

Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

Review of Planning Primary School Places in the Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Terms of Reference

Birth rates across the borough have increased over recent years. This has created a pressure for additional primary school places that will continue for some years. This is a particularly pressing issue for some of the new housing developments. Some concerns have been raised about the impact of creating larger primary schools and the CYP Scrutiny Committee is keen to explore both the pressures and challenges that arise from any rapid expansion of primary schools in the borough and how these might best be addressed.

Lines of enquiry

- What are the implications for additional school places in the primary phase in light of projected increases in underlying population estimates for 4 year olds and 4-10 year olds?
- How will any planned expansion of existing primary schools to accommodate an increase in demand for places affect the existing the physical space within these schools e.g. playgrounds and sports fields, car parks etc?
- How is the provision of places (capacity) linked to improving educational outcomes (quality of provision)?