

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I073963
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1. **TITLE:** School Places Plan and Capital Strategy
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Children, Young People and Learning
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**
 1. To approve the updated School Places Plan 2018 – 2023 (SPP) and the updated School Capacity Strategy 2018 – 2023 (SCS), that set out where and when additional school places are required to be provided across Bracknell Forest.
 2. To update the Executive on the potential requirements for new school places arising out of the proposed housing up to 2034 from the emerging Local Plan.
4. **IS KEY DECISION** No
5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
6. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED that:

1. the School Places Plan 2018-23 attached as Appendix A of the Director of Children, Young People and Learnings report be approved.
2. the School Capacity Strategy 2018-23 set out in the Director of Children, Young People and Learnings report be approved.
3. the potential impact on school place requirements arising from the proposed level of housing growth set out in the Draft Local Plan covering the period up to 2034 is noted.
7. **REASON FOR DECISION**
 1. The Council has the statutory duty to provide sufficient school places.
 2. The SPP and SCS are the essential tools employed by the Council to meet this duty. These were last approved by the Executive in January 2017, and have been updated again to reflect the current revised potential requirements for new school places to 2023.
 3. Demand for pupil places arising from the proposed housing growth levels set out in the emerging Local Plan up to 2034 will further increase the need for new school places.
8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**
 1. It is business critical to undertake pupil forecasting to ensure the Council meets its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places. The SPP provides the vehicle to

communicate these forecasts and the SCS the strategy of where and when to deliver the new school places required. New school places are delivered through the education capital programme by construction of new schools and school expansion projects, or can be directly funded through the DfE Free Schools Programme.

2. Options for delivery of the School Capacity Strategy are set out in the body of the Director of Children, Young People and Learnings report.
9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** The Pupil Place Planning (PPP) Board – the Council decision-making body composed of key senior officers, consultants and the Executive Member for CYPL - have been consulted about the contents of the SPP.
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning.
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
23 January 2018	30 January 2018