

Purpose

1. To provide information requested by the Education Standing Committee regarding the management and planning of school places and the effect the flow of pupils has across the local authority border has on school places.

Information

2. This report provides Members with the opportunity to consider the work undertaken to manage pupil places and consider how the effects of population growth and movement are planned for.
3. Specifically Members requested information relating to:
 - o planning for population growth
 - o calculating potential shortages and surplus places
 - o planning for new housing developments
 - o primary school places in West Bridgford
 - o the scale of the 'Lincolnshire Drift', flow of pupils across the local authority border
 - o why pupils choose to attend schools in Lincolnshire and what work is undertaken to reduce this drift
 - o data for the flow of pupils into Nottinghamshire schools from other local authority areas.
4. Angela Pae, Head of Planning and Provision, Children and Young People, has been invited to discuss how the authority works with schools, departmental colleagues and partners to provide an adequate amount of school places. A report attached as appendix 1 includes information relating to these issues.
5. Gill Thackrey, Head of Education Access and Extended Schools and Tim Kent, Local Education Officer, Newark, will attend the meeting to discuss the impact of the 'Lincolnshire Drift'. Appendix 2 outlines the reasons for, and the scale of, the drift.
6. The School Improvement Service supports programmes and activities to improve the quality of provision in schools, designing

strategies to raise attainment and aspiration for all pupils and encourage parents to choose Nottinghamshire schools. Appendix 3 provides information relating to the strategies used to support schools.

Recommendations

7. It is recommended that the Education Standing Committee:
- consider and ask questions about the information provided
 - identifies any specific items about which they would like additional information
 - consider if any further action is required.

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Background papers:

Nil