

Rugby Local Strategic Partnership (Minutes)

28 March 2019

Attendees:	Cllr Emma Crane (Chair)	Rugby Borough Council
	Cllr Alan Webb (AW)	WCC
	Rich Warren (RW)	Rugby First
	Adam Norburn (AN)	RBC
	Michelle Dickson (MD)	RBC
	Harriet Turner (HT)	Cemex
	Johanne Thomas (JT)	Urban & Civic
	Sue Stephenson (SS) (Minutes)	RBC

Visitor:	John Edwards (JE)	WCC Education
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1.	<p>Introductions and Welcome</p> <p>Introductions were made around the table – welcomed John Edwards to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Paul Tolley WCAVA, Nicola Temperley NHS, Charles Barlow WCC, Stephanie Chettle-Gibrat RBC, Raj Chand RBC</p>	
3.	<p>Approval of minutes from the last meeting and matters arising</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved.</p>	
4.	<p>Education Provision in Rugby – John Edwards</p> <p>Through the JSNA process it has come to light that there is an issue with sufficient sixth form places in Rugby.</p> <p>JE gave an overview of education provision:-</p> <p>Currently there are 80,000 pupils in the area – the projection in the next 15 years is 38,000 extra.</p> <p>There is a lot of cross-border movement as there are no restrictions. The attraction for pupils is that Warwickshire is accessible for commuting.</p> <p>Last years figures show 38% of pupils didn't have a Warwickshire</p>	

postcode (over a third out of county).

Academy's are not under WCC education control – therefore they can draw pupils from anywhere in England, if desired.

Around £17million is spent on transporting pupils to and from education establishments.

Planning for growth – for every 1,000 houses one school space is allocated in each school. Rugby has got a more high-density family orientated housing population.

There is a statutory duty to provide school places. Parents have a preference but not a choice, as there are no catchment areas (up to 5 preferences can be put on the form).

South of county – too many available places at primary level – therefore schools are struggling financially.

There are issues due to the rate of house building and the ability to plan for when houses are built.

Looking at existing schools expanding/extending (can't force Academies to do this). Council can get funding from the government for expansion from basic need education monies, and funding via section 106 monies from developers. Together these monies would be enough to fund a primary school but would be around £1million short for a secondary school.

In the Rugby area there had been some pressures at primary level – but this has decreased due to the lower levels coming through. However, there is a pressure due to greater demand for secondary school places.

Nearly half of year 11 leavers go to school sixth form and a large percentage of the remainder go to further education in college.

Providing sixth form education is a financial drain on a school as resource is higher and class sizes smaller. Over a 1/5th of schools are in deficit. Looking into whether sixth form provision at schools is viable.

Sixteen is still the official school leaving age, although children still need to be in education after this age, but not necessarily in schools.

The perception of parents has been that the traditional sixth form route is better. Need to educate parents of other options, as colleges offer more diverse courses.

JE encouraged the group to look at WCC website for the Sufficiency Strategy (5-year document). Also, WCC doing some road shows in sufficiency.

	Need to look at sustainable transport as around 21% of pupils drive to school.	
5.	<p>Draft Strategy and Action Plan</p> <p>EC encouraged the group to look through the draft strategy. Members to feedback any amendments by email.</p>	ALL
6.	<p>Update on Houlton – Jo Thomas</p> <p>Currently 133 houses occupied – this grows month on month. Four house builders on site.</p> <p>The link road is due to open at the end of July 2019. This unlocks all of the land – making it accessible.</p> <p>Provision of a secondary school on site goes to planning in May – target opening date September 2021.</p> <p>Plan to have three primary and one secondary school on site. As a developer, looking at ways to preserve places at these schools for future, so that the school places don't get filled before the majority of homes are built. County Council have agreed to help fund some places at St Gabriel's primary in the interim, as running the school at an unviable level currently.</p> <p>Convenience store due to open on site late 2020.</p> <p>Looking to deliver a construction training hub on site. Will partner Warwickshire College for the provision of construction skills.</p> <p>NHS have indicated rent arrangements for temporary (early) provision of health care, which should link into permanent provision in future. There will also be a pharmacy on site (already had some interested parties).</p> <p>EC asked if the developer would consider the provision of some kind of sustainable transport from Houlton to the train station at peak times? JT said that she would be keen to chat further about this in future.</p> <p>EC get in touch with Jo Thomas to follow up.</p>	EC
7.	<p>Update from Co-ordinating Group – Paul Tolley</p> <p>To update at the next meeting.</p>	
8.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None</p>	

9.	Date of next meeting The next meeting will take place on 23 May 2019	
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