

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2003 AT 10.00 A.M.**

Agenda Item No.

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**FUTURE OF LEAVESDEN GREEN, ALBAN WOOD INFANT AND ALBAN  
WOOD JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

Report of the Director of Children, Schools and Families

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**1. Purpose of report**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with the opportunity to consider the future of Leavesden Green, Alban Wood Infant and Alban Wood Junior Schools. The Committee's views, together with all those expressed during the consultation process, will be considered by Cabinet on 13 October 2003 when a decision will be taken on whether or not to publish statutory notices.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 The County Council is currently consulting about the possibility of closing Leavesden Green Primary School and amalgamating Alban Wood Infant and Junior Schools. The consultation period ends on 1 August.
- 2.2 The key issue and the reason put forward for the proposed school re-organisation is that there is a large surplus of primary school places in north east Watford which is forecast to grow.

**3 Conclusion**

The Committee is invited to comment to Cabinet on the proposals.

## **4 Background**

- 4.1 Copies of the consultation document are attached as appendix A to this report. They explain that there would be sufficient primary school places in the north east Watford planning area if Leavesden Green Primary School were to be closed and Alban Wood Infant and Junior Schools were to be amalgamated. The new Alban Wood Primary School would be established with two forms of entry (60 pupils per year) compared with the current schools' capacity for 2.5 forms of entry (75 pupils per year).
- 4.2 The document proposes that both the closure and the amalgamation would take place at the end of the 2003/04 academic year.

## **5 Rural implications**

There are no rural implications as the schools involved are all in an urban area.

### **Background information referred to by the author:**

Consultation Documents, June 2003