

**REPORT TO CABINET  
12 FEBRUARY 2019**

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

(Meeting of 11 February 2019)

**REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**1. School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled  
Schools for the 2020/21 Academic Year**

The Head of School Organisation and Resources introduced the report to the Committee. Councillor W Daley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services was also in attendance. The Committee was advised that no responses had been received to the consultation on admission arrangements for the 2020/21 academic year. Informal consultation was required to be undertaken on the proposals to expand the accommodation at Horton Grange and New Delaval Primary Schools and Whytrig Community Middle School as a result of increasing pupil numbers in Blyth and Seaton Delaval. Capital funding had already been agreed for the proposals.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.

**2. The Outline Business Case for the replacement of school buildings for  
Hadrian Learning Trust Schools**

The Head of School Organisation and Resources introduced the report to the Committee. Councillor W Daley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services was also in attendance. It was highlighted that the report also included a request to approve the development of an Outline Business Case to evaluate the options for capital investment in the Seaton Valley Federation of Schools. Members questioned the safety of the increased number of pupils accessing the Queen Elizabeth High School site and were advised that this would be the subject of future discussions and any infrastructure improvements that were required could be secured through a Section 278 Highways Agreement. A Project Board would provide governance of the scheme and a Local Steering Group established which would include local Councillors, representatives of the Hadrian Learning Trust, members of the Project Board and would be Chaired by Councillor Daley.

It was commented that moving the middle school onto the same site at the west of the town could have an unintended consequence of reducing the pupil numbers at St Joseph's Middle RC School. It was clarified that the relocated middle school would have a 5 form entry.

The Committee welcomed the very clear and detailed Outline Business Case and thanked officers for their extensive work in bringing this forward.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.

**COUNCILLOR G RENNER-THOMPSON  
IN THE CHAIR**