



To: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

Date: 27th April 2017

Subject: One Strategic Plan for School Organisation

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 This note sets out some of the key points that the presentation to Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) will cover on 27th April 2017.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) is recommended to:
- 1) Note and consider the key points made in the presentation
 - 2) Make any recommendations or comments contributing to the development of One Strategic Plan for School Organisation.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Local authorities continue to have statutory responsibilities for school place planning, securing sufficient supply of schools and school admissions. School organisation issues rarely affect schools in isolation; therefore strong local authority/ school partnerships are important to understanding the impact of school organisation decisions.
- 3.2 Coventry is a growing city and projection show a significant increase in the demand for school places from 2019/20 onwards. The focus has been to work in close collaboration and partnership with schools for an approach to address this predictable growth.
- 3.3 The work with schools to build and develop the Coventry Family of Schools and Partnership approach has been a strong foundation for this work (see Appendices 1 and 2). This partnership approach has been irrespective of the status of schools (e.g. Maintained, Academy, Free, University Technical College) and has led to the development of a set of principles leading to a Memorandum of Understanding (Appendix 3). This will be a basis for the development of options for the provision of new places moving forward. The presentation will set out the approach to this.
- 3.4 In addition, the presentation will give an update on the government's approach Grammar Schools and the Coventry position regarding this.

4 List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Primary Partnership School Improvement
Appendix 2 – Secondary Partnership School Improvement
Appendix 3 – Memorandum of Understanding