

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE
CORPORATE DIRECTOR MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

14 January 2020

Proposal to formally confirm the establishment of satellite specialist sixth form provision for Springhead School on the former Graham Lower School site in Scarborough

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Member approval to consult publicly on proposals:
- To formally confirm the establishment of satellite specialist sixth form provision for Springhead School on the former Graham Lower School site in Scarborough. This will confirm arrangements which have been operating since September 2017.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 2017, in response to a specific pressure on places at Springhead School, the Local Authority supported the school through an informal consultation on moving their Sixth Form provision onto a site at Lady Edith's Drive in Scarborough. This had formerly been the Graham Lower School Site and was vacant at that point.
- 2.2 This proposal was subsequently agreed and implemented by the Governing Body of Springhead School. The LA then carried out a capital project to bring one of the blocks on the site up to the required standard to operate as a specialist Sixth Form provision from September 2017. This decision was temporary and it was noted that the decision would be reviewed within three years and if the proposal was to be continued then a formal statutory process would need to be followed.
- 2.3 Admission arrangements are in line with current national guidance and local processes. Children would access the provision following a statutory assessment of their SEND resulting in an Education and Health Care Plan and formal consultation between the LA and School regarding the school's ability to meet individual needs.
- 2.4 Pressure on current capacity across specialist provision in North Yorkshire is a significant contributory factor to the projected overspend on the High Needs Block budget. Developing a satellite provision on the Lady Edith's Drive site has created additional capacity and in turn reduced the need for higher cost Independent and Non-Maintained provision. Springhead School has increased its capacity and its roll from approximately 75 pupils prior to the temporary creation of the satellite site to 85 pupils at present.
- 2.5 The sixth form provision at Springhead School on the satellite site is, and will continue to be, managed under the same Senior Leadership and Governing Body structures for the main school site. Any staff employed will therefore be contracted under Springhead School and deployed across the school and satellite at the discretion of the Head Teacher.
- 2.6 The rest of the Lady Edith's Drive Site is currently unoccupied and the medium to long-term use of the whole site is under review by officers.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

REVENUE

- 3.1 Springhead School is well-established and in its most recent Ofsted inspection in 2018 was judged to be Outstanding. The school is operating close to its capacity in terms of commissioned places. The school is projecting an end of year surplus of £22k for 2019/20 and this proposal will not be detrimental to their revenue position.
- 3.2 The average cost for a place at Springhead School is £24,730 against an average cost of £58,519 for Independent/Non-Maintained day place provision.

CAPITAL

- 3.3 A capital improvement project was carried out in the Summer of 2017 to facilitate the temporary operation of the satellite provision. The school are currently bidding for further funds to improve the facilities and will continue to be able to do so going forward as is the case for all community and voluntary controlled schools.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Changing the structure of school provision requires the publication of statutory notices by the LA for Springhead School.
- 4.2 These proposals will follow the DfE's statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers.¹ In particular, the proposals will need to ensure that the expansion onto an additional site is genuinely a change to an existing school and not the establishment of a new school, and demonstrate how the proposed arrangements are likely to lead to improvements in the standard, quality and/or range of educational provision for those children.

5.0 PROPOSED CONSULTATION PROCESS AND TIMESCALES

- 5.1 Draft consultation documents are attached in Appendix 2.

¹ Making 'prescribed alterations' to maintained schools: Statutory guidance for proposers and decision-makers (October 2018)

5.2 The anticipated timescales for the School Organisation proposals are:

CYPS Executive Members meeting – approval to consult	14 January
Public Consultation Opens	24 January
Public Consultation Closes	12 March
Full Executive meeting – consider responses to the consultation and decide whether to authorise the publication of statutory notices	24 March
Statutory proposals published	20 April
Representation Closes	18 May
Full Executive or Executive Members (if no objections) to make the final decision	9 June
Implementation	1 September 2020

5.3 A separate staff consultation process, including notifying staff and their professional associations and unions, would run in parallel with this consultation

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Executive Member for Schools is recommended to give approval to consult publicly on proposals:

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Action AgreedExecutive Member
Date:
Action RequestedCorporate Director
Date:



Draft Consultation Document

**Proposal to formally confirm the establishment of
satellite specialist sixth form provision for
Springhead School on the former Graham Lower
School site in Scarborough
from 1 September 2020**

Springhead School

September 2020

Consultation on our Proposal to formally confirm the establishment of a satellite site for Springhead School Sixth Form provision to accommodation on the former Graham Lower School site, Lady Edith's Drive. This is following the temporary operation of the sixth form provision from this site since September 2017.

The Current Position

In May 2017 Springhead School in partnership with the Local Authority informally consulted Parents, Staff and the wider community about the opportunity to temporarily move the sixth form provision onto the recently vacated Graham Lower School Site. Following a period of consultation the Governing Body of Springhead School decided to approve this proposal. The decision was implemented in September 2017. At this point it was explained that this decision would be reviewed within three years.

The Springhead School Sixth Form provision has now been operating from the site at Lady Edith's Drive for over 2 years and the Local Authority is now following the statutory process to formally establish this provision as a satellite site to the main Springhead School site on Barry Lane.

The establishment of the Sixth Form provision at Lady Edith's Drive has been overwhelmingly positive and the following benefits which were envisaged in the original proposal have come to fruition:

- Improved facilities for all pupils across a dual-site school. The School's philosophy, ethos, expertise and values is shared, with

an over-arching strategic direction, although geographically separate

- An increased ability to offer an appropriate environment for learning, in all its forms, for all pupils.
- Provided an opportunity to upgrade provision on the Barry's Lane site, and re-establish some specialist areas within school.
- Given those pupils who need it space and quiet during the school day.
- Improved the working environment which has impacted positively on the self-esteem and well-being of all pupils and staff
- Improved the transport issues on Barry's Lane at the beginning and end of the day
- Given the Y11 pupils the chance to 'step up' and develop their responsibilities, as they have become the oldest on the Barry's Lane site
- Brought all primary children together onto the same site at Springhead School, and all Sixth Form students together onto the same site.
- The new site has provided opportunities for dedicated space

for therapeutic interventions from health and professionals.

- Enhanced the offer to children and young people of an exciting and innovative curriculum provision that meets their needs and supports them in achieving their full potential
- Provided classroom space for both pupils remaining at Springhead School and those pupils moving to the proposed new site.
- Relocation of post 16 provision onto the new site has improved physical capacity across the existing site and the Sixth Form provision on the Lower Graham School site. The new site has enabled young people to undertake a wider curriculum strengthening preparation for adulthood and access to nearby facilities such as Cherry Tree Lodge.

Following the period of 2 years of temporary provision at the site it is now desirable for the School and the Local Authority to formalise these arrangements.

The Local Authority is consulting as part of the statutory process in order to allow interested parties to comment upon the proposal.

What Happens Next?

Your views about this proposal are welcomed. You can either complete and return the attached response sheet, or submit an online response

Paper responses should be returned to North Yorkshire County Council at the address below:

FREEPOST RTKE-RKAY-CUJS
Springhead School
Strategic Planning

North Yorkshire County Council
County Hall
NORTHALLERTON
DL7 8AE

Online responses may be submitted by following this link:

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**The closing date for responses is
12th March 2020**

All responses to the consultation received by this date will be considered by the County Council's Executive 24th March.

If the County Council's Executive decides to proceed with the proposal, then statutory notices would be published in the local press on 1st May. These notices provide a further four weeks for representations to be made. A final decision would then be made by North Yorkshire County Council's Executive on 9th June. If agreed the decision would be formally implemented from September 1st 2020.

Anticipated Key Dates

All dates are subject to approvals at each stage.

Consultation opens	24 th January
Consultation closes	12 th March
County Council's Executive considers consultation response	24 th March
Statutory Notices published (4 weeks for representations to be made)	20 th April
Final decision by County Council's Executive	9 th June
Formal Establishment of specialist satellite provision	1 September 2019

Springhead School
A consultation on whether to formally approve the satellite specialist provision from Springhead School on the Lady Edith's Drive Site, Scarborough.

Observations and/or suggestions:

Interest/Status

e.g. Parent/Governor/Teacher/Community

Name of School

Signed

Date:

Name (Block Capitals)

Address:

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Postcode:

To help us assess whether we have provided clear information, please let us know whether you found this consultation easy to understand? YES/NO

Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

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Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, responses to the consultation will be published on the County Council's website where it may be accessed by members of the public. Your personal details will not be published.

Please send this response sheet to the following "FREEPOST" address. You do not need to use a postage stamp.

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Or go to:



and submit your response there

To be received by no later than 12th March

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