



INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF PLANNING	PLANNING COMMITTEE	19 JANUARY 2022	11
EDUCATION LIAISON GROUP - OUTSIDE BODY UPDATE			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Education Liaison Group is an outside body that was established to ensure effective communication between Fylde and Lancashire County Councils in their respective roles as the Local Planning and Education Authorities. In particular, the body seeks to ensure that there are sufficient school places available to support the new homes that are being delivered across the borough and to ensure that any contributions received by Fylde Council through Sn 106 Agreements associated with these developments are spent in a coordinated and timely manner.

It is intended that in addition to the regular reports provided by Councillors Redcliffe and Nulty, the elected members nominated to the body by the Planning Committee, an annual report be placed before members to provide an update on the work of the body/group. Accordingly, this report seeks to provide committee members with an update on the work of the Education Liaison Group during 2021.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Minutes of the meetings of the Education Liaison Group and Fylde Council monitoring of Sn 106 payments

LINK TO INFORMATION

The information is attached as appendix 1.

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

To ensure Members of the Planning Committee are kept up to date regarding the delivery of new and improved infrastructure.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Appendix 1 - Summary of the work of the Education Liaison Group 2021

During 2021, the Education Liaison Group met on 21 May and 3 November 2021. Key items discussed were as follows:

Section 106 funds held by Fylde Council for the purposes of improving education provision

The Council's Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) indicates that as of 31 March 2021 **£1,314,421.90** is available to support the delivery of improvements to local education facilities.

During 2020/21 the Council received Sn 106 payments totalling **£60,148** to support new education infrastructure.

On 19 May 2021, the Planning Committee resolved:

To recommend to Council approval of a fully funded revenue budget increase of £393,089 fully funded from the S106 contribution (application 12/0465) and to authorise the sum of £278,792 be paid to Lancashire County Council and £114,297 be paid direct to Clifton Primary School for the provision of additional school places at Clifton Primary School in accordance with the terms of the agreement, subject to the approval of the fully funded budget increase by Council. This was agreed by Council on 5 July 2021.

To date the following Sn 106 payments have been utilised by LCC to deliver improvements in education provision.

School	Amount
Lytham Hall Park, Lytham	£120,000
The Willows, Kirkham	£88,000
Heyhouses Endowed St Annes & Lytham St Annes High School – (double scheme)	£42,490

School Roles

At the meetings of the Education Liaison Group, Lancashire County Council provided an update on primary school place provision. For the purposes of planning for the provision of primary school places, the education authority divide the borough into 4 areas, namely: Lytham St Annes; Kirkham; Singleton & Weeton and Freckleton, Warton & Wrea Green.

In terms of **Freckleton, Warton & Wrea Green**, a high birth year for 2020/21 was forecast but this did not materialise. It was acknowledged that there is ongoing housing development in the area which is being built at a rapid pace so it is forecast that there could potentially be a shortfall in primary places by 2025/26.

In the **Kirkham** area there was a high intake during 2019/20 which was managed within the existing provision. Births dropped in 2021 which eased pressure but as there has been a considerable number of houses built in the area, LCC continue to monitor the situation. The impact on places is likely to be seen in 2023/24.

Lytham St Annes - This area had previously been under pressure but in recent times, births have dropped off significantly and the primary schools had quite a lot of surplus places. That said, on-going housing development is still a key consideration and LCC will continue to monitor.

In **Singleton and Weeton**, pupil numbers have remained relatively stable in these areas. Wyndyke Farm development may impact this in the future and development and the demand for primary school places will continue to be monitored.

As a result of the falling school roles in Lytham and St Annes, some of the forecast demand for primary school places has not materialised. To ensure that they are able to deliver the right number of school places in the right areas at the right time to meet need, the Education Authority operates a School Place Provision Strategy.

On 2 December 2021, Lancashire County Council's Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for the School Place Provision Strategy for 2022 to 2025.

Cabinet resolved: That, after consideration of the priorities for improvement and areas for action referred in the draft School Place Provision Strategy 2022-25, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, the adoption of the School Place Provision Strategy 2022-25 be approved.

Details of the strategy are available on Lancashire County Council's Website via [014.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10" this link](#). (Item 9 refers)

Provision of Sites for New Schools

The Fylde Local Plan (Incorporating Partial review) identifies 2 sites for the provision of new primary schools – Queensway, St Annes and Whyndyke Farm . Each is proposed to serve the strategic development sites within which the schools are to be located. The Education Authority has confirmed that both sites are required.