

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OSC

REPORT TO CABINET

17 November 2022

Outcomes of Statutory Consultation on Proposals for the Coquet Partnership

Sue Aviston, Head of School Organisation and Resources presented the report to the Committee at their meeting on 10 November 2022.

Members discussed the report and considered the implications of added accommodation. The Committee questioned whether an increase in running costs had been factored into any additional accommodation and were informed that with increased pupil numbers each school would receive additional funding based on the national funding formular. This would help meet the increased running costs anticipated in additional classroom provisions.

Furthermore, in answer to question about whether any new builds would have provision for solar panels the Committee were told many of the schools in the partnership already had solar panels and solar panels were included in the build for James Calvert Spence College.

The Committee also sought reassurance on the impact of the current workforce within the partnership and were pleased to be told the impact would be minimal. Members were pleased to see the proposals were supported by the headteachers and governors of the partnership. The work they had undertaken with officers of the Council showed a dedication to providing children of the Coquet Partnership with the best education.

It was, therefore, **AGREED** that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supports the recommendations as outlined in the report.

**WAYNE DALEY
CHAIRMAN**