

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
18 OCTOBER 2016
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN SCHOOLS
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To scrutinise capital improvements being made in schools in Nottingham.
- 1.2 To ensure that the programme to improve schools in Nottingham meets the demands for the city.

2 Action required

The Committee is asked to

- 2.1 consider the programme for capital improvements to schools in Nottingham and how the Council will manage the challenges;
- 2.2 use the information received at the meeting to inform scrutiny of improvements being made to schools in Nottingham;
- 2.3 identify any potential areas for further scrutiny activity for inclusion in the work programme.

3 Background information

- 3.1 Local authorities are statutorily responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient schools, and therefore school places, in their area. Local authorities carry out an assessment of demographic changes and then plan and finance new school places. Financing includes the use of funding provided by the Department for Education (DfE). In many cases, there will be a range of possible solutions to providing new school places, ranging from building new schools, permanent or temporary school extensions to converting existing space within schools for use as classrooms.
- 3.2 In the Council Plan 2015-2019, the Council pledged to guarantee a choice of places for every child at a local primary school as well as creating more special school places for Nottingham children's additional needs. During 2011-2015, the Council invested in schools by improving the buildings at a further 19 schools, whilst also investing in a further 7 primary schools to increase the number of places available and improve facilities.
- 3.3 The Committee will focus on:

- How the Council plans to deliver additional school places and special educational needs provision in the City.
- Is the Council in a position to attract investment into the City to support investment into Nottingham schools?
- How does the Council plan to manage significant budget pressures whilst continuing to invest in schools in Nottingham?

3.4 The table below identifies the number of pupils on roll by phase in the City of Nottingham schools, 2012-16 (the data has been obtained by Information Management City of Nottingham Children and Families April 2016).

Number on roll by Phase in City of Nottingham Schools 2012 - 2016

Phase of School	Year				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Nursery	125	123	117	119	141
Primary	14,879	14,765	17,272	18,818	21,165
Primary inc Academy Primary Phase	28,551	28,138	26,694	25,869	24,865
Secondary	1,323	2,015	3,259	4,330	6,194
Academy	13,640	12,508	11,160	10,161	8,259
Special	477	463	430	404	337
PRU	200	144	98	61	24
City of Nottingham Total	17,004	17,510	21,176	23,732	27,861
City of Nottingham Total inc Academy Primary Phase	44,316	43,391	41,758	40,944	39,820

4 List of attached information

4.1 None.

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 School Expansion Programme and Admissions in Nottingham, Overview and Scrutiny Report, 8 July 2015.

7 Wards affected

7.1 All.

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