

Primary Action Plan – Appendix 1

N.B.

The tables below show capacity and spare places at year of admission only i.e Reception.

Stourbridge Planning Area

CURRENT PAN: 759

<u>Year</u>	<u>Predicted Pupil Numbers</u>	<u>Spare places</u>	<u>Surplus %</u>
2018/19	763	-4	-0.5
2019/20	700	59	7.7
2020/21	729	30	3.9
21/22	701	58	7.6

Concerns

This planning area has little scope for expansion due to the physical nature of the sites. It remains a popular area with parents. As pupil numbers are projected to decrease from 2020/21 onwards it is not appropriate at this time to increase PAN permanently in this area.

Intended Actions

2019/20

Work will be undertaken with individual schools in this area to take some additional pupils, whilst vacancies in adjacent planning areas will also be used. Bulge classes will be considered if required.

2020-21

As surplus places are expected to rise above our target of 5% surplus from 2020-21 onwards this planning area will be monitored closely and surplus capacity considered when looking at options for special and alternative provision, and a resultant decrease in PAN across this area.

Ashwood Park PAN decrease being considered by school, LA and governing body.

Brierley Hill area

Current PAN: 810

<u>Year</u>	<u>Predicted Pupil Numbers</u>	<u>Spare places</u>	<u>Surplus %</u>
2018/19	754	56	6.9
2019/20	752	58	7.1
2020/21	752	58	7.1
2021/22	764	46	5.6

Concerns

From 2019/20 onwards surplus places will be increasing in this planning area. Plans will need to be made about how to mitigate this surplus capacity.

In Year movement

Not an issue at present in the Brierley Hill area.

Intended Actions

As surplus places are expected to rise above our target of 5% surplus from 2018-19 onwards this planning area will be monitored closely and surplus capacity considered when looking at options for special and alternative provision, and a resultant decrease in PAN across this area. This will be considered in the working group and Strategic Place Planning Board.

Targeted consideration will be given to schools who have a large surplus capacity and plans formulated about reduction in PAN, in line with this strategy.

Dudley North

Current PAN : 690 * projections do not yet include known large scale residential project that is in planning or the provision of the new free school.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Predicted Pupil Numbers</u>	<u>Spare places</u>	<u>Surplus %</u>
2018/19	653	37	5.3
2019/20	646	44	6.3
2020/21	628	62	8.9
21/22	617	73	10.5

Concerns

This area will continue to be monitored. A primary free school is partially approved for this area to open in 2020/21. There are also plans for a large scale residential development which will increase the need for school places.

In year movement

Not an issue at present.

Intended Actions

This area is expected to have some significant changes in the coming years and therefore these projections are expected to change.

As a result this planning area will be monitored closely by the working group and the Strategic place planning board to ensure that surplus capacity remains within reasonable levels through the transition.

Halesowen Township

PAN for 2018/19: 805

PAN for 2019/20 onwards: 775

<u>Year</u>	<u>Predicted Pupil Numbers</u>	<u>Spare places</u>	<u>Surplus %</u>
2018/19	798	7	0.8
2019/20	754	21	2.7
2020/21	792	-17	-2.2
21/22	767	8	1

Concerns

Capacity in this area remains low, however there is very limited space for expansion . Additionally as pupil numbers are expected to continue to decline in this area in line with the birth trends no further capacity is intended to be built in at the present time. As the pressure is lifted in other neighbouring authorities it may be that cross border pupil numbers may decline and assist in the pressures in this area.

In-Year movement

In-year movement remains high in this planning area. Discussions are taking place within the primary working group around potential solutions.

Intended actions

Projections and capacity will be closely monitored via the working group and Strategic Place Planning Board. Bulge classes will be considered to meet need if required.

Dudley Central

Current PAN: 990

<u>Year</u>	<u>Predicted Pupil Numbers</u>	<u>Spare places</u>	<u>Surplus %</u>
2018/19	979	5	0.5%
2019/20	956	34	3.4
2020/21	937	53	5.4
21/22	935	55	5.5

Possible actions

Overall primary projections are reducing and therefore this area will need to be closely monitored to ensure that capacity does not increase significantly above our target surplus capacity.

In Year Movement

Dudley Central takes a large proportion of new entrants to the authority and therefore additional provision here will be useful for in year transfers. Currently the authority are managing this in year movement largely on a 1 in 1 out basis.