

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

10 February 2015

Report of the Acting Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults

**PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE EREWASH KEY STAGE 3
PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT FROM BREADSALL TO ILKESTON AND TO
TRANSFER BREADSALL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL TO A NEW SITE –
(CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE)**

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to consult on a proposal for important changes to the Erewash Key Stage 3 (KS3) Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) currently based at the Derbyshire Support Centre, Brookside Road, Breadsall.

To inform Cabinet that, dependent on the outcomes of the proposed consultation, a subsequent paper will seek Cabinet approval for two capital schemes, one at the Derbyshire Support Centre Breadsall and the second at the ex Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy site, Bennerley Avenue, Ilkeston.

To inform Cabinet of a proposal to transfer Breadsall CE Primary School, to a new site. This proposal is linked to the statutory change to the Erewash PRU but is not in itself a statutory change. Nevertheless, the Authority is seeking any views on the merits of this proposal.

2. Information and Analysis

The proposal is to relocate the KS3 PRU based on the site of the Derbyshire Support Centre, Brookside Road, Breadsall currently to the ex Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy Site, now taken back into the control of Derbyshire County Council, at Bennerley Avenue Ilkeston, a distance of 9.4 miles away.

The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 require that where a Local Authority seeks to transfer a maintained school to a new site they must follow a statutory process. Approval is therefore sought to undertake a public consultation on

the proposed move of Erewash KS3 PRU from Breadsall to Ilkeston. Prior to publication of the proposal, the Authority is required to consult on the proposal as the transfer to a new site is classed as a significant change to the PRU.

It is expected that the consultation period will be for 8 weeks from 23 February 2015 to 17 April 2015 and the outcome of the consultation will be fed back to Cabinet within two months of the end of the consultation period. The consultation document can be seen at Annexe A. Any proposed capital expenditure for both the Breadsall and Bennerley sites are dependent on the outcomes of the consultation on the PRU move and are outlined below.

As part of this proposal, a single storey block on the Derbyshire Support Centre site in Breadsall, used by the Erewash KS3 PRU currently, would be remodelled and extended to become the new location for Breadsall CE Primary School which is currently based at Moor Road, Breadsall. The remaining two and three storey blocks of office accommodation on the site would be demolished. Part of the site would be sold for a capital receipt to fund the proposed demolition and construction works. A feasibility study has estimated the primary school remodelling, extension and refurbishment costs at £1.75m. This will provide appropriate teaching and administration accommodation, a hall and the required areas of external hard play and playing field. The capital receipt has been estimated to be approximately £2m – £2.5m.

Breadsall Primary School has a number of problems associated with its site and buildings. Over 50% of the school's accommodation is located behind the main school building in a large ageing detached temporary building situated on the school playground, severely restricting the amount of outdoor play space as there is no on-site grassed area. The temporary building is approaching the end of its life and there is not sufficient space on the site to replace this building.

This proposed move is an important change for the school but a statutory consultation is not required as the distance at 0.3 miles, less than the 2 miles which would trigger a formal consultation under the School Organisation Regulations 2013, as mentioned above. .

The Bennerley Site in Ilkeston, recently occupied by the Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy and before that Bennerley Secondary School and comprising 7 blocks was handed back to the Authority at the end of August 2014 due to the Academy consolidating from two sites to one.

A feasibility study has concluded that one block could be remodelled and refurbished to provide a suitable home for the Erewash Key Stage 3 PRU and two other services, the CAYA SEN Key Stage 4 Alternative Provision

Team based in one of the office blocks on the site at Breadsall and the Multi Agency Team (MAT) based in Cotmanhay Children's Centre currently. The accommodation will include main hall and stage, gymnasium and changing rooms, alongside office space and teaching space for the PRU. Parts of the building will be available for community use. . The estimated cost for this remodelling and refurbishment work is £2.5 – £3.0m. The Media Centre, the newest block on the site, built approximately 5 years ago and with direct access from Vernon Street, will be retained and will continue to be used by 'Erewash Sound', a community radio station. The remainder of the building footprint (5 blocks) could be sold for a capital receipt that has been estimated to be £1.05m (subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for Education). The playing fields will be retained as a community resource.

The consultation paper will be circulated to all students, staff, Governors and Parents of both the PRU and the primary school. Furthermore, the consultation will be published on the school's website and a notice about the proposals will be posted in conspicuous places around the school. In addition, copies will be issued to neighbouring primary schools and residents adjacent to the three sites.

3. Financial Considerations

The summary table below shows the headline budget figures. For this project to proceed, a capital allocation of up to £1.7m will be required. This will be subject to a further report to Cabinet dependent on the outcome of the consultation on the proposal to relocate the PRU.

	Expenditure £		Income £	
Breadsall DSC site	Remodel & refurbish the PRU into new primary school.	1.75m	Sale of partial site for capital receipt.	2-2.5m
Bennerley Site (ex IOEA)	Remodel & refurbish one block for PRU + 2 other services.	2.5-3m	Sale of partial site for capital receipt	1.05m
	Total	4.25-4.75		3.05-3.55

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered – prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, and property considerations.

5. Legal Considerations

The proposals set out in this report follow a statutory process set out in the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 and the accompanying statutory Department for Education guidance 'School Organisation Maintained Schools – Guidance for proposers and decision makers' (January 2014). A statutory consultation is required under the regulations and guidance.

As indicated above, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 requires that the Secretary of State's consent is obtained in order to dispose of, or change the use of a school land and playing field at the proposed new site.

6. Background Papers

These are held on file in the CAYA Development Section.

7. Key Decision

No

8. Call-in

Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report? No.

9. Officer Recommendation

That Cabinet-

- approves the carrying out of statutory consultation on a proposal for a significant change to the Erewash Key Stage 3 Pupil Referral Unit currently based at the Derbyshire Support Centre, Brookside Road, Breadsall on to a new site.
- notes that a further report will be submitted following the end of the consultation period.

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Annexe A

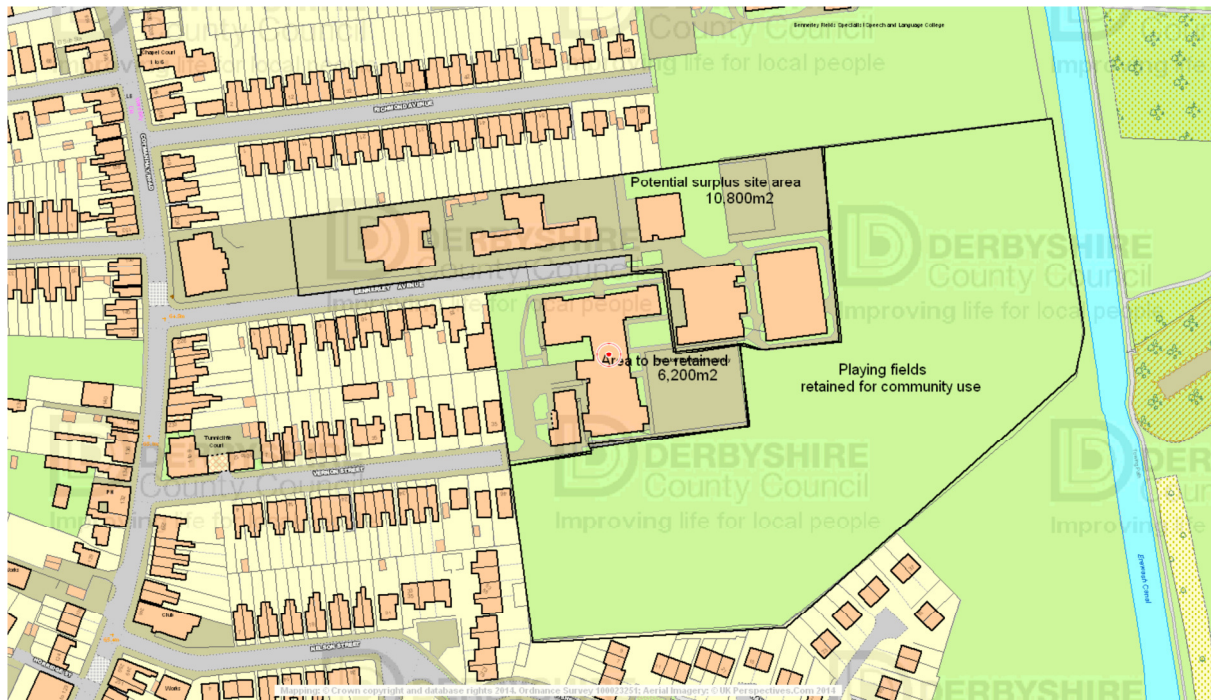
Erewash Key Stage 3 Pupil Referral Unit

Proposal 1 by Derbyshire County Council to transfer the Key Stage 3 Pupil Referral Unit from the Derbyshire Support Centre Site on Brookside Road, Breadsall on to the ex Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy site, Bennerley Avenue, Ilkeston.

It is proposed that the Erewash KS3 PRU transfer from Brookside Road Breadsall to Bennerley Avenue Ilkeston, a distance of 9.4 miles. As this distance exceeds the Department of Education's trigger of 2 miles, a statutory consultation will take place.

The Derbyshire Support Centre on Brookside Road has multi storey office accommodation and a single storey building occupied by the Erewash KS3 Pupil Referral Unit (PRU). The Children and Younger Adults (CAYA) personnel occupying the multi storey buildings are in the process of being re-located. Derbyshire County Council is proposing to retain the single storey building occupied by the PRU currently to become a new location for Breadsall Primary School which has struggled for many years with sub-standard buildings, a lack of playing field area and no possibility of improving the situation whilst the school remained on the same site.

The ex Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy site, Bennerley Avenue, Ilkeston was handed back to the County Council on 31 August 2014 as it was no longer required by the Academy. It is proposed that one block will be retained and remodelled to provide a new location for the Erewash Key Stage 3 PRU and two other CAYA Service Teams. A plan of the site is included below showing which parts will be retained.



The new location within Ilkeston will be more accessible for the young people using the service than the current location on the western edge of the Erewash area and as such there will be cost savings on transport. The children on roll at the PRU will travel a shorter distance to the proposed location, an average of 5 miles, as opposed to the 7 miles currently.

There will be no change to the number of children on roll at the PRU and no change to the number of staff employed.

Breadsall CE Primary School

Proposal 2 by Derbyshire County Council to transfer Breadsall CE Primary School from Moor Road to Brookside Road Breadsall

It is proposed that Breadsall CE Primary School transfer within Breadsall from Moor Road to Brookside Road, a distance of 0.3 miles.

Breadsall CE Primary School has a number of well documented problems associated with its current site and it is proposed that a single storey block on the Derbyshire Support Centre site in Breadsall, used by the Erewash KS3 PRU currently, would be remodelled and extended to become the new location for Breadsall CE Primary School.

There will be no change to the number of children on roll at the school and no change to the number of staff employed.

The remaining two and three storey blocks of office accommodation on the site would be demolished. Part of the site would be sold for a capital receipt to fund the proposed demolition and construction works. Appropriate teaching and administrative accommodation is proposed for the new school plus a hall and the required areas of external hard play and playing field. The plan below shows an indication of which parts of the site will be retained for use by the school.



Funding both proposals

The costs of remodelling the single storey Breadsall PRU into a primary school are estimated at £1.75m which will be funded in part by a capital receipt from the sale of part of the Brookside Road site estimated at £2-2.5m.

The costs of remodelling one of the blocks of the ex Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy site on Bennerley Avenue is estimated at £2.5-£3m and will be funded in part by a capital receipt from the sale of the footprint of the remainder of the school buildings estimated to be £1.05m.

Overall, there is a current difference between the proposed estimated expenditure and income of £1.7m but this figure may change due to final costs and land values.

Dependent on the outcome of this consultation, a subsequent Business Case will be presented to Derbyshire County Council Cabinet seeking approval for these capital works.

Consultation

The consultation on these proposals will be for eight weeks from 23 February 2015 to 17 April 2015.

The consultation document is available on request from Kevin Luker:

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Any comments on either or both proposals should be sent to:

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The deadline for receiving responses is **Friday 17 April 2015.**