

## INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION REPORT

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**Approval to permanently expand Leckhampton C of E Primary School from its current two forms of entry to three forms of entry from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.**

<b>Dates between which decision will be taken</b>	Earliest date: 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 Latest date: 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
<b>Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Growth</b>	Cllr Lynden Stowe
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Background Papers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consultation document</li><li>• Consultation report</li><li>• Due Regard Statement</li><li>• Head of Education Decision report</li><li>• Frequently asked questions</li><li>• Lead Cabinet Member Delegated Decision Report</li></ul>
<b>Location/Contact for inspection of Background Documents</b>	Background papers can be found on the following web link: <a href="http://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/leckhampton">www.goucestershire.gov.uk/leckhampton</a>
<b>Main Consultees</b>	School staff, Governors, Parents/carers of pupils at Leckhampton C of E Primary School, Leckhampton Parish Council, GCC Councillors, Cheltenham Borough Councillors, MP, GAPH, GASH, GASSH, Diocese of Gloucester, Clifton Diocese, local primary and secondary schools, Trade Unions, Teaching Unions and local community.
<b>Planned Dates</b>	Revised admission for 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2019
<b>Divisional Councillor</b>	Cllr Iain Dobie
<b>Officer</b>	<b>Any representations should be sent to:</b>  Clare Medland, Head of Commissioning for Learning <a href="mailto:leckhamptondecision@goucestershire.gov.uk">leckhamptondecision@goucestershire.gov.uk</a>  <b>By 5pm on Wednesday 14 November 2018</b>

<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To report on representations received following publication of the statutory notice published on the 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2018.
<b>Recommendations</b>	It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Growth should approve the permanent expansion of Leckhampton C of E Primary School from its current 2 forms of entry (420 pupils) to three forms of entry (630 pupils) starting in September 2019.
<b>Reasons for Recommendations</b>	Additional places are required in Leckhampton to meet the local demand for places arising from demographic growth to fulfil the local authority's statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places.
<b>Resource Implications</b>	The capital cost of the expansion will be met from basic need sufficiency grant at an estimated cost of £3.5m. The contract will be procured using the GCC's approved Major Project Framework. On-going revenue costs associated with the expansion will be funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Leckhampton C of E Primary School is a Voluntary Controlled school located in Leckhampton, Cheltenham. The school offers places for girls and boys aged 4-11. The school offers 60 Reception places each year and has a total capacity for 420 pupils.

## 2. Background

- 2.1. In order to address the rising demand for primary school places in the Leckhampton area due to the increase in the population of children under five, an additional one form of entry (30 pupils) was introduced on a temporary basis at Leckhampton C of E Primary for the September 2018 Reception intake.
- 2.2. Of the 90 places available for September 2018, 78 (86%) of children lived less than 0.6 miles of the school. 12 additional children were offered a place through sibling connection over this distance, with 8 living within 1 mile.
- 2.3. For the 2017 reception intake, the furthest distance allocated to a pupil without a sibling connection was 0.59 miles. Of the 60 pupils allocated, 30 were siblings with 6 (10%) pupils living beyond 0.59 miles of the school.
- 2.4. In 2016 the furthest distance allocated to a pupil without a sibling connection was 0.69 miles. Of the 60 pupils allocated places, 20 were siblings and 3 (5%) were living beyond 0.69 miles of the school.
- 2.5. The Reception intake data as published on allocation day 2018 can be found in [Annexe A](#) of this report.
- 2.6. In April 2018, the Head of Education took a decision to consult on the proposal to permanently increase the Reception intake at Leckhampton C of E Primary School from 60 places to 90 with effect from September 2019. The latest pupil projections indicate the need for additional school places is local to Leckhampton C of E Primary. The forecasts for the school planning area can be found in [Annexe B](#) of this report.
- 2.7. A consultation was carried out between 8<sup>th</sup> May and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The council received a total of 380 responses to the consultation, 372 questionnaires and eight letters. 122 (33%) strongly agreed or agreed, 215 (58%) of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed, 33 (9%) neither agreed nor disagreed and two further entries were received where no response was made.
- 2.8. The main points raised by respondents related to:
  - Traffic, parking and congestion;
  - Concerns over the reduction in playing field space;

- Acknowledgement of the need for additional primary places, but a desire to share the numbers with other schools/build a new primary school;
- The school will be too big and would lose the 'family' feel;
- Support for the proposal as places are needed for children to be able to attend their local school;
- Environmental and pollution issues;
- Loss of collective assembly;
- Building work disruption;
- Concerns over the expansion of the catchment area and the siblings admission criteria and
- Other schools are not full so spaces are not required.

2.9. The full report is available at in at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/leckhampton](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/leckhampton) under 'Supporting Documents'.

2.10. On the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Growth considered the response from the consultation before taking the formal decision to publish a Statutory Notice.

### **3. Publication of statutory notice**

3.1. The Statutory Notice proposing to increase the Published Admission Number of Leckhampton C of E Primary to 90 for the September 2019 intake was published on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Stakeholders were invited to make any further representations in respect of the decision to expand between the 6<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

3.2. A total of 343 responses and objections to the proposed expansion were received to the Leckhampton consultation email mailbox; some of these representations were also sent to Officers within GCC, Councillors and the local MP, but have only been counted once. It was noted that several of the responses were of a generic nature based on templates shared. 327 respondents opposed or had concerns about the proposed expansion; 10 supported the proposal and 6 did not agree or disagree. All responses received up to midnight on the 4<sup>th</sup> October were considered.

3.3. Responses received can be grouped into the following themes.

#### **Theme 1**

3.4. Increased pollution, road safety, traffic and congestion at drop off and pick up times.

#### **Response**

3.5. As additional places are being provided to meet local demand it is expected that the vast majority of children will live within the 2 mile statutory walking distance to the school and the school will encourage parents and pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Gloucestershire Highways have been made aware of this proposal and will be formally consulted as part of the planning application process. They will have the opportunity to make

recommendations and, where appropriate, include conditions to mitigate any potential highways impact.

- 3.6. GCC Highways is also working with Cllr Iain Dobie to explore the installation of a school safety zone around Leckhampton C of E Primary School. GCC Highways will consult with local residents on any proposals, prior to implementation.
- 3.7. As part of the design process, the current pedestrian and vehicular access to the school site will be improved and a Travel Consultant will assist the school in developing a School Travel Plan. The school is keen to develop and promote sustainable travel options to reduce traffic in the area. Following a meeting with a representative of the Parish Council and Cheltenham Borough Council, the school has requested to work in partnership with the Parish Council to use their knowledge of the area to identify locations within the community and develop initiatives such as a 'walking bus' or alternative drop off locations. The additional revenue funding that the school would receive as part of the proposed expansion will enable them to staff these initiatives.

## **Theme 2**

- 3.8. A three form entry school is too big.

### **Response**

- 3.9. Within Gloucestershire there are currently five three forms of entry primary schools, along with five three forms of entry infant and junior schools. Gloucestershire also has one four forms of entry infant and junior school. The Department for Education (DfE) and the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) now consider a 2 form entry (420 places) school to be the minimum size for a primary school in terms of viability and sustainability. Increasingly 3FE and 4FE primary schools are being delivered to meet demand across the country.
- 3.10. The Headteacher and Governing Body are confident that with the school and parents working together as a family, the ethos of the school will continue to grow.
- 3.11. There is no correlation between the size of a school and the quality of provision. However, expansion of the school will be carefully managed by the school leadership team and Governing Body to ensure standards remain high. The expansion will provide additional opportunities to provide a wider and creative approach to the curriculum to enable every child to thrive.

## **Theme 3**

- 3.12. Provide a new school to meet Leckhampton demand.

### **Response**

- 3.13. Gloucestershire County Council does not have an alternative site available for a new primary school located in the community where the places are required. Providing the required additional capacity at an alternative site

away from the locality would be contrary to the Council policy of providing local school places for local children and reduce the opportunity for parents to walk their children to school.

- 3.14. Further, it would result in a large number of children needing to travel to access their primary education. This would result in an increase in traffic movement, raise pollution levels and exacerbate the concerns already expressed by the local community. This would also place additional pressure on the council's Home to School Transport budget, with many of these pupils being eligible to free transport due to there being inadequate school capacity within their community.

#### **Theme 4**

- 3.15. Loss of green space and play space and other school facilities.

#### **Response**

- 3.16. In accordance with DfE area guidelines for schools, the site of Leckhampton C of E Primary is of sufficient size to accommodate a 3 form entry school. The project to provide additional accommodation will be designed in consultation with the Governing Body, Headteacher and wider school community. It will also ensure the overall area requirements for a 3 form entry school will be delivered minimising the use of green space. The Governing Body has expressed the importance of having an internal space large enough for the whole school to come together. This will be factored into the design of the additional accommodation required for a 3 form entry school.
- 3.17. It is also important for the school that all classrooms are together and not in a separate teaching block so the flow and family feel can be retained.
- 3.18. Existing curricular spaces such as Music will either be redesigned, or replaced as part of any plan that is developed.
- 3.19. The expansion will provide an opportunity to improve the existing playing field surface and provide play areas which can be used all year round.
- 3.20. Any building work would be carried out by contractors who are experienced in ensuring that there is minimal disruption to the day to day operation of the school. Where possible, work would be scheduled to maximise school holiday periods and contractors would liaise with a designated representative of the school to agree the programme of works for each week of the project. Working with the school, the contractors would be made aware of key dates, including SATs, and plan the work around them accordingly.

#### **Theme 5**

- 3.21. Clarification of the consultation and decision making process

#### **Response**

- 3.22. Gloucestershire County Council's published democratic process has been correctly followed in line with its Constitution, Decision Making Process and in accordance with national statutory guidance *Making 'prescribed alterations' to the local authority maintained schools*.

- 3.23. A Delegated Decision was taken by the Head of Education on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to initiate a consultation on the proposal to expand the school. A four week consultation period began on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and ended on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018. A report was produced by Officers and considered by the Lead Cabinet Member before a decision was taken on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to publish a Statutory Notice. The Statutory notice was published on 6<sup>th</sup> September for a four week period expiring on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- 3.24. If the expansion is approved, any planning application would be submitted to Gloucestershire County Council Planning Authority under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.

## **Theme 6**

- 3.25. Strategic Vision for School Place Commissioning

### **Response**

- 3.26. The Education and Inspections Act 2006, Academies Act 2010 and Education Act 2011 placed a duty on local authorities to act as commissioners, rather than providers, of school places. Gloucestershire County Council, like all Local authorities, is under a statutory duty to:
- Ensure there are sufficient school places in their area;
  - Promote high educational standards;
  - Ensure fair access and equal opportunity;
  - Promote the fulfilment of every child's educational potential;
  - Promote diversity in provision;
  - Expand popular and successful schools; and
  - Increase opportunities for parents to access schools of their choice.
- 3.27. It is the Council's policy to provide schools and school places in locations which enable children to be educated in their local community and to minimise travel distance and journey times. The Council is in the process of updating its new School Places Strategy (2018-2023) and will be publishing it shortly. The Strategic Review of Primary Education Planning Areas to the Central, South & West of Cheltenham can be found at <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/school-places-in-cheltenham/>

## **Theme 7**

- 3.28. The expansion would lead to a drop in standards at this outstanding school

### **Response**

- 3.29. All schools of any size are required to maintain and improve education provision. The Governing Body and the leadership team at the school have a strong track record and will be responsible for ensuring that standards of education provision are maintained. The Headteacher and Governing Body are confident that with the school working together with parents the educational standards and the family ethos will continue to grow. The

Local Authority has significant experience and expertise in the successful expansion of schools, and will support the school through the transition from a two form entry school to a three form entry school as necessary.

- 3.30. The additional pupils will result in an increase to the school's budget. As a result, the school will have the opportunity to use the additional resources to offer a wider curriculum experience and enhanced opportunities for children. The school will continue to offer a full range of extra curricular activities.

### **Theme 8**

- 3.31. Inaccuracy of admissions data

#### **Response**

- 3.32. The Council is required by the Department for Education to produce admissions information for all Reception children as at Allocation Day. The published data relates to new placements for pupils without siblings. In accordance with the published Admissions Policy, applications for places from children with a sibling at the school are allocated prior to the consideration of applications for new children without a sibling connection. The published allocation data refers to the furthest distance for a non sibling Reception place (0.59 miles). The pupil data in 2018 has shown that, whilst there were 46 (51%) Reception places allocated to siblings only, 12 children were offered a place over this distance, with 8 living within 1 mile. 86% of all Reception places were allocated to pupils living less than 0.6 miles from the school.

### **Theme 9**

- 3.33. Leckhampton Admissions Criteria

#### **Response**

- 3.34. All Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools follow Gloucestershire County Council's determined admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria. Gloucestershire County Council consulted in 2016 for the 2018 admission intake and these arrangements will stay in place until the next consultation in 2023 (unless the government makes a major change to the Admissions Code). Any proposed changes would apply to all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools of which there are 141, and not just Leckhampton C of E Primary.

## **4. Options**

- 4.1. **Option 1 - Do nothing**

#### **Implications**

- 4.2. Gloucestershire County Council has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient school places where they are needed. Failure to provide additional capacity to meet the rising demand in the Leckhampton School Planning Area will see children being allocated places some distance from their homes and outside of their local community. This will also result in the

Council having to fund transport and, over time, expand alternative schools out of area – which will inevitably have a negative impact on traffic and pollution levels and community cohesion.

**4.3. Option 2 - Expansion of Leckhampton C of E Primary School from its current 2 forms of entry (420 pupils) to three forms of entry (630 pupils) starting in September 2019**

**Implications**

- 4.4. The expansion of Leckhampton C of E Primary School would be in accordance the Department for Education's policy and the Council's duty to expand popular and successful schools. It would also support the Council's policy of creating local places for local children.
- 4.5. The Leckhampton Primary School site has sufficient space to accommodate a 3 form entry school (in accordance with Building Bulletin 103) and the Council will allocate funding from its basic need capital grant to fund the necessary building project – improving facilities and opportunities for all pupils across the school.

**4.6. Option 3 - Expand alternative primary schools or provide a new school away from the area of increased demand**

**Implications**

- 4.7. A total of 1030 additional primary school places have been added to the Cheltenham primary school system since 2012; 840 of these are additional permanent places with 220 being temporary bulge classes - with 420 of these places being in the south. Any further capacity increase will be outside of the Leckhampton/Hatherley School Planning area. Consequently, pupils would be allocated schools outside of their local community. This would result in increased transport costs to the Council and have negative impact on traffic and pollution levels and community cohesion.
- 4.8. Officers have also explored the option of building a new 2 form entry primary school/all-through school on land designated for the new Cheltenham Secondary School Provision at Farm Lane, Cheltenham. However, the site is not of sufficient size to accommodate a 2 form entry primary school and a 6 form entry secondary school, as well as being further from the area of increased demand. There are no other suitable sites in the locality, with the cost of a new build being in the region of £7m (excluding land costs) compared with £3.5m for a 1 FE expansion of existing provision.

**5. Officer Advice**

- 5.1. Officers recommend that the Lead Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Growth adopts option 2 and proceeds with an expansion of

Leckhampton C of E Primary School from its current 2 forms of entry (420 pupils) to three forms of entry (630 pupils) starting in September 2019.

- 5.2. The County Council has a statutory duty to ensure that sufficient school places are available for every child of school age whose parents/carer wishes them to have one. Without additional primary capacity in the south of Cheltenham, it will not be possible to meet this duty and it will be necessary for children to travel some distance to alternative schools outside of the area. This would also result in the Council having to fund transport and, over time, expand alternative schools away from the area of need to provide adequate capacity and prevent further displacement. This will inevitably have a negative impact on traffic and pollution levels and community cohesion in and around Leckhampton and the wider area.
- 5.3. The Council could build a new 2 form entry primary school to meet the need. However, there are no suitable sites available within the area of increased demand – even taking into account the Council owned land at Farm Lane identified for the new secondary school. Further, the Council would be unable to demonstrate the legal conditions necessary to acquire additional land by way of a Compulsory Purchase Order to increase site capacity to build an ‘all-through’ school.
- 5.4. Building away from the area of need would result in children being unable to attend a local school, increase pupil movements and result in significant additional capital and revenue costs – with an on-going transport liability being created for the Council each year. This approach would also be contrary to the council’s policy of providing local provision for local children.
- 5.5. Leckhampton C of E Primary has been identified as the most appropriate school to meet the increased demand for places.
- 5.6. Pupil admission and forecast data show that the increased demand for places is coming directly from the community served by the school – with 86% of places being allocated in September 2018 to children living less than 0.6 miles of the school. For children without a sibling connection, this increases to 100% of places for pupils without a sibling connection. Further, in terms of whole school places, 403 or 86% of pupils live within 1 mile of the school and 450 (96%) within 2 miles. This pattern has been repeated over a number of years, with the increase in demand primarily being a result of demographic growth – an increase in both the local birth rate and inward migration.
- 5.7. As the school is located in the area of increased demand, it will prevent additional pupil movement and enable children to be educated in their local community. Any building programme will also seek to improve upon existing highways arrangements, with the school working in partnership with the Parish Council to encourage walking/cycling and creating drop off points to avoid parking and congestion in the immediate vicinity of the school.
- 5.8. The proposal to expand Leckhampton C of E Primary School is supported by the Headteacher, Governing Body and the Diocese of Gloucester. Further, the proposal is also in line with Department of Education’s policy and the council’s duty to expand successful and popular schools.

- 5.9. The school site has sufficient capacity to accommodate three forms of entry. The Local Authority will project manage the delivery of any new accommodation in line with Building Bulletin 103 Guidelines to ensure there is sufficient accommodation to meet the needs of all pupils now and into the future – minimising the use of green space.
- 5.10. Building work will be undertaken by contractors, appointed from the Council's Framework, who are experienced in delivering schemes on operational school sites to ensure there is minimal disruption.
- 5.11. Whilst there have been a significant number of objections to the proposed expansion, it is the considered view of officers that for the reasons outlined above, the proposal continues to be the most appropriate option to meet the increased demand for local places.

## **6. Risk Assessment**

### **6.1 Risk 1 - The introduction of additional capacity will negatively impact other schools**

#### **Mitigation**

- 6.2 Providing additional places at Leckhampton C of E Primary School will meet local demand and it is unlikely to have a negative impact on other schools. Should places be provided outside the local area this would remove the option for parents to apply for a place at their local school.
- 6.3 In line with the School Places Strategy (2018-2023) and the Strategic Review of Primary Education Planning Areas, the proposed expansion of Leckhampton C of E School is being considered as part of an overall county strategy and not in isolation – preventing any negative impact upon other schools.
- 6.4 Leckhampton C of E Primary has been identified as the school most appropriate to meet the demand for school places arising from demographic growth. This proposal is in line with DfE Policy to expand successful and popular schools where possible to enable parents to access and outstanding education at the heart of their community.

### **6.5 Risk 2 - The new building work is not completed before the additional places are required.**

#### **Mitigation**

- 6.6 Should approval be given to expand Leckhampton C of E Primary School, Contractors and Architects appointed will undertake feasibility work and have early discussions with Gloucestershire County Council Planners to address any potential site and planning issues which may arise during the proposed building project.
- 6.7 GCC will work with the school to provide the accommodation required for the additional pupils should approval be given. Given the timescales for the planning process it is unlikely that all the necessary building work will be completed by 2019. Should the school not have appropriate accommodation available for the September 2019 Reception intake, GCC

will provide a temporary classroom until building works have been completed.

### **6.8 Risk 3 - Increased traffic and pollution**

#### **Mitigation**

- 6.9 Discussions with GCC Highways and GCC Planners will be held to identify any necessary improvements that can be made to mitigate any potential impact. Following the planning process GCC Highways may request highways work around the school be completed as part of the expansion project.
- 6.10 A traffic consultant will be appointed to work with the Governing Body to develop a Travel Plan and to work with parents and pupils to encourage them to walk or cycle to school. In addition, the Parish Council has agreed to work with the school to assist them in exploring possible locations for a drop off point to establish a 'walking bus'.
- 6.11 Once the Design Team has been appointed options for improving access to the school site will be explored, including any possibilities for additional pedestrian access points to the school.
- 6.12 Not expanding Leckhampton C of E Primary would result in some local parents being unable to send their children to their community school. Furthermore, it would mean that they would have less opportunity to walk or cycle which would exacerbate traffic and pollution in the wider area.

### **6.13 Risk 4 - Maintaining standards at an outstanding school**

#### **Mitigation**

- 6.14 It is the responsibility of the Governing Body and leadership team to ensure the standards are maintained or raised with the support of the Local Authority. The school are confident that continuing to work together with parents, standards and the family ethos will continue to grow. The Local Authority will provide any support the school require through the transition from a two form entry to a three form entry school.
- 6.15 The school was inspected in March 2008 and judged to be outstanding. The 2011 Education Act states from January 2012 schools previously judged to be outstanding would not be subject to routine inspection unless concerns are raised about their performance. The school had an interim assessment in 2011 and were judged to be outstanding.

### **6.16 Risk 5 – Accuracy of School forecasts**

#### **Mitigation**

- 6.17 The County Council has an excellent track record of school place planning – ensuring that the supply is in line with demand and parents are given the best possible chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools. Since 2014, GCC has provided over 96% of pupils in the County with a

place at one of their preferred Primary/Infant schools with at least 88% getting their first preference. The planning cycle – the process of forecasting, review and change is a continual one, with all forecasts being reviewed annually.

## **7. Resource implications**

- 7.1. Funding for any new buildings/remodelling of existing accommodation will be met from basic need capital grant funding at an estimated capital cost of £3.5m allocated from central government to address infrastructure requirements from the local population growth. The contract will be procured using the GCC's approved Major Project Framework.
- 7.2. On-going revenue costs associated with the expansion will be funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant.

## **8. Equalities considerations**

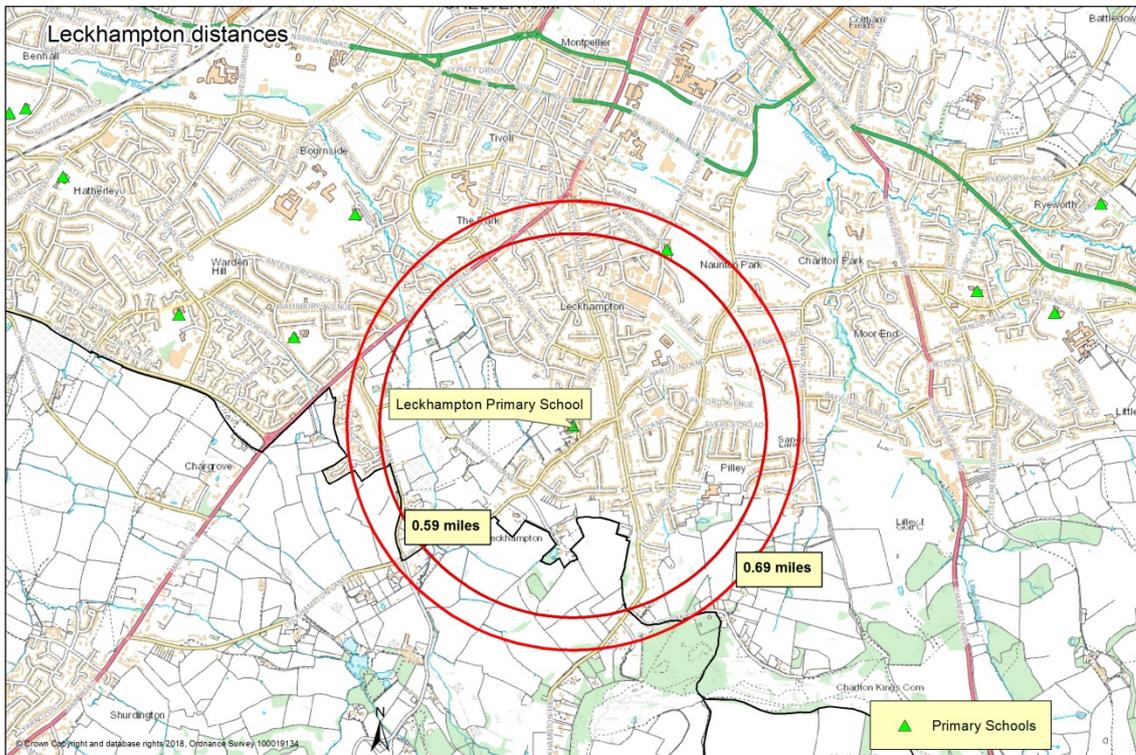
- 8.1. A Due Regard statement was drafted before the consultation and has been updated. The proposal does not discriminate against any of the protected groups and actively seeks to ensure equality of opportunity to improve outcomes for all children.

## **9. Performance Management/Follow-up**

- 9.1. Subject to Lead Cabinet Member approval, an experienced project group will be set up by the Council to manage all aspects of the school expansion under the direction of the Head of Commissioning for Learning and Director of Education.

## Annexe A - Reception intake data for Leckhampton C of E Primary

Year	Total preferences	First preferences	Last distance allocated (in miles)	Reception Intake
2016	271	66	0.69	60
2017	267	65	0.59	60
2018	259	106	0.59	90



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## Annexe B - Forecast data for the Hatherley/Leckhampton area

Planning Area 9161840 - Hatherley/Leckhampton							
Establishment Number	School Name	PAN Intake as at Sept 2018	PAN Intake as at Sept 2019	Reception 2019/20	Reception 2020/21	Reception 2021/22	Reception 2022/23
2165	Benhall Infant School	60	60	60	60	60	60
2151	Greatfield Park Primary School	30	30	30	30	30	30
2160	Lakeside Primary School	90	90	90	90	90	90
3094	Leckhampton C of E Primary School	90	60	60	60	60	60
2155	Naunton Park Primary School	60	60	60	60	60	60
3096	St James' C of E Primary School	60	60	60	60	60	60
5210	Warden Hill Primary School	60	60	60	60	60	60
Unplaced Pupils				5	15	17	17
Pupils forecast from housing *				31	36	41	45
In Year capacity				21	22	22	22
<b>Planning area sub total</b>		450	420	477	493	500	504
<b>Available places</b>				<b>-57</b>	<b>-73</b>	<b>-80</b>	<b>-84</b>
<b>Potential expansion of Leckhampton &amp; Warden Hill Primary</b>				60	60	60	60
<b>Available places</b>				<b>3</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-24</b>

\*Based on current information of the 377 houses approved at Farm Lane (Redrow development) 58 dwellings have been sold and the remaining development is planned to be completed by end of 2021.

NB - Historic preference information has shown that a small number of children in this planning area actively seek places at alternative schools. Capacity in those planning areas has been increased accordingly.

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<b>Statutory Authority</b>	Gloucestershire County Council's statutory duty under the Education Act 2011
<b>Relevant County Council policy</b>	Building Better Lives
<b>Resource Implications</b>	The capital cost of the expansion will be met from basic need sufficiency grant at an estimated cost of £3.5m. The contract will be procured using the GCC's approved Major Project Framework. On-going revenue costs associated with the expansion will be funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant.
<b>Sustainability checklist:</b>	Working in partnership with the school and its Governors the proposals, if accepted, will increase the number of places available at the school for local children.
Partnerships	
Decision Making and Involvement	The Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Growth will decide whether to permanently increase the Reception intake at Leckhampton C of E Primary School from 60 places to 90 places with effect from September 2019.
Economy and Employment	Further employment opportunities if the school expands.
Caring for people	No impact.
Social Value	Supporting children and families to find school places in the immediate locality.
Built Environment	Enhancement and remodelling of the school layout and provision of new accommodation.
Natural Environment including Ecology (Biodiversity)	No impact.
Education and Information	Provision of extra spaces will allow local children to access their school within their local community.

<b>Tackling Climate Change</b>	<p>Carbon Emissions Implications? Neutral</p> <p>Vulnerable to climate change? No</p>
<b>Due Regard Statement</b>	<p>Has a Due Regard Statement been completed? Yes</p> <p>Yes - considerations included in main body of report</p> <p>A copy of the full Due Regard Statement can be accessed on GLOSTEXT via <a href="http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/uuCoverPage.aspx?bcr=1">http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/uuCoverPage.aspx?bcr=1</a></p> <p>Alternatively a hard copy is available for inspection from Jo Moore, Democratic Services Unit, e-mail: <a href="mailto:jo.moore@gloucestershire.gov.uk">jo.moore@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a>.</p>
<b>Human rights Implications</b>	<p>None.</p>
<b>Consultation Arrangements</b>	<p>A consultation document was sent to all stakeholders for the initial consultation. A website set up to record electronic responses and a FREEPOST address for written responses. A drop in session was held with interested parties to discuss any concerns. An email mailbox was used for representations to the statutory notice to be received. All comments received up to midnight on the 4<sup>th</sup> October were considered.</p>