

SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING (UPDATE REPORT)

LISTED ON THE FORWARD PLAN	YES
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide members of the Children and Young People's Select Committee with an update on progress made towards securing additional secondary school places to meet in year demand.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The committee is asked to make any recommendations as appropriate so they can be taken into account in future school place planning.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee considered the authority's new role to co-ordinate in year admissions and the need for sufficient additional places for young people applying for school places during the course of the academic year when it met on 16 November 2010.
- 3.2 Following the discussion, it was resolved that the Director of Children and Young People's Services be asked to write to the relevant admission authorities to identify any opportunities to increase capacity to accommodate the demand for places and that the Select Committee be kept informed of the outcome of this exercise.
- 3.3 A letter was sent to all secondary schools where, according to information held by Children and Young People's Services, it may be possible for existing buildings to accommodate additional students. Each organisation was asked to provide a response to this request by Friday 18 February 2011.
- 3.4 Lord Grey School, Shenley Brook End and The Milton Keynes Academy all responded stating that they had no plans to increase their admission numbers. Stantonbury Campus, Leon School and Sports College, Ousedale School and The Hazeley School responded either with a proposal to increase their admission number or inviting further discussion. Oakgrove School provided a holding response.
- 3.5 As a result of further discussion alongside continued analysis of in year admission trends, 97 additional secondary school places have been secured. These places will be funded from September 2011. The places are as follows:

Year group	Additional provision
Year 8	30 places at Stantonbury Campus
	16 places at Ousedale School
Year 9	16 places at Ousedale School
	19 places at The Hazeley School
Year 10	(A minimum of)16 places at Ousedale School

- 3.6 In those schools with places available (in line with their current Planned Admission Number) we have taken steps to provide additional financial stability to facilitate and support school planning. 46 places will be funded from September 2011. The places are as follows:

Year group	Fully funded provision
Year 8	10 places at Leon School and Sports College
Year 9	17 places at The Radcliffe School (<i>subject to discussion</i>)
Year 10	19 places at The Radcliffe School (<i>subject to discussion</i>)

- 3.7 Taken together, these places should enable a more balanced distribution of students arriving in year during the forthcoming academic year.
- 3.8 A significant challenge during the current academic year has been the high number of students requiring a place in Year 11. Many of these students had not been following a GCSE programme of study. Flexible placements with Milton Keynes College are being piloted this year. If successful, Children and Young People's Services will continue to develop this option.