



Executive Board

**Monday, 19 May 2008 2.00 p.m.
Marketing Suite, Municipal Building**

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Chief Executive

**ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

PART 1

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1. MINUTES	
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached and (subject to certain exceptions in the Code of Conduct for Members) to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.	
3. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PORTFOLIO	
(A) DECISION ON THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION TO CLOSE FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND EXPAND WADE DEACON HIGH SCHOOL - KEY DECISION	1 - 15

*Please contact Lynn Cairns on 0151 471 7529 or e-mail lynn.cairns@halton.gov.uk for further information.
The next meeting of the Committee is on Thursday, 5 June 2008*

PART II**ITEMS CONTAINING "EXEMPT" INFORMATION
FALLING WITHIN SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

In this case the Board has a discretion to exclude the press and public but, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it is RECOMMENDED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having been satisfied that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**4. PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION, REGENERATION AND
RENEWAL****(A) UPTON ROCKS LOCAL CENTRE**

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In accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act the Council is required to notify those attending meetings of the fire evacuation procedures. A copy has previously been circulated to Members and instructions are located in all rooms within the Civic block.

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 19 May 2008

PRESENTED BY: Strategic Director – Children and Young People

SUBJECT: Statutory Consultation for Fairfield High and Wade Deacon High School

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report summarises the response to the statutory consultation on the closure of Fairfield High School and the expansion of Wade Deacon High School. An outline of the decision-making process is also included.
- 1.2 A further report will be tabled for the consideration of Executive Board following the meeting of the Cross Party Members Advisory Group on 15th May 2008.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 That the Executive Board consider the recommendations on the Statutory Consultation as set out in the additional report following the Cross Party Members Advisory Group on 15th May 2008.**

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In June and July 2007 extensive consultation was undertaken on the proposals to re-organise secondary and secondary special provision in the borough. As part of these proposals it was suggested that Fairfield High School be closed due to both current and forecasted pupil numbers. Fairfield High School's current capacity is 1160 pupils in total and 232 per year group, in September 2007 the school admitted only 99 pupils. It was also proposed that Wade Deacon High School be expanded from 1125 to 1350 pupils, as a successful and popular High School and that Ashley School be co-located on the Wade Deacon Site.
- 3.2 The Cross Party Members Advisory Group considered, in detail, the responses received to the first phase of consultation and evaluated all alternative proposals that had been submitted. The Advisory Group then made recommendations to the Executive Board. On 1st November 2007 Executive Board agreed to the recommendations of the Cross Party Members Advisory Group and proposed that revised proposals be considered and that a further stage of pre-statutory consultation be undertaken. As a response to the consultation and the need for sufficient provision for 3750 pupils in Widnes, it was proposed that Wade Deacon High School be increased to accommodate 1500 pupils, that Fairfield High close due to the current and

future decline in pupil numbers in Widnes and that Ashley School be co-located on the Wade Deacon site.

- 3.3 The second phase of consultation ended in December 2007. The response to the consultation was then considered by the Cross Party Members Advisory Group who again made recommendations to the Executive Board. On 12th December 2007 Executive Board agreed that statutory consultation could be undertaken in 2008 on the proposals to close Fairfield High School and expand Wade Deacon High School. The alternative option proposed by Fairfield High School was considered in detail however it was agreed that in its current form the proposal could not be supported. It was suggested that further details would be needed including more information on pupil numbers and the support of other schools. It was agreed that this feedback be reported back to the school in writing to allow them the opportunity to develop the proposal further should they wish to do so.
- 3.4 The re-location of Ashley School to the Wade Deacon site was agreed by Executive Board at its Special Meeting on 12th December 2007. No statutory consultation was required for this proposal. It was also agreed that zoning arrangements for admissions would be introduced for Widnes.
- 3.5 To minimise the impact on pupils, staff and the community should Fairfield High School closure be approved it was agreed that Wade Deacon High and Fairfield High governors should be encouraged to hard federate during the transitional period until the school closure. A paper on the benefits of entering a hard federation was produced and sent to both schools and discussions on hard federation were held. In January 2007 the Governing Bodies of both schools formally agreed in principle to consulting on establishing a hard federation if the outcome of the statutory consultation was closure. It was agreed that this would be a transitional arrangement only until September 2010, and that the two schools would only consult on the federation proposals should the proposal to close Fairfield High be approved.

4.0 STATUTORY CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Following advice from the DCSF School Organisation Unit and Legal Services one linked statutory notice was published on Thursday, 21st February 2008. The first part of this notice dealt with the position in relation to Fairfield High. It described the reason for closure as the continuing decline in pupil numbers. It also said that insufficient pupil numbers were forecast in Widnes to ensure the continued financial and curriculum viability of Fairfield High School. The date the closure would take effect would be 31st August 2010, with all Fairfield High pupils transferring to Wade Deacon from 1st September 2010. The notice explained that Wade Deacon would operate on split sites until its extension and modernisation had been completed in 2013. The notice described the position for any pupils with Special Educational Needs and the travel implications of closing Fairfield High School. The transitional arrangements to minimise disruption were listed as the commitment in principle of both the Governing Bodies of Fairfield High and Wade Deacon High to a hard federation should the closure proposal be approved. The notice advised that

further details of the proposal were available on the Halton bsf website and could also be found in the Executive Board report of 12th December 2007.

- 4.2 Part two of the notice described the proposal to expand Wade Deacon High School from 2010 so that it would have a Published Admission Number of 300 per year group. It proposed that all the pupils in Fairfield High School at the point of closure would transfer to Wade Deacon High School and that Wade Deacon would utilise both school sites. The notice advised that further details of the proposal were available on the Halton bsf website and could also be found in the Executive Board report of 12th December 2007
- 4.3 As part of the statutory consultation responses to the closure of Fairfield High had to be made within six weeks of the formal publication of the proposal, 21st February 2008. Any responses to the expansion of Wade Deacon High School had to be made within four weeks of the formal publication of the linked proposal. (See Appendix A for a copy of the published Statutory Notice)
- 4.4 In line with the guidance provided on statutory consultation the statutory notice was published in the local papers. Information on the dates of the public consultation meetings were also published for two weeks in the local papers. The notice detailed that further information on the proposals to close Fairfield High and expand Wade Deacon were contained on the bsf website and details of where copies could be obtained were provided., The presentations, notes of meetings and details of previous consultation were all provided on the website. In addition, copies of the notice and the dates of the consultation were provided to all Widnes Schools, Nursery, Infant, Junior, Primary and Secondary. All Widnes Governors received a copy of the notice along with the dates of the consultation meetings. Wade Deacon and Fairfield High displayed the notices at all entrances. Copies of the notice and invitations to the meetings were sent to all Trade Unions, Alliance representatives, Health Authority representatives, Neighbouring Authorities and Diocesan Authorities. In addition the notice and details of meetings were detailed on the website and displayed in the following venue:
- Warrington Road Children's Centre;
 - Upton Community Centre;
 - Widnes Direct Link;
 - Kingsway Children's Centre;
 - Municipal Building;
 - Chapelfield Community Centre;
 - Ditton Community Centre;
 - Ditton Children's Centre;
 - Ditton Direct Link; and
 - Ditton Library.
- 4.5 A joint staff and governor consultation meeting was held at Wade Deacon High School. Two meetings were held at Fairfield High School, one for staff

and the second for governors of the school. These meetings outlined the objective of statutory consultation and the process. A summary of the previous two consultations was provided. Governors and staff were advised that further detailed information on the previous consultations, the level of responses received, minutes of consultation meetings and details of those consulted with the Executive Board report and Cross Party Members Advisory Group papers had been placed on the BSF website so that they were easily accessible for them.

- 4.6 In addition, a further two public consultation meetings were held at The Foundry. A further meeting was held at the Stadium for staff and governors from Widnes Primary Schools.
- 4.7 Those people wishing to respond to the consultation were advised to put their views in writing to Operational Director, Legal, Organisational Development and Human Resources. Each response was then acknowledged and advised that their response would be considered as part of the process.
- 4.8 In total thirty six responses were received to the consultation. Twenty three of the responses agreed to the proposals to expand Wade Deacon. Thirteen responses disagreed to the proposal to close Fairfield High School. No alternative responses were received to the proposals. Appendix B provides a summary of the representation received for the closure of Fairfield High and Appendix C provides a summary of the representation received for the expansion of Wade Deacon High School.
- 4.9 There were a number of common themes in some of the responses disagreeing with the proposals to close Fairfield High School. These themes included:
- Traffic Congestion;
 - School Size;
 - Choice;
 - Pupil Numbers;
 - Split Site;
 - Fairfield High School Site; and
 - Shared Sports Facilities.
- 4.10 There were a number of common themes in the responses to the Wade Deacon High proposal. These themes included:
- Current success of Wade Deacon;
 - Effectiveness of current Governors and Staff at Wade Deacon;
 - Strong leadership; and
 - Stability for pupils, staff and stakeholders;

5.0 DECISION

- 5.1 The Decision maker (Executive Board) must decide the proposal within two

months of the end of the representation period otherwise the decision must be referred to the Adjudicator for a decision. If referred to the Adjudicator the proposal and any representations must be forwarded to the school adjudicator within one week of the end of the two month representation period along with any representations received and not withdrawn. Appendix D details the issues the Decision maker needs to consider.

5.2 The Decision maker can decide to:

- Reject the proposals;
- Approve the proposals;
- Approve the proposals with a modification (e.g. the school closure date)
- Approve the proposals subject to them meeting a specific condition.

Conditional approval can only be granted in a limited number of circumstances related specifically to Academy provision or changes in admission arrangements relating to another school. A date by which the conditions should be met must be set.

5.3 The reason for the decision must be given whether it is approved or rejected it should also include the factors and criteria for the decision. A copy of the decision must be sent to:

- Each objector;
- The Secretary of State;
- LSC;
- Local C of E Diocese
- The Bishop of the RC Diocese; and
- The Office of the Schools Adjudicator.

5.4 If the closure of Fairfield High School is approved it is essential that the disruption to pupils, staff and the community is minimised in the transitional period. It is therefore suggested that the two schools be encouraged to enter into a collaboration agreement until a federation is agreed. The Governing bodies of both schools could agree to formally collaborate in Summer 2008. They could then agree to work formally together on a number of key areas such as staffing, budgets, data and site management.

5.5 In Summer 2008 both governing bodies would then need to determine whether they were willing to consult on establishing a hard federation. If both governing bodies agree to the consultation process this could commence in Autumn 2008 allowing the option for a hard federation to be established in Spring 2009.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Maintaining surplus secondary provision does not represent value for money. As a secondary school's pupil numbers drop below 600 in order to maintain the curriculum the formula must provide the school with funding for the pupils within the school and additional funding of £2046.70 (2008/2009 rate) for every pupil below 600.

6.2 Should the decision be made to close Fairfield High School provision has been made within the Dedicated Schools Budget to meet the additional costs the school are likely to incur during the transitional period. The funding formula provides the following additional allowance for a closing school:

Year 1	£58,458
Year 2	£119,702
Year 3	£55,676

6.3 The funding formula also allows for additional funding to be provided for school operating on split sites. Funding for a full financial year for a school operating on split sites which are more than 400 yards apart totals £120,241.

6.4 There is also provision within the Halton Funding formula to provide schools that are developing as a result of a rationalisation programme to receive additional funding either over four financial years or five academic years. The current funding levels are as follows:

Year 1	£82,882
Year 2	£124,368
Year 3	£84,404
Year 4	£45,968
Year 5	£13,519

6.5 Under the BSF Workforce Strategy, developed and agreed with the Trade Unions, there is the facility for an annual discretionary compensatory payment to be made to retain staff. The governors and headteacher of a school directly affected by the rationalisation of secondary provision can identify staff in shortage areas, who have indicated that they wish to retire or leave but are required in order to ensure the quality of education of pupils is unaffected throughout the transition process. The retention allowance equates to two months salary for year 1, a further 2 months additional salary for year 2 and a further additional two months salary for year 3. The final decision on who receives this allowance will be made by the Strategic Director after consultation with the appropriate headteacher.

6.6 Funding for the capital development of Wade Deacon High school will be through the BSF funding envelope. The detailed costs of this work will be available at Outline Business Case.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 A comprehensive review of the transport and access arrangements will be undertaken to ensure there is safe, accessible and sustainable provision to all schools. Assistance will be provided for those pupils who meet the criteria of the Authority's Transport Policy. The BSF Workforce Strategy details the additional support available to staff whilst there is split site working.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

8.1 Children and Young People

By undertaking a secondary school re-organisation and entering into the BSF Programme the authority aim to transform secondary provision for all children and young people and improve the facilities for the secondary workforce.

8.2 Employment Learning and Skills in Halton

Through access to an excellent secondary school for all pupils, standards will improve providing greater employment prospects for Halton's Children and Young People.

8.3 A Healthy Halton

In developing its secondary schools for the future the authority will demonstrate how it will enable schools to meet the school sport Public Service Agreement through its capital investment and achieve high nutritional standards and encourage healthy living and eating.

8.4 A Safer Halton

Schools for the future will be designed to ensure that children, staff and other community users feel safe and secure on schools sites.

8.5 Halton's Urban

Through the BSF Halton schools will become a major resource for communities they serve and will be designed to offer shared community facilities, linking to other wider regeneration projects as well as being the focus for the local delivery of children's services.

9.0 RISK ANALYSIS

Secondary school re-organisation must be completed for the Building Schools for the Future Programme. A full risk register is available for the BSF Programme.

- 9.1 Disruption to staff, pupils and the community must be kept to a minimum during the transitional process and standards must not only be maintained but continue to improve. Additional resources will be provided to both schools and increased support will be available including commissioned external specialist consultants.

10.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 10.1 The proposals for the re-organisation of Halton's secondary and secondary special provision seek to provide choice and diversity, promote inclusion and access. Wade Deacon High school will be remodelled and redesigned to provide more accessible provision to both pupils, staff and the local community.

11.0 REASON(S) FOR DECISION

- 11.1 Surplus provision in schools needs to be addressed particularly where this exceeds over 25% and in determining school place provision opportunities taken to expand schools which are both popular and successful. In addition, Secondary provision must be re-organised for the BSF programme.

12.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 12.1 In the first and second round of consultation a number of alternative options were proposed, each of these was assessed and evaluated in detail, in particular in relation to the government criteria.

13.0 IMPLEMENTATION DATE

- 13.1 A decision will be required on 19th May 2008. If the decision to close Fairfield High and to expand Wade Deacon High School is agreed, Fairfield High School will close on 31st August 2010. Pupils will transfer to Wade Deacon on 1st September 2008. Consideration by the governors of both schools as to whether to hard federate will take place following the decision on 19th May 2008.

14.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Documents	Place of Inspection	Contact
<u>First Consultation summary – Halton Building Schools for the Future – Inspiring Children</u>	3 rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website www.halton.gov.uk/bsf	Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources
<u>Consultation Meeting Dates Phase 1</u>	3 rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and	Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning

<u>Consultation Presentations – Phase 1</u>	<p>website www.halton.gov.uk/bsf 3rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website</p>	<p>and Resources Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources</p>
<u>Executive Board report – 1st November 2007</u>	<p>www.halton.gov.uk/bsf 3rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website</p>	<p>Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources</p>
<u>Second Consultation Summary – Halton Building Schools for the Future – Inspiring Children</u>	<p>www.halton.gov.uk/bsf 3rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website</p>	<p>Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources</p>
Consultation Meeting dates (Phase 2)	<p>www.halton.gov.uk/bsf 3rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website</p>	<p>Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources</p>
Consultation Presentations	<p>www.halton.gov.uk/bsf 3rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website</p>	<p>Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources</p>
Pupil Numbers	<p>www.halton.gov.uk/bsf 3rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website</p>	<p>Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources</p>
Notes of Public Meetings	<p>www.halton.gov.uk/bsf 3rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website</p>	<p>Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources</p>
All responses to First round of consultation	<p>www.halton.gov.uk/bsf 3rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website</p>	<p>Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources</p>
Halton Building School for the Future Pamphlets Federation Pupil Numbers Co-located Schools Zoning	<p>3rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website www.halton.gov.uk/bsf</p>	<p>Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources</p>
All responses to second round of consultation	<p>3rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor</p>	<p>Ann McIntyre – Operational Director</p>

Executive Board Reports – 12 th December 2007	House, Runcorn and Reception – Municipal Buildings 3 rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website www.halton.gov.uk/bsf	– Business Planning and Resources Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources
Cross Party Members Report	3 rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website www.halton.gov.uk/bsf	Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources
Federation Summary for Wade Deacon and Fairfield High.	3 rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn	Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources
Minutes of Governing Bodies of Wade Deacon and Fairfield High agreeing in principle to hard federate		
Statutory Consultation on closure/expansion	3 rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website www.halton.gov.uk/bsf	Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources
Presentations	3 rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website www.halton.gov.uk/bsf	Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources
Notes of public meetings	3 rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website www.halton.gov.uk/bsf	Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources
All responses to the consultation	3 rd Floor Chester Building – Grosvenor House, Runcorn and website www.halton.gov.uk/bsf	Ann McIntyre – Operational Director – Business Planning and Resources



Closure of Fairfield High School and Expansion of Wade Deacon High School

Part 1:

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Halton Borough Council, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QF intends to discontinue Fairfield High School, Peelhouse Lane, Widnes WA8 6TE on 31 August 2010.

The Council is proposing the closure of Fairfield High School due the continuing decline in pupil numbers. Insufficient pupil numbers are forecast in Widnes to ensure the continued financial and curriculum viability of Fairfield High School.

It is proposed that all Fairfield pupils will transfer to the expanded Wade Deacon High School. The school will operate on two sites until the expanded Wade Deacon High School is completed in 2013. (Please see Part 2 of this notice for further information).

To minimise disruption and safeguard pupils at Fairfield High between the decision and the 2010 implementation date, the Governing Bodies of Fairfield High School and Wade Deacon High School have agreed in principle to establishing a Hard Federation for the purposes of Chapter (i) of the Education Act 2002 should the outcome of the statutory process be the closure of Fairfield High School.

Fairfield High School has provision for children with special educational needs. It is proposed that all existing pupils will transfer to Wade Deacon High School where provision will continue.

There would be an impact on travelling times and distances with the closure of Fairfield High School. The Local Authority has worked with the Passenger Transport Unit and the School Travel Adviser to consider the implication of closing a high school. The distance between Fairfield High School and Wade Deacon High School is less than one mile. A detailed Travel Plan for safe walking, cycling and public transport will be developed by the Local Authority, for pupils attending the split site school. Assistance will be available for those pupils who meet the criteria of the Authority's Transport Policy.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Ann McIntyre, Operational Director, Children and Young People, Grosvenor House, Halton Lea, Runcorn, WA7 2WD. Telephone 0151 471 753. A full copy of the proposals can be found on <http://www.halton.gov.uk/bsf>. Details of the secondary and secondary special re-organisation proposals for Halton can be found in the Executive Board report on 12th December 2007.

Within **six weeks** from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Mr M Reaney, Operational Director (Legal, Organisational Development and Human Resources) Municipal Buildings, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QF.

Part 2:

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Halton Borough Council intends to make prescribed alterations to Wade Deacon High School, Birchfield Road, Widnes WA8 7TD from 01 September 2010.

As part of the Halton BSF programme, Wade Deacon High School will be refurbished and remodeled.

It is proposed that the admission number will be increased by 27 or more and the capacity of the school will be enlarged to accommodate pupils from Fairfield High School. During the period from 1st September 2010 to August 2013, Wade Deacon High School will operate on a split site basis using both Wade Deacon High School and Fairfield High School buildings. (Please see Part 1 of this notice for further information).

Following the completion of remodeling and refurbishment of the school in 2013, the school will cease to operate on split sites and will operate solely from the Wade Deacon site. On 1st September 2010, it is proposed that all pupils at Fairfield High school (estimate 560 pupils) will transfer to Wade Deacon High School and the capacity of the school will be temporarily increased to accommodate these pupils.

The current total capacity of the school is 1125 and the proposed total capacity will be 1500 in 2013. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 1125. The current admission number for the school is 225 and the proposed admission number will be 300.

It will be necessary for the school to operate on split sites until 2013. The second site will be based on Peelhouse Lane, Widnes, WA8 6TE.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Ann McIntyre, Operational Director, Children and Young People, Grosvenor House, Halton Lea, Runcorn, WA7 2WD. Telephone Number 0151 471 7543. A full copy of the proposals can be found on <http://www.halton.gov.uk/bsf>. Details of the secondary and secondary special re-organisation proposals for Halton can be found in the Executive Board report on 12th December 2007.

Within **four weeks** from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Mr M Reaney, Operational Director (Legal, Organisational Development and Human Resources) Municipal Buildings, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QF.

Signed: 
Publication Date: 21st February 2008

Explanatory Notes:

All written comments received at the above addresses will be acknowledged. In May 2008, comments will be submitted to the Executive Board of Halton Council in the form of a report, copies of which will be made available to the public on demand. It will not be possible to send detailed responses to individual letters. After a report has been submitted to the Executive Board, all written responses to the consultation exercise will become available for inspection by the public.

Parents will continue to have the right to express a preference. It is recommended that for each of the years up to 2013 a degree of flexibility is retained at each of the three secondary schools in Widnes to ensure all pupils can be accommodated in advance of the completion of the BSF Programme. The Published Admission Numbers (PAN) will be reviewed to ensure that by 2013 there are a total of 26 forms of entry in Widnes with a total 780 pupils in each year group. For 2010 it is recommended that subject to approval by the Halton Admission Forum, that the Published Admission Numbers would be; Wade Deacon High School – 300 (10 form entry); • The Bankfield High School – 210 (7 form entry); • Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College – 270 (9 form entry plus sixth form).

STATUTORY NOTICES RESPONSES FOR FAIRFIELD HIGH AND WADE DEACON

CORRESPONDANCE DETAILS					FORMAT				POSITION							
Title	Initial	Surname	Address 4	Post Code	Letter	E-Mail	Petition	Support Alternative Proposal	Agree/ Disagree	School	Traffic	Large School	Little Parental choice	Widnes Growth	Split site	Shared Sport facilities - Sts P&P & WD
Mr	AM	Allen	Widnes	WA8 3SF	x				Disagree	Fairfield High		x		x		
Mrs	S	Campbell	Widnes	WA8 5GY	x				Disagree	Fairfield High		x		x		
Mrs	J	Curllett	Widnes	WA8 9HP	x				Disagree	Fairfield High	x	x	x	x	x	
Mr	T	Farrow	Widnes	WA8 3LF	x	x			Disagree	Fairfield High	x	x		x		
Mr	F	Fenlon	Widnes	WA8 3LT	x				Disagree	Fairfield High	x					x
	J	Goulding	Liverpool	L26 1VG	x				Disagree	Fairfield High	x	x				
Mr	J	Hughes	Widnes	WA8 6TE	x				Disagree	Fairfield High	x	x		x		
	S	Jones	Widnes	WA8 3RQ	x				Disagree	Fairfield High	x	x		x		
Mr	J	Kinsella	Widnes	WA8 9RU	x				Disagree	Fairfield High		x	x	x		
Mrs	K	Marsh	Widnes	WA8 6RE	x				Disagree	Fairfield High	x		x	x		
Mrs	L	Parsons	Widnes	WA8 6PA	x				Disagree	Fairfield High	x		x	x		
Ms	M	Smith	Widnes	WA8 6RD	x				Disagree	Fairfield High	x	x		x		
Ms	K	Sparks				x			Disagree	both	x					

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CORRESPONDANCE DETAILS							FORMAT				POSITION			
Title	Initial	Surname	Address 1	Address 2	Address 4	Post Code	Letter	E-Mail	Petition	Support Alternative Proposal	Agree/ Disagree	School	Retain Leadership & Governance	Maintain High Standards
	AM	Bacon	Assistant Headteacher	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both	x	x
Mr	AW	Brothers	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mrs	D	Brown	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mr	P	Campbell	Governor/Ass Headteacher WD		Lymm	WA13 9HH	x				Agree	both	x	x
	B	Cregeen	Staff	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both	x	x
	JA	Gormley	Staff	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both	x	x
Mr	I	Hann	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mr	SJ	Hill	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mrs	E	Jones	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Cllr	E	Jones	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mrs	P	Jones	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mr	I	Kirkham	Staff		Runcorn	WA7 1DB	x				Agree	both	x	x
Mr	B	Larson	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Ms	C	Marsland	Assistant Headteacher	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both	x	x
Mr	P	Mason	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mr	P	McIntyre	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mr	C	McKenzie	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mr	C	McLeod	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mrs	L	Scott	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mr	A	Smith	Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Mr	J	Woodroofe	Chair of Governors	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both		
Ms	P	Wright	Headteacher / Governor	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	both	x	x
			School Council	Wade Deacon High School	Widnes	WA8 7TD	x				Agree	Wade Deacon		

FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED BY DECISION MAKERS

Listed below is a summary of the key factors decision makers need to consider.

- Complies with statutory requirements;
- Prior Consultation;
- Relation to other proposals;
- Opportunities to secure a more diverse and dynamic school system including increase parental choice and expansion of the best schools;
- Boost standards and opportunities;
- Transform secondary system – offers excellence and choice;
- Local Diversity – impact on the aspirations of parents, standards and narrow attainment gap;
- Assists in delivering principles of Every Child Matters;
- Ensures sufficient capacity to accommodate displaced pupils – including future demand for places;
- Addresses surplus places, provides value for money, raises standards and meets parental choice;
- Considers schools with surplus of 25% or more or 30 surplus places, along with standards, geographical and social factors,
- Assesses the impact on the community, provision of extended services and community cohesion and race equality;
- Considers travel and accessibility for all – does not adversely impact on disadvantaged groups;
- Considers equal opportunity – ethnic and cultural mix, single sex schools;
- Rural school;
- 14-19 Curriculum and Collaboration – opportunities for students are not being reduced;
- Special Educational Needs provision; and
- Views of interested parties.

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