

Dear stakeholder

In 2023, the local authority undertook a statutory consultation process in respect of a proposal to make a regulated alteration to Coety Primary School by enlarging the school from 2-form-entry to 2.5-form-entry with effect from January 2025.

In September 2023, Cabinet determined to implement the proposal as published.

The enlargement of the school would result in the number of pupil places for 4 to 11-year-olds increasing from 420 places to 525. In addition, and because of the enlargement, there would be 84 full-time-equivalent Nursery places (that is, 75 full-time places and 9 full-time-equivalent places for part-time pupils). Upon implementation of the proposal, the Published Admission Number for Coety Primary School would be 75.

In order to increase the capacity of the school, the local authority identified the need to construct a four-classroom extension. Initial resourcing issues in respect of the design of the extension has negatively impacted on the programme which was presented during the consultation stage and was the basis for Cabinet's decision-making. The resourcing issues have since been resolved. However, this matter has impacted on the programme and the planned implementation date, as approved by Cabinet, was not achievable.

Following consultation with the Coety Primary School's Governing Body, on 11 March 2025, Cabinet determined to formally modify the implementation date of the enlargement to come into effect on 1 September 2026.

The Cabinet decision of 11 March 2025 is subject to the call-in procedures as set out in Part 4 Rules of Procedure in the Council's Constitution which allows decisions taken by Cabinet but yet to be implemented to be reviewed. Should a valid call-in notice from an Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received, all stakeholders would be informed.

Yours faithfully

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