

**Open Report on behalf of Andy Breckon**

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>13 May 2011</b>
Subject:	<b>Stamford Endowed Schools Scholarship Tapering- Interim (4th Year) Review</b>

**Summary:**

In 2006, Executive decided to taper the number of Lincolnshire County Council Scholarships to the Stamford Endowed Schools so that in 2012, there would be no new scholarships. It was also confirmed that there would continue to be four-yearly reviews of the educational provision for secondary school pupils in the Stamford area so that the decision could be revisited if necessary. This report in Appendix 1 was commissioned in 2010 to review the impact of the tapering after four years.

The principal objective of the review is to ascertain the extent to which suitable education is provided for academically able students in the Stamford area as the number of Lincolnshire County Council Scholarships to the Stamford Endowed Schools is reduced.

It also considers the extent to which a genuinely comprehensive intake at Stamford Queen Eleanor School has been facilitated by the tapering of the scholarship scheme as this was a key expectation when the decision to taper was made. Stamford Queen Eleanor School is the only secondary school maintained by Lincolnshire County Council in the town.

**Actions Required:**

1. To receive the report as requested in 2006
2. To support or amend the recommendations contained within the report
3. To identify any recommendations that may need to be taken to Executive
4. To identify recommendations that require action by officers in order to inform further decision making by elected members.

## **1. Background**

On 04 July 2006, a report was presented to the Executive of Lincolnshire County Council entitled "Review of Stamford Endowed Schools Scheme". The report presented a number of recommendations. Executive resolved to adopt some of these immediately and requested that further options be presented at a subsequent meeting. These were presented at its meeting of 18 July 2006. The decisions taken at this meeting were 'called-in' but on 27 July 2006, Scrutiny and Management Committee resolved that "the decision of the Executive of 18 July in connection with "Review of Stamford Endowed Schools Scheme" (Decision Reference 00939) be upheld". The components of the decisions taken in 2006 that are pertinent to this Report are:

(04 July 2006)

- (1) the proposal for assessing schools on a four yearly basis as set out in paragraph 6 of the Report be approved;
- (3) negotiations be conducted with Stamford Endowed Schools for an annual reduction in the number of scholarship places from 2008/09 leading to the ending of the scheme in 2012/13 when no further places would be available with children in receipt of scholarship funding continuing to receive support until the end of their education at Stamford

(18 July 2006)

To terminate the Stamford Endowed Schools scholarship scheme by

- (a) terminating the existing contract which has 50 scholarship places per year by giving notice to Stamford Endowed Schools by 31 August 2006 (the last intake under that contract to be in September 2007);
- (b) negotiating by 31 December 2006 a tapering contract for the period covering intakes from September 2008 to September 2011;

The Report that appears as Appendix A has been commissioned by Lincolnshire County Council as the first four-yearly assessment of educational provision for able young people of secondary school age in the Stamford area, focusing particularly on the impact of the decision to taper the number of new scholarships that are funded by Lincolnshire County Council and on the broader objectives of the 2006 Report.

## **2. Conclusion**

The Report that appears as Appendix 1 draws a number of conclusions and makes a number of recommendations that Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and explore in order to address the 'Actions Required' above.

### 3. Consultation

#### a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

The Policy Proofing Tool has been used but there are no conclusions pertinent to this report.

### 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Stamford Endowed Schools Scholarship Tapering: Executive Summary of the Findings of the Interim Review

### 5. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Review of the Stamford Endowed Schools Scheme- A Report to Executive, 04 July 2006	<a href="http://aspapps.lincolnshire.gov.uk/committeerecords.asp">http://aspapps.lincolnshire.gov.uk/committeerecords.asp</a>
Executive Decision Reference 00939- Review of the Stamford Endowed Schools Scheme 04 July 2006	<a href="http://aspapps.lincolnshire.gov.uk/committeerecords.asp">http://aspapps.lincolnshire.gov.uk/committeerecords.asp</a>
Executive Decision Reference 00939 - Review of the Stamford Endowed Schools Scheme- 18 July 2006	<a href="http://aspapps.lincolnshire.gov.uk/committeerecords.asp">http://aspapps.lincolnshire.gov.uk/committeerecords.asp</a>
Minutes of the Scrutiny and Management Committee - 27 July 2006	<a href="http://aspapps.lincolnshire.gov.uk/committeerecords.asp">http://aspapps.lincolnshire.gov.uk/committeerecords.asp</a>

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