

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	
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1. **TITLE:** School Places Plan 2015-2020
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Children, Young People and Learning
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To approve the annual update of the School Places Plan that describes latest pupil data, forecasts of pupil numbers for the next five years and a commentary on the need to add school capacity.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes
5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

That the School Places Plan 2015 – 2020 which forecasts a further 3,479 pupils will be seeking a school place by 2020, a 21% increase be noted.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The provision of school places remains an essential part of the Council's organisation and planning process and enables the Council to meet its statutory duties in relation to school places. A school place continues to be available for every child in the Borough who wants one.

On the last occasion that Department for Education grants for targeted basic needs were allocated, the Council's 2012-based forecasts were successful in securing £7.8M of grant through the bidding process to build additional places in the future.

The Council forecasts on a 'worst case' basis, bringing schemes forward for implementation when short term forecasts demonstrate the need.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

It is business critical to undertake pupil forecasting to ensure the Council meets its statutory obligation of sufficiency of school places. The plan provides a mechanism to communicate these forecasts.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Professional partners
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning.
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

<b>Date Decision Made</b>	<b>Final Day of Call-in Period</b>
26 January 2016	2 February 2016