</p> <p>On current trends, therefore, it is expected that designated area demand can be met throughout the forecast period, but this will need to be monitored closely. The borough has completed feasibility works on proposals for expansion in the area to meet the demand arising from new housing as set out in the draft Borough Local Plan. This will be reported to Cabinet in early 2020.</p>																																						

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<b>Windsor Middle</b>																																								
<b>Number on roll in Year 5:</b>		431	453	449	473	499	490	506	485	484	497																													
<b>Surplus/deficit</b>		No.	+19	-3	+31	+37	+39	+48	+32	+53	+54	+41																												
on published admissions numbers, including all temporary increases/decreases and agreed expansion schemes:		%	+4.2%	-0.7%	+6.5%	+7.3%	+7.2%	+8.9%	+5.9%	+9.8%	+10.0%	+7.6%																												
<b>Commentary:</b>		<p>No further action is proposed for Windsor middle schools, beyond the completion of the expansion at Peter's CE Middle School. The surplus of places (which includes the extra places at St Peter's) is set to rise above the 5% surplus place target for much of the forecast period.</p> <p>There has recently been an army unit move (the Household Cavalry moved out; the Welsh Guards moved in). The current indications are that approximately 100 children across all year groups have moved away, whilst the numbers moving in are lower, although applications for school places are still being made. This adds some uncertainty to the projections.</p> <p>The borough is carrying out feasibility works on proposals for expansion in the area to meet the demand arising from new housing as set out in the draft Borough Local Plan.</p>																																						
<b>Windsor Upper</b>																																								
<b>Number on roll in Year 9:</b>		450	403	456	420	482	490	500	542	540	546																													
<b>Surplus/deficit</b>		No.	+2	+49	+56	+92	+30	+22	+12	-30	-28	-24																												
on published admissions numbers, including all temporary increases/decreases and agreed expansion schemes:		%	+0.4%	+10.8%	+10.9%	+18.0%	+5.9%	+4.3%	+2.3%	-5.9%	-5.5%	-4.7%																												
<b>Commentary:</b>		<p>The projections suggest that the surplus of places will fall below the target of 5% from September 2020, becoming a deficit of places from September 2022. There is only limited scope to accommodate local demand by reducing the number of out-borough pupils, as most of these transfer up from the middle schools. Many will have attended first schools close to the borough boundaries – e.g. the Eton first schools.</p> <p>In addition, Holyport College has recently begun consultation on a proposal to remove its Year 9 intake for day pupils from September 2022. This will reduce the number of available places by 26. Note that this is not shown in the table above, as it has not yet been approved. The borough is carrying out feasibility works on proposals for expansion in the area to meet the demand arising from new housing as set out in the draft Borough Local Plan, and will be reporting these to Cabinet in Spring 2020. It is proposed that there should be a second report setting out options for consultation to provide new school places in Maidenhead to address the issues set out above.</p>																																						

- 2.8 On the basis of the 2019 projections, therefore, further work is now required to develop options for new primary school places in Maidenhead, and new upper school places in Windsor. It is proposed that options for providing these places be brought to Cabinet in March 2020, alongside the outcome of the school expansions feasibility programme (see paragraphs 2.14 to 2.24). This would then lead to public consultation on any initial option(s) agreed by Cabinet.
- 2.9 A comparison of previous pupil projections with actual numbers on roll, to give an indication of the level of accuracy is provided at Appendix C [*electronic distribution only*].

#### Reversing temporary reductions in Published Admission Numbers

- 2.10 As noted in the tables above, a number of schools have temporarily reduced their Published Admission Numbers (PANs); including:
- Alwyn Infant School, from 101 to 90.
  - Holyport CE Primary School, from 60 to 30.
  - Churchmead School, from 140 to 110, increasing to 120 in Sept. 2020.
- 2.11 This provides an opportunity to increase the number of places without new accommodation. The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is the admissions authority for Alwyn Infant School, but Holyport Primary and Churchmead Schools are their own admissions authorities and could choose not to revert to their former PAN, if requested to do so by the Royal Borough.
- 2.12 As noted in Table 1, however, reversing the reductions may not necessarily be the best approach currently for permanent new provision, although they could provide temporary relief.

#### **Work on the Borough Local Plan**

- 2.13 Children's Services continues to support the borough in its work on the draft Borough Local Plan, and has considered the likely impact of the proposed changes to the plan, as reported to Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019. The original analysis, supporting the earlier version of the Borough Local Plan, was set out in the borough's Infrastructure Delivery Plan<sup>2</sup>, and specifically in the *Assessment of need for additional education infrastructure*<sup>3</sup>. Following work with the planning policy team over the summer, no major change to our strategy is thought necessary, but the analysis will now be fully updated in time for spring 2020.

#### **Options assessment and feasibility works programme**

- 2.14 In November 2017, the Royal Borough's Cabinet approved a programme of feasibility works to examine the capacity for expansion on all of the state school sites in the borough. This work, which follows on from a desktop exercise, will help ensure that the borough can bring forward specific proposals for consultation and implementation in a timely fashion as the new houses in the emerging Borough Local Plan are built.

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<sup>2</sup> [Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#), The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, January 2018.

<sup>3</sup> [Assessment of need for additional education infrastructure](#), The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, January 2018.

- 2.15 The options assessment and feasibility works programme covers:
- Initial design work for a range of deliverable expansion options on each school site.
  - Some site survey and design work to assist with bringing schemes forward for prioritisation.
- 2.16 Consultants have been commissioned to carry out this work in partnership with officers and schools. The initial design work is being carried out in batches, with ten schools in each, prioritised mainly so that schools in areas with a more urgent likely need (e.g. Maidenhead primary) are completed first.
- 2.17 The work includes consideration of various options for each school, including extensions, partial and full rebuilds for more efficient use of sites and purchase of adjacent land. Varying increases in pupil numbers are also being considered. So far, some schools have several options, whilst others have only one or two.
- 2.18 The work has been carried out in six batches of ten schools, and is expected to complete by the end of 2019. It is proposed that the outcome of this work is reported to Cabinet in March 2020.
- 2.19 Further work is now planned to carry out some supporting survey work - e.g. ecology surveys, drainage and topographical surveys - and additional design, where essential to assess the viability of an option.

#### **Prioritisation of options**

- 2.20 The Royal Borough already has a prioritisation model for the expansion of secondary schools, as last reported to cabinet in May 2018 as part of the decision making process for the expansion of St Peter's CE Middle School. It is proposed that this is now amended and applied to primary schools. The model will, as with the secondaries, prioritise expansion at schools on the basis of:
- Ofsted inspection judgements.
  - School attainment.
  - Oversubscription on places.
  - Inclusion.
  - Cost/value for money.
  - Geographical need (so new places are provided where they are needed).
  - Consultant's comparison score.
- 2.21 The school expansions feasibility studies are scoring options on the basis of deliverability, educational impact, disruption, planning/highways issues and value for money. It is proposed that this scoring is incorporated into the borough's prioritisation model.
- 2.22 This prioritisation model, and its outcomes, will be reported to Cabinet in March 2020.

#### **Traffic, parking and highways**

- 2.23 A number of options for school expansion are likely to be undeliverable due to concerns about congestion around the school sites.

- 2.24 It is proposed, therefore, that appropriate steps be taken to develop costed options for reducing the traffic congestion in the borough arising from travel to and from school. This should seek to encompass best practice from other local authority areas.

### Special Educational Needs

- 2.25 The Infrastructure Delivery Plan for the Borough Local Plan (BLP) highlights the likely need for additional Special Educational Needs school provision in the borough. The BLP includes provision for education facilities within the land allocated for development to the west of Windsor (Housing Allocation reference AL21 and AL22), and it is currently proposed that this should be for a new special school.
- 2.26 The Royal Borough was not, unfortunately, successful in its bid to the DfE for funding for a new special free school on the west of Windsor site as part of the 'Wave 13' free schools programme. It is, however, likely that there will be future opportunities to bid for capital funding for this. In considering future need for Special Educational Needs provision, the borough will also need to take into account new provision potentially opening, both in the borough and in neighbouring local authorities.

### Options

**Table 3: Options arising from this report.**

Option	Comments
The outcome of the borough's school expansion feasibility programme be reported to Cabinet in March 2020, and that this should include a prioritisation matrix of options for the provision of new school places. <b>Recommended</b>	This will brief Cabinet on options for providing new school places to meet the potential demand arising from the new housing in the Borough Local Plan. The borough will then be able to respond more quickly to increasing demand when it is identified.
Specific options be brought to Cabinet for consideration in March 2020 for new school places in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maidenhead primary schools.</li> <li>• Windsor upper schools</li> </ul> <b>Recommended</b>	This will enable Cabinet to consider specific options for public consultation, in relation to its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places to meet demand.

## 3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

**Table 4: Key Implications**

Outcome	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date of delivery
There are no key implications arising from this report.					

#### 4. FINANCIAL DETAILS / VALUE FOR MONEY

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, as there are no specific school place decisions.

##### **Basic Need Grant**

- 4.2 In June 2018 the Education, Skills and Funding Agency (ESFA) confirmed the Royal Borough's Basic Need grant for 2020/21 (financial year) would be £0. This grant is the money given by the government by local authorities to enable them to provide new school places to meet demand. In September 2019, the government wrote to local authorities informing that there would be no announcement in relation to Basic Need in 2019 for the 2021/22 financial year. It is assumed that the allocation for that financial year will be announced following the Spending Review in 2020. The £0 allocation follows on from grants of £1,500,874 and £1,572,213 for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years respectively.
- 4.3 The borough has received a total allocation of £30,772,890 Basic Need grant between 2011/12 and 2020/21 (including Targeted Basic Need). In that period, the borough has spent £57,256,152 on new school places. The difference of £26,483,262 has been funded by S106, other DfE grants (e.g. LCVAP), school funds and the council's capital programme.
- 4.4 The borough has examined the methodology for the grants allocated for the periods 2015/16 to 2021/22, and has concluded that, over that period, the Basic Need grant is significantly less than the amount required because:
- The grant does not cover sixth form places.
  - The grant assumes a 2% surplus. The borough's policy is for 5% surplus places, and applying this to the government methodology would have provided another £4.8m.
  - The grant does not cover the re-provision of existing places and other abnormal elements of schemes.
  - Places funded by S106 or the Community Infrastructure Levy are deducted from the Basic Need Grant.
  - Places provided by free schools are deducted from the Basic Need Grant.
- 4.5 The borough will now be writing to the Department of Education setting out its concerns about the funding allocation. If a response is received in time, this will be reported to Cabinet in the March 2020 report on options for providing new school places.

##### **Value for money**

- 4.6 The government continues to seek improvements in value for money by driving down school delivery costs and seeking to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local authorities in providing new school places. According to the government's [Local Authority School Places Scorecards 2018](#), the borough continues to provide value for money compared to national figures. Between 2015/16 and 2017/18, the average cost of each new school place in the Royal Borough was:
- £8,804, compared to £16,596 nationally for primary places.
  - £16,637, compared to £22,738 nationally for secondary places.

- 4.7 These school projects included in the borough figures are not particularly representative, however, as three of the four primary school schemes were single classroom extensions. They did not, therefore, generally have the costs of ancillary spaces (e.g. toilets, circulation space, halls, additional parking) that would be associated with a full expansion.
- 4.8 The single secondary project in the borough figures involved a significant amount of internal remodelling, rather than new build. It is likely that the secondary cost per place will increase in future scorecards as the latest expansions at Charters School, Cox Green School, Dedworth Middle School and Furze Platt Senior School are included. This is shown in Table 5, which sets out the costs, and cost per place, of recent and ongoing school expansions. The costs of the ongoing projects may change.

**Table 5: Cost of recent school expansion projects**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Total cost</b>	<b>Cost per place</b>	<b>National cost per place</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Charters School	£4,508,189	£21,468	£22,738	-£1,270
Cox Green	£5,800,000	£28,571	£22,738	+£1,632
Dedworth Middle	£4,913,750	£20,474	£22,738	-£2,264
Furze Platt Senior	£9,049,499	£23,814	£22,738	-£2,286
Newlands Girls'	£905,170	£24,464	£22,738	-£1,186
St Peter's CE Middle	£2,700,000	£22,500	£22,738	-£0,238

## 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Local authorities are under a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places in their area. This is set out in the Education Act 1996, Section 14, subsections 1 and 2. The borough receives the 'Basic Need' grant from the government for this purpose, which can be spent on new school places at all types of school (Academy (including free schools), Community, Voluntary Aided and Voluntary Controlled).
- 5.2 There is no legal duty to provide any particular level of surplus places.

## 6. RISK MANAGEMENT

**Table 6: Impact of risk and mitigation**

<b>Risks</b>	<b>Uncontrolled risk</b>	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Controlled risk</b>
Accuracy of pupil projections, with the risk that actual demand is significantly different to that expected.	HIGH	Annual production of pupil projections to take account of the latest information, adjusting proposed actions as necessary.  Inclusion of a surplus of places in planning, to provide capacity in the system in case projections are lower than actual demand.	LOW

## 7. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- 7.1 There are currently no implications arising from the recommendations in this report with regards to staffing/workforce, sustainability, Equalities, Human Rights and community cohesion, accommodation, property or assets.

## 8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 None.

## 9. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 9.1 It is proposed that Cabinet will consider two further reports, in March 2020, setting out the outcome of the school expansions feasibility programme (including a prioritisation matrix) and on options for new school places to meet demand in Maidenhead primary schools and Windsor upper schools.

## 10. APPENDICES

### Contained in paper copies

- Appendix A: Approved school expansion programme.

### Electronic only

- Appendix B: Map showing areas of growth in primary demand.
- Appendix C: Comparison of accuracy of school projections.

## 11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- *Letter from Lord Agnew, DfE, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018.*
- *Letter from Lord Agnew, DfE, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019.*
- *Local Authority School Places Scorecards 2018, DfE, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.*
- *School Capacity Survey 2019, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, July 2019.*
- *Assessment of need for additional education infrastructure, The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, January 2018.*

## 12. CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

Name of consultee	Post held	Date sent	Commented & returned
Cllr S Carroll	Lead Member/ Principal Member/Deputy Lead Member	24/10/2019	25/10/2019
Duncan Sharkey	Managing Director	28/10/2019	07/11/2019
Kevin McDaniel	Director of Children's Services	22/10/2019	22/10/2019
Russell O'Keefe	Strategic Director	28/10/2019	07/11/2019
Andy Jeffs	Strategic Director	28/10/2019	29/10/2019

<b>Name of consultee</b>	<b>Post held</b>	<b>Date sent</b>	<b>Commented &amp; returned</b>
Terry Neaves	Section 151 Officer	28/10/2019	07/11/2019
Nikki Craig	Head of HR and Corporate Projects	28/10/2019	30/10/2019
Louisa Dean	Communications	28/10/2019	07/11/2019
	Other e.g. external		

## **REPORT HISTORY**

<b>Decision type:</b> For information	<b>Urgency item?</b> No	<b>To Follow item?</b> Not applicable.
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## Appendix A: Approved school expansion programme

Table A1: Approved school expansion programme sets out the current approved expansion programme.

**Table A1: Approved school expansion programme**

<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>		<i>f</i>
Area	School	Current PAN	Proposed PAN post expansion	Increase on current PAN		First year of increase (Sept.)
				No.	FE*	
<b>Secondary Phase 1</b>						
Ascot	Charters School	240	270	+30	+1.0	2017
Maidenhead	Cox Green School	176	206	+30	+1.0	2017
	Furze Platt Senior School	193	223	+30	+1.0	2017
Windsor	Dedworth Middle School	120	150	+30	+1.0	2017
	The Windsor Boys' School	230	260	+30	+1.0	2017
	Windsor Girls' School	178	208	+30	+1.0	2017
<b>Ascot Primary</b>						
Ascot	Cheapside CE Primary	16	30	+14	+0.5	2017
<b>Secondary Phase 2</b>						
Maidenhead	Furze Platt Senior School	193	253	+60	+2.0	2018
Windsor	Dedworth Middle School	120	180	+60	+1.0	2018
<b>Secondary Phase 3</b>						
Windsor	St Peter's CE Middle	60	90	+30	+1.0	2019

\*FE means Form of Entry. 1 FE = one class of 30 children per year group.

A further 6 places per year group have also been added at Newlands' Girls School. This scheme, funded largely by S106 contributions, was not part of the formal secondary expansion programme but nevertheless increased the number of places available.

These schemes are proceeding as follows:

- Cheapside completed.
- The Windsor Boys' School completed.
- Windsor Girls School completed.
- Charters School completed.
- Cox Green School completed.
- Newlands Girls' School completed.
- Dedworth Middle School completion due Autumn 2018.
- Furze Platt Senior School completion due Summer 2020.
- St Peter's CE Middle School planning application approved.