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REFERENCE: CS-01-17

STATUTORY NOTICE REGARDING THE EXPANSION OF THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL, AMESBURY

Purpose of Report

To ask the Cabinet Member to approve the statutory proposal published by Wiltshire Council on 26 January 2017. The notice seeks to enlarge the premises of The Stonehenge School by incrementally admitting an additional 60 pupils into Year 7 from September 2018. This will be accommodated through building works to provide purpose built new accommodation (subject to the receipt of planning permission). The current capacity of the school is 820 and the proposed capacity will be 1120, an increase of 300 places

Consultation

A consultation starting in 11th November 2016 and concluding in 9th December 2016 preceded the publication of the statutory proposals on 26th January 2017. The Public Notice period of four weeks ended on 23rd February 2017.

Options Considered

The option to expand another secondary school rather than expand The Stonehenge School in Amesbury could have been considered. However, The Stonehenge School is a good school, well regarded by parents and is close to the new housing at King's Gate, Amesbury. Therefore, the proposal is most consistent with a policy of expansion of local popular and successful schools.

Reason for Decision

The proposal published by Wiltshire Council has secured significant backing from the community of parents, and will help to secure the future of good secondary education in the locality.

DECISION MADE

I approve :

To expand Stongehenge school from 820 to 1120 students aged 11 to 16 starting in 2018 with 60 extra students in each age group.

This decision was published on 7 March 2017 and will come into force on 15 March 2017.

The following supporting documents are attached:

CS-01-17 Report
CS-01-17 Appendix 1

Date:7 March 2017..... signed.....

Cllr Laura Mayes
Cabinet Member for Children's Services