

FORWARD PLAN SELECT COMMITTEE

6TH JANUARY 2004

BRIEFING NOTE RE STONEBRIDGE SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION

The Executive at its meeting on 7th April 2003 agreed that Stonebridge Primary School should reduce to a one form entry school. At the time of producing the report, there were two possible options for accommodating the reduction in size:

- 1 Sell off some land at the rear of the school for housing and use the resulting capital receipt to remodel the existing school building (three storey Victorian).
- 2 Sell the existing building to be remodelled as flats and use the resulting capital receipt to build a new one-form entry school building on the site to the rear of the existing building.

Both of these options needed to be thoroughly investigated and costed before officers could recommend to Members which of them should be pursued. Whilst this work was being carried out, following negotiations between Council officers and the Stonebridge Housing Action Trust (HAT), and at the officers' request, the HAT proposed a third option involving the transfer of more land for housing but which would potentially be more beneficial to the final outcome for the school. This third option, which potentially involves moving the school from its existing building to another new build modern school in the immediate vicinity, is still being explored and the report to the Executive has been deferred until the full details can be put before Members for their consideration.

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