

## **Report to Hartlepool Schools' Forum 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014**

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### **Early Years & School Infrastructure Plan (EYSIP)**

#### **1. Background**

1.1 The EYSIP has been developed with colleagues across the Council and sets out the Local Authority's strategy for pupil place planning, schools capital investment and vision for education provision over the next 10 years.

#### **2. Purpose**

2.1 The purpose of the plan is to contribute to raising achievement through the provision of quality learning environments. The plan aims to;

- provide an overview of current and future pupil numbers which supports planning the future pattern and provision of school places across the town;
- identify priorities and allocate spending for capital developments of educational premises;
- manage the demand for school places more effectively;
- remove excessive surplus places in a focussed manner.

2.2 The principal objectives are;

- to improve standards of existing accommodation in order to meet the needs of pupils and teachers;
- to facilitate implementation of the curriculum;
- to contribute to raising standards.

2.3 The EYSIP sets out how the Council will work with key partners to shape education provision and how decisions about capital investment will be made more transparent to ensure maximum benefit and value for value. The plan will be renewed every ten years and reviewed every three years.

#### **3. Recommendations**

3.1 Schools' Forum is recommended to note the Early Years & Infrastructure Plan.

#### **4. Next steps**

4.1 The EYSIP will be presented to Children's Services Committee for approval in December 2014.