

**Commissioning Plan
for Education Provision
in
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Foreword

Welcome to the County Council's Commissioning Plan for education provision in Kent for 2013-2018. This is a five year rolling plan which we update annually. It sets out our future plans as strategic commissioner of education provision across all types and phases of education in Kent.

This plan builds upon the positive achievements of the past year and provides a clear and confident direction for education providers into the next few years. I am pleased to report that:

- The County Council has successfully provided sufficient school places for all Kent children and young people for September 2013 by creating the additional provision set out in last year's Plan;
- The accuracy of the forecasts of pupil numbers has been very good, thus providing confidence in future forecasts and proposals;
- High levels of parental preference for schools have been delivered in 2013 despite the pressure of an increasing population; and
- All of this has been achieved against a backdrop of steadily improving standards and achievements in Kent schools.

I would like to thank all the schools which are part of the major expansion programme, particularly Headteachers and Governors for their leadership and management of consultation and building programmes while at the same time continuing to raise standards and improve children's achievements.

There remain a number of challenges for the future: the school age population continues to grow, requiring additional school places to be created, in the right places, throughout the next decade; access to sufficient capital funds for school building continues to be limited and uncertain; and there is increasing local concern about building development, particularly in established urban areas.

I am determined we will meet these challenges with robust commissioning plans for the future which have been secured through collaboration and consultation with schools and other partners. We must also deliver cost-effective procurement and construction options, including through innovative, good quality buildings.

I believe this Plan sets out a reliable and realistic vision for future education provision in Kent and provides the template for schools and other providers to work closely with the County Council to deliver a place in a good school for every Kent child.

Roger Gough
Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

Introduction

- 1.1 This Commissioning Plan for new educational provision in Kent is key to achieving our aim to be the most forward looking area in England for education and learning and one of the best places for children and young people to grow up, learn, develop and achieve.
- 1.2 Good and outstanding schools are the basis of strong communities and a strong local economy. All parents want their children to go to a good school and they want a choice of schools. And all children and young people should be able to achieve well at school, from the earliest years through Primary and Secondary education, no matter what their background. The goal of the education system in Kent is for all young people to have the best opportunities and to gain the right qualifications for rewarding employment and independence as they become young adults. Securing good quality school places in every community is essential for every young person to have the best chance in life.
- 1.3 In Kent we are seeing a continued and significant increase in pupil numbers and consequently a need for new provision. In 2012-13 we achieved our aim of creating an extra 22 forms of entry (FE) in Primary Schools and 4FE in Secondary Schools, plus 362 temporary places for meeting short term pressures for Reception aged pupils
- 1.4 The number of Primary age pupils is expected to continue rising significantly from 111,193 in 2012-13, to 121,278 in 2017-18, which is more than 10,000 extra Primary school pupils over the next five years. Beyond this date the number of Primary age children remains comparatively level, although increases in some Districts are off-set by reductions in others. There will be a need to continue to make new provision available in some Districts on a permanent basis.
- 1.5 The Secondary age population, while reducing between now and 2016 will rise through the latter part of this decade. The number of 11 to 16 year olds in Kent Secondary schools is 79,244 in 2012-13. This will fall to 76,060 pupils in 2015-16 and then it is forecast to rise to 85,883 by 2022-23. The falling numbers to 2015-16 mask significant growth in some Districts that run counter to the overall trend, so that additional forms of entry in Year 7 in Secondary schools in some areas will still be needed.

1.6 This Commissioning Plan, therefore, identifies the need for additional permanent and temporary school places as follows:

| | <i>By 2014-15</i> | <i>By 2015-16</i> | <i>By 2016-17</i> | <i>2017-18 and after</i> |
|---------------|--|--|---|--|
| Totals | <i>Primary</i> 15.3FE permanent 250 temporary Year R places <i>Secondary</i> 3FE permanent 25 Year 7 places | <i>Primary</i> 25.6FE permanent 195 temporary Year R places <i>Secondary</i> 9FE permanent | <i>Primary</i> 22FE permanent 90 temporary Year R places <i>Secondary</i> 9FE permanent | <i>Primary</i> 55.5FE permanent <i>Secondary</i> 27FE permanent |

1.7 Much of the additional provision will be achieved by expanding existing schools, although five new Primary Schools are already planned for 2015. While in many cases the need for new and expanded schools is dependent on future housing development, the increase in demand for education places is significant.

1.8 By clearly setting out the Local Authority's future commissioning needs and plans we hope parents and providers will be in a better position to make proposals and suggestions regarding how these needs can be met. This is a different approach to setting out predetermined solutions to perceived need, and should enable a greater range of options to be considered. We welcome the fact that new providers, such as free schools, are entering the market and believe that parents and communities should have a strong voice in proposals for future school development. The Local Authority also recognises that popular schools may wish to expand, or be under pressure from the local community to do so. Such expansions are welcome to help meet the need for extra places and to meet our objective of providing access to a good local school for every Kent child. We support this greater diversity in the range of education provision available to Kent children and young people. As the Strategic Commissioner of Education Provision, we welcome proposals from existing schools and new providers that address the needs set out in this Plan for new provision to meet increased demand and to improve the quality of education.

1.9 This Plan is a 'live' document which underpins the dynamic process of ensuring there are sufficient school places for Kent children. It is subject to regular discussion and consultation with schools, District Councils, Local Elected Members and others. The content of this Plan reflects those discussions and consultations.

Patrick Leeson
Corporate Director
Education, Learning and Skills

2. Executive Summary

2.1 Purpose

The County Council is the Strategic Commissioner of Education Provision in Kent. This Commissioning Plan sets out how we will carry out our responsibility for ensuring there are sufficient places of high quality, in the right places, for all learners, while at the same time fulfilling our other responsibilities to raise education standards and be the champion of children and their families in securing good quality education. The purpose of the Commissioning Plan is to set out in detail how we will meet the future need for education provision in Kent. It should enable parents and education providers to put forward proposals as to how these needs might best be met.

Review of Commissioning to 2013

2.2 The Kent Commissioning Plan published in September 2012 identified the need, by September 2013, for additional permanent school places to be created – equivalent to 22.1 forms of entry in Primary Schools and 4 form of entry in Secondary Schools. The 2012 plan also identified the need to provide 362 temporary school places to meet short –term pressures for Reception age pupils. These planned school places have all been successfully delivered for September 2013 together with an additional permanent 861 Year R places. This is equivalent to 28.7 additional forms of entry since September 2010. An additional 2128 Primary school places have been created in all year groups. There are 518 additional temporary Year R places and an additional 1334 temporary places (equivalent to 44.5 extra classes) in place across all Year groups.

Commissioned additional places

| Year | Cumulative temporary places added | Cumulative permanent places added | Total |
|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 2011 | 843 | 70 | 913 |
| 2012 | 1646 | 405 | 2051 |
| 2013 | 1334 | 2128 | 3462 |
| 2014 | 1172 | 3477 | 4649 |
| 2015 | 1150 | 4492 | 5642 |
| 2016 | 1128 | 5507 | 6635 |
| 2017 | 1076 | 6307 | 7383 |

2.3 What are we seeking to achieve?

“Our aim is to be the most forward looking area in England for education and learning so that we are the best place for children and young people to grow up, learn, develop and achieve. We want Kent to be a place where families thrive and all children learn and develop well from the earliest years so that they are ready for school, have excellent foundations for learning and are equipped for success in life, no matter what their background. We want every child to go to a good or outstanding school. We have the same expectations for every child and young person to make good progress in their learning, to achieve well at school and to have the best opportunities for an independent economic and social life as they become young adults.” (Bold Steps for Kent).

Commissioning sufficient school places, in the right places and making changes in school organisation has a significant impact on securing our vision for a high performing education system where every child and young person can go to a good or outstanding school. To ensure all pupils meet their full potential we will by 2015 and beyond

- Commission and expand educational provision in early years, schools, 14-19 and for SEND pupils, so that we meet demand with good provision.
- Maintain at least 5% to 7% surplus capacity in school places and ensure we deliver additional school places in line with demand and parental preferences, each year as set out in the Education Commissioning Plan.

2.4 Principles and Guidelines

It is important that the Local Authority is transparent and clear about the principles and planning guidelines it will adhere to when making commissioning decisions or assessing the relative merits of any proposals it might receive. This Commissioning Plan sets these out.

2.5 Capital Funding

The Local Authority has a key role in securing funding to provide sufficient numbers of pupil places. The cost of additional school places is currently met from basic need grant from the government, supported borrowing by the County Council and S106 property developer contributions. Other funding options include the Academies and Free Schools programmes. There is a current government funding review for school building which will impact on education provision planning and may result in changes to the existing developer contribution mechanism. The draft Kent County Council Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2013/14 to 2015/16 provides for a future basic need programme totalling £43.5m. The government has confirmed the basic need grant allocation for 2013/14 and 2014/15. Projects to be included within this programme undergo rigorous internal appraisal and approval processes prior to commencement. Since the publication of the Medium Term Financial Plan the County Council has been successful in securing an additional £31m through its bid for the Targeted Basic Need Programme announced by the Department for Education at the end of March 2013.

2.6 Forecasting Future Methodology

The Local Authority uses data on births and pre-school population figures from the Health Authority to inform the forecasting of pre-school and Primary school pupil rolls. Secondary school and post-16 education needs are calculated from Primary school rolls and transfer rates to Secondary schools. Migration in and out of different parts of Kent and housing developments are taken into account. The methodology for forecasting the future needs for Special education provision is being developed further, alongside the Local Authority SEN review, and existing plans for increased provision are included in this Plan. Over the last five years, forecasting for Primary and Secondary pupils at County level has generally been accurate to within plus or minus 1%. As would be expected, local forecasting has a greater variance, largely due to migration and pupil mobility in some areas.

2.7 Kent's Demographic Trends

The yearly number of births in Kent has increased by almost 25% in the period between 2002 and 2012. The number of Primary age pupils in Kent schools is expected to rise significantly from 111,147 in 2013, to 129,240 in 2021. Beyond this point the pupil

population begins generally to decline except in Dartford where the previous rise continues. In 2031 pupil numbers are forecast to decline back to 2011-16 levels. The magnitude of population rise indicates a need for new permanent accommodation mixed with temporary expansion. The number of Secondary age pupils in Kent schools is reducing between 2013 and 2016 except in Ashford, before rising again. This rise will continue through to 2026, before falling again over the following five years, except in Dartford where an increase continues. The number of Reception age pupils in Kent schools has risen from 14,498 in 2006-07 to 16,982 in 2012-13. This is an increase of over 17%.

In 2006-07 Reception year groups at Kent Primary schools operated with over 18% surplus capacity. This has reduced to 5% in 2012-13. The number of Reception pupils is forecast to increase to almost 17,700 over the next five years, apart from in 2016-17 where there is expected to be a peak of about 17,900 pupils. The number of Primary age pupils in Kent schools is forecast to rise from 106,097 in 2009-10 to around 121,000 in 2017-18. This is an increase of over 14%. Kent Primary schools currently operate with almost 9% surplus capacity but this is forecast to decrease over the coming years to a little over 3% by 2017-18. Plans for additional capacity which are not yet progressing through consultation and statutory processes will be brought forward over the coming six months to ensure that surplus capacity is retained at the managed rate of 5% or greater in each District area. The number of Year 7 pupils in Kent schools has fallen for four consecutive years from 16,605 in 2008-09 to 15,244 in 2012-13 and is expected to fall by a further 200 places in 2013-14. Thereafter, Year 7 rolls are forecast to rise to 17,848 through the period to 2022-23, an increase of 17% on current roll numbers. The number of Year 7-11 pupils in Kent Secondary schools has been declining over the previous six years from 82,368 in 2006-07 to 79,244 in 2012-13 and is expected to continue falling to around 76,000 in 2015-16. Thereafter it is forecast to rise to 85,833 through the period to 2022-23, an increase of 8.3% on current roll numbers.

2.8 Commissioned additional places 2010 to 2014

| Year | Cumulative temporary places added | Cumulative permanent places added | Total |
|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 2010 | 80 | 200 | 280 |
| 2011 | 270 | 658 | 928 |
| 2012 | 560 | 1611 | 2171 |
| 2013 | 675 | 3407 | 4082 |
| 2014 | 735 | 4459 | 5194 |

The cumulative number of places will continue to increase over the next 5-6 years as we admit additional pupils in to Year R, and enlarged cohorts work through all the subsequent school year groups.

2.9 Special Educational Needs

We have published a Strategy to improve the outcomes for Kent's children and young people with SEN and those who are disabled (SEND) anticipating the requirements of the Children and Families Act.

Our current SEN capacity has not kept pace with changing needs and we are spending too much on transporting children to schools away from their local communities. We want to decrease the demand for out-County provision which is causing a significant financial burden because of the long term impact this will have on our schools funding in future.

This plan sets out our intention to create at least 275 additional places for pupils with autism (ASD) or behavioural, emotional and social needs (BESN) by increasing the number of Kent designated places in Special schools from 3038 to 3458 raising the actual number of commissioned places in 2013/14 from 3491 to over 3700 with potential to commission up to 3803. We have been successful in securing additional capital funds for seven of our Special schools. We plan to expand Specialist resourced places in mainstream schools by at least 100 and re-focus some existing provision. We will encourage a mixed economy of providers to deliver a best value approach to low incidence high cost needs and ensure this collaboration offers parents greater choice of good quality local provision, in which they can feel confident.

2.10 Early Years Education

Assessing the early education and childcare market and ensuring a sufficiency of provision is both a complex and a constantly moving challenge. We have a robust profile of the availability of and demand for early education and childcare provision. Particular gaps exist for new early education places for two year olds, but we have robust plans to meet targets within identified timescales.

2.11 Post-16 Education and Training in Kent

The Kent 14-24 Employment and Skills Strategy sets out how we commission new provision for 16-24 year olds including expanding provision in vocational opportunities and apprenticeships. Kent lacks sufficient vocational provision to meet the needs of some sectors of the economy, including retail and wholesale, manufacturing, food production, creative and media, life science and medical and low carbon and environmental goods and services. There is also insufficient vocationally related provision for vulnerable young people, particularly young people with learning difficulties and disabilities, teenage parents and young people in care.

There are enough courses numerically in proportion to the number of learners who are below Level 1, at Level 1 and Level 2 without maths and English at age 16, but these groups have high levels of NEETs and non-progression post-16 because provision for them is distributed equally by District and is not necessarily in the correct subject areas. There is insufficient provision to ensure that Year 12 learners stay on and progress to Year 13. Career related progression pathways from Levels 1 to 3 seem to be lacking leading to student drop out and youth unemployment.

There is significant scope for more apprenticeship starts across all sectors, for learners aged 16-18. Take-up of all modern foreign languages is very low. Across Kent students appear to be taking courses of personal interest rather than those related to their best chances of employment and the needs of the Kent economy. This is illustrated by high levels of sport, leisure and tourism, and performing arts courses. Analysis of the current gaps in provision has been set out District by District in the District-level 'Data Packs available on the KCC website. These analyses inform local commissioning decisions which are being developed in consultation with providers at a local level.

2.12 Kent's Forward Plan – by District

Detailed analysis, at District level, of the future need for Primary and Secondary school places is contained in this Plan. This clearly sets out what provision needs to be commissioned, where, and when. Detailed information on school expansions is contained with the District plans and KCC will consult on the proposals inline with its statutory responsibilities and agreed protocols. We need permanent accommodation as follows: 15.3 forms of entry (FE) in Primary provision and 3 forms of entry in Secondary schools across Kent by 2014-15; a further 25.6 forms of entry in Primary, and 9 forms of entry in Secondary by 2015-16; and a further 22 forms of entry in Primary schools and 9 forms of entry in Secondary schools by 2016-17. Temporary enlargements (bulge year groups) will also be required. It is recognised that in many cases these needs are dependent upon future planned housing developments, and thus the timing may need to be adjusted. In such cases, officers will implement measures to ensure sufficient provision is in place, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform and Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services. We will keep this under review.

3. The Kent Context: Review of Commissioning

3.1 Vision for Kent 2011 - 2021:

A County of differences

Kent is a collection of diverse small towns, rural communities and coastal and riverside conurbations. Kent's diversity is clear to see when we look at the difference between the richest and poorest areas in the County. For example, in Tunbridge Wells, only 4% of the population is amongst the poorest 20% nationally, while in Thanet it is 42%. Pockets of significant deprivation are found across Kent.

3.2 A Place of Change

Over 100,000 new dwellings are currently planned in Kent by 2026, with the particular focus on the County's two major growth areas in The Thames Gateway and Ashford, where there are pressing demographic challenges in the future. This demand for housing (53,000 in The Thames Gateway and 25,000 in Ashford) places significant pressure on all services and public infrastructure – and shapes the school organisation challenges that we face in the future.

3.3 A Place of Diversity and Choice

Over 240,000 children and young people are educated in Kent schools. There are 765 private and voluntary early years providers and accredited childminders, 1 maintained nursery school, 32 infant schools, 32 junior schools, 386 Primary schools, 100 Secondary schools¹, 24 Special schools and 18 Pupil Referral Units.

3.4 The County has a diversity of provision with 213 community schools, 115 academies, 33 foundation schools including a number of trusts and 188 Voluntary-Aided / Voluntary-Controlled schools belonging to Canterbury and Rochester Church of England Dioceses and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark, plus Methodist provision. There are 66 non-selective Secondary schools (of which five are single sex) and 33 grammar schools (of which 28 are single-sex) in Kent. Appendix 2 gives a detailed breakdown of Kent schools by type and category.

3.5 There are five general and one Specialist further and higher education colleges in Kent, based on 11 sites across the County.

- 3.6 More than 6,500 Kent pupils, 2.8% of Kent's school population, are subject of a Statement of SEN and the Local Authority is responsible for commissioning their school place. Currently over 3,000 pupils with Statements of SEN (60%) attend local maintained Special schools.
- 3.7 Kent has a long history of working with private and voluntary education providers in the pre-school and school sector. The growth in government funded academies and free schools is adding to this, and there are academy chains sponsoring a number of schools in the County. Similarly, we have strong links with the training providers and employers in the County who provide invaluable training and apprenticeship opportunities for many young people.
- 3.8 Over 500 Kent pupils attend non-maintained Special schools with the largest numbers of these in schools for autism (ASD) or behavioural, emotional and social needs (BESN) reflecting that Kent's maintained Special school provision is at capacity.
- 3.9 There is a wide variety of providers of schools each bringing their own ethos and ideas to the system. This provides parents with choice and helps all schools continue to improve as each learn from the successes of others.
- 3.10 We aim to support and work with the family of schools in Kent, to ensure all children and young people in Kent get the very best education opportunities and achieve well.
- 3.11 The Kent Commissioning Plan published in September 2012 identified the need, by September 2013, for additional permanent school places to be created – equivalent to 22.1 forms of entry in Primary Schools and 4 form of entry in Secondary Schools. The 2012 plan also identified the need to provide 362 temporary school places to meet short –term pressures for Reception age pupils, these planned school places have all been successfully created for September 2013. The school – level detail of this expansion in the number of school places is set out, District by District, in the District Analyses in Section 13 of this plan.
- 3.12 The additional school places which have been created were either permanent or temporary dependent on the nature of demand. Temporary school places are created to meet a short term increase in demand for one or more years only, or to meet an immediate need for additional provision which will become permanent when the consultations, approvals and building works have been implemented.

- 3.13 The table below shows the number of permanent additional Year R places created in Kent schools since September 2010. By September 2013 an additional 861 permanent Year R places have been created. This is equivalent to 28.7 additional forms of entry. Some expansions have already been approved for September 2014, which will increase the number of additional Year R places created to 1016 (equivalent to 33.9 forms of entry). As other expansions are commissioned and approved for September 2014 and beyond, the number of additional permanent Year R places will continue to increase to meet the demand for places.

Permanent Year R Places Added in Kent Primary Schools (cumulative from 2010-11)

| District | 2010-11 (Year R) | 2011-12 (Year R) | 2012-13 (Year R) | 2013-14 (Year R) | 2014-15 (Year R) | 2015-16 (Year R) | 2016-17 (Year R) | 2017-18 (Year R) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ashford | 0 | 30 | 80 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| Canterbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | -30 | -30 | -30 | -30 | -30 |
| Dartford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 |
| Dover | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gravesham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Maidstone | 0 | 30 | 90 | 131 | 141 | 141 | 141 | 141 |
| Sevenoaks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| Shepway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Swale | 0 | 5 | 5 | 45 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 |
| Thanet | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 0 | 5 | 5 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 |
| Kent | 0 | 70 | 180 | 861 | 1016 | 1016 | 1016 | 1016 |

3.14 The table below shows the total number of permanent additional places created in Kent Primary schools. These figures demonstrate that as the additional Year R places roll through the subsequent Year groups, year on year, the total number of additional school places is significant. By September 2013 an additional 2128 Primary school places have been created. This is equivalent to 70.9 additional classes (of 30 pupils per class) since September 2010. For September 2014 and beyond the number of places continue to rise in the expanded schools. By September 2017, the permanent expansions which have already been approved will have added 6307 places in total. This is equivalent to 210.2 additional classes, or to 15 new 2 form entry Primary schools.

Permanent Primary School Places Added (cumulative from 2010-11)

| District | 2010-11 (Total) | 2011-12 (Total) | 2012-13 (Total) | 2013-14 (Total) | 2014-15 (Total) | 2015-16 (Total) | 2016-17 (Total) | 2017-18 (Total) |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ashford | 0 | 30 | 230 | 475 | 600 | 725 | 850 | 945 |
| Canterbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | -210 | -210 | -210 | -210 | -210 |
| Dartford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 480 | 660 | 840 | 1020 | 1110 |
| Dover | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gravesham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 240 | 300 | 360 | 390 |
| Maidstone | 0 | 30 | 150 | 333 | 517 | 647 | 777 | 907 |
| Sevenoaks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 265 | 350 | 435 | 505 |
| Shepway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 45 | 60 | 75 | 90 |
| Swale | 0 | 5 | 10 | 85 | 365 | 495 | 625 | 755 |
| Thanet | 0 | 0 | 0 | 240 | 520 | 670 | 820 | 970 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 0 | 5 | 15 | 155 | 185 | 215 | 245 | 245 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 290 | 400 | 510 | 600 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Kent | 0 | 70 | 405 | 2128 | 3477 | 4492 | 5507 | 6307 |

- 3.15 The table below shows the numbers of additional temporary Year R places created in Kent schools. For September 2013 there are 518 additional temporary year R places. The numbers fluctuate year-on-year as some temporary places are created to meet short term demand and these are discontinued when forecast demand diminishes, while other temporary expansions become permanent in subsequent years.

Temporary Places Added in Kent Primary Schools

| District | 2010-11 (Year R) | 2011-12 (Year R) | 2012-13 (Year R) | 2013-14 (Year R) | 2014-15 (Year R) | 2015-16 (Year R) | 2016-17 (Year R) | 2017-18 (Year R) |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ashford | 0 | 15 | 90 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Canterbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dartford | 90 | 90 | 120 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dover | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gravesham | 30 | 60 | 90 | 70 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maidstone | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sevenoaks | 15 | 85 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Shepway | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Swale | 0 | 70 | 100 | 160 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thanet | 30 | 90 | 150 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 30 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 50 | 150 | 140 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kent | 245 | 598 | 818 | 518 | 98 | 8 | 8 | 8 |

- 3.16 The table below shows the total number of temporary additional places across all Primary school year groups. These figures demonstrate that, as the additional temporary places roll through the year groups and as some temporary arrangements are in place for more than one year, the total number of additional temporary places is significant. By September 2013 an additional 1334 temporary places (equivalent to 44.5 extra classes) are in place across all year groups. The total numbers fluctuate from year to year as some temporary expansions are discontinued and others are created.

Temporary Places Added in Kent Primary Schools

| District | 2010-11 (Total) | 2011-12 (Total) | 2012-13 (Total) | 2013-14 (Total) | 2014-15 (Total) | 2015-16 (Total) | 2016-17 (Total) | 2017-18 (Total) |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ashford | 0 | 15 | 90 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| Canterbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Dartford | 90 | 180 | 300 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Dover | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gravesham | 30 | 90 | 180 | 130 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 160 |
| Maidstone | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sevenoaks | 15 | 100 | 175 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 |
| Shepway | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Swale | 0 | 70 | 170 | 300 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 |
| Thanet | 30 | 120 | 270 | 250 | 150 | 120 | 90 | 60 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 30 | 68 | 106 | 54 | 92 | 100 | 108 | 116 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 50 | 200 | 340 | 330 | 330 | 330 | 330 | 300 |
| Kent | 245 | 843 | 1646 | 1334 | 1172 | 1150 | 1128 | 1076 |

4. The Role of the Local Authority in Commissioning Education Provision

4.1 In the national policy context the Local Authority is the commissioner of education provision. Providers will come from the private, voluntary, charitable and maintained sectors. The role of the Local Authority is set within a legal framework of statutory duties which are set out below. Within this framework, the Local Authority continues to be the major provider of education by maintaining most Kent schools and it also fulfils the function of “provider of last resort” to ensure new provision is made when no other acceptable new provider comes forward.

Statutory Duties

4.2 Education in Kent can be divided into three phases, although there is some overlap between these. The three main phases are:

- Early Years, primarily delivered by private, voluntary and independent pre-school providers and accredited childminders, 68 schools with a maintained nursery provision and one maintained nursery school;
- 4-16, “compulsory school age” during which schools are the main providers;
- Post 16, colleges and schools both offer substantial provision, with colleges as the sole provider for young people aged 19-25.

4.3 The Local Authority also has specific duties in relation to provision for pupils who have Special Educational Needs and pupils excluded from school or who are unable to attend school because of ill health.

Duties to Provide for Under 5s

4.4 Section 6 of the 2006 Childcare Act gives local authorities a duty to secure the provision of early education and childcare to meet the requirements of parents in their area who require childcare in order to enable them to:

- (a) take up, or remain in, work, or
- (b) undertake education or training which could reasonably be expected to assist them to obtain work.

4.5 Section 7 of the 2006 Childcare Act places a duty on local authorities to ensure that all parents of three and four year olds are able to access the minimum free entitlement (15 hours per week for 38 weeks a year) for up to two years before their child reaches compulsory school age. Local authorities must ensure that sufficient early education and childcare is available which offers the early years free entitlement, including sufficient ‘stand-alone’ places for parents who want to take up only the free entitlement as well as sufficient accessible places for low income families.

- 4.6 Section 11 of the 2006 Childcare Act places a duty on local authorities to undertake a regular childcare sufficiency assessment² including an annual action plan.
- 4.7 From September 2013 the Government has introduced a duty on local authorities that will enable the most disadvantaged 2 year olds to be able to access free early education provision.
- 4.8 The Government's consultation on 'Proposed changes to the Entitlement to Free Early Education and Childcare Sufficiency' concluded in February 2012 with guidelines on statutory duties for local authorities expected in April 2012. The Government intends to introduce the duty of providing 570 hours of free early education, equivalent to 15 hours a week over 38 weeks, for the most disadvantaged two year olds from September 2013.

Duties to Provide for Ages 4-16

- 4.9 The law requires Local Authorities to make provision for the education of children from the first term they begin statutory education as a five year old to the end of the academic year in which their sixteenth birthday falls either at school or otherwise. Kent has a rising 5's policy, which means we admit 4 year old children to Reception classes in Primary schools. Most Kent parents choose to send their children to Kent schools. Some parents choose to educate their children independently, either at independent schools or otherwise than at school (ie at home); others will send their children to maintained schools outside Kent (as Kent maintained schools admit some children from other areas). Kent will offer a school place to any resident between 4 and 16 years old.
- 4.10 From age 14 to 16 a minority of young people are offered college placements or alternative curriculum provision, usually through school links. Some children are educated in Special schools or non-school forms of Special education because of their Special educational needs.
- 4.11 The Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide full time education for pupils "not in education by reason of illness, exclusion or otherwise" (section 19 of the 1996 Education Act) and which is appropriate to individual pupil needs. This duty is discharged through alternative provision commissioned by Secondary schools and the Health Needs Education Service.

² The 2011 full report, can be found on the KCC website at:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-learning/childcare-and-nursery-education/cmna-consultation.htm>

Duties to Provide for Post 16 Students

- 4.12 As a result of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, Local Authorities are lead strategic commissioners of education and training for 16-19 year olds. This means we have a duty to ensure that sufficient suitable education and training opportunities are accessible to all young people in the County aged 16-19 and those aged 19-24 who have a learning difficulty.³
- 4.13 The Education and Skills Act 2008 places a duty on all young people to participate in education or training until their 18th birthday. From 1 September 2013, young people are required to continue in education or training until the end of the academic year in which they turn 17. From 1 September 2015, they will be required to continue until their 18th birthday. This does not necessarily mean staying in school. Young people will be able to choose how they participate post-16, which could be through full-time education, such as school, college or otherwise; an apprenticeship; part-time education or training if they are employed, self employed; or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week.
- 4.14 As a result of the duty on all young people to participate in education or training until their 18th birthday there are new duties for the Local Authority to:
- promote the effective participation in education or training of all 16 and 17 year olds resident in their area; and
 - make arrangements to identify young people resident in their area who are not participating and ensure they are supported to access appropriate provision.
- 4.15 These new duties complement the existing duties to:
- secure sufficient suitable education and training provision for all 16-19 year olds
 - encourage, enable and assist young people to participate,
 - have processes in place to deliver the ‘September Guarantee’ of an education or training place for all 16 and 17 year olds
 - track young people’s participation, local authorities will be supported by duties on learning providers to notify them when a young person leaves learning.

Duties to Provide for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

- 4.16 The Education Act 1996 and the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (SENDA) 2001 and accompanying SEN Code of Practice 2011 places duties on Local Authorities to ensure that, where necessary, the special educational needs of children and young people in schools (including academies) are met through the making and keeping of a Statement of SEN up to 19 years of

³ Details are contained in the Kent 14 – 24 Learning and Skills Strategy 2013-16.

age. The Act stipulates that except where parents express a preference for a Special school, children with a Statement must be educated in a mainstream school unless it is incompatible with the efficient education of other children. Section 316 of the Education Act 1996 gives parents of those pupils the right to express a preference for any maintained school and obliges the Local Authority to comply with their preferences unless incompatibility is evident. SEN Regulations prescribe the timescale for considering compatibility and determining school placement. Currently schools' concerns about capacity can lead to protracted negotiations about placement which can impact adversely on the ability of the Local Authority to complete the process within statutory timescales.

- 4.17 The Education Act 1996 makes a distinction between maintained schools and independent or non maintained schools, setting out that parents may make representations rather than express a preference. It asserts that Local Authorities must have regard to the general principle that pupils are educated in accordance with the wishes of their parents so far as that is compatible with the provision of efficient instruction and training and the avoidance of unreasonable public expenditure. Changes are expected to be introduced by the Children and Families Bill, currently in passage through Parliament which will remove this distinction and allow parents to express a preference for any maintained school, academy, free school or non maintained school. Kent has a long history of working with non maintained education providers. Greater diversity in the market is likely to give the most cost effective response to managing fluctuating pressure in capacity.
- 4.18 SENDA 2001 places a duty on both schools and the Local Authority to ensure that children and young people with disabilities do not experience discrimination in admission to school, in education and in associated services.

The National Context

- 4.19 The Academies Act 2010 enabled more schools to become academies, and the Education Act 2011 has increased the powers of the Secretary of State to intervene in poorly performing schools, and require these to become academies. The 2011 Act creates a presumption that all new schools will be academies or free schools.

Expansion of Successful and Popular Schools

- 4.20 We are committed to ensuring that every parent can choose a good or outstanding school for their child. Therefore, there is a strong presumption in this Plan that successful and popular schools will be supported to expand. No single definition of a successful and popular school exists, but the school's quality of education as judged by Ofsted, the results in national tests and examinations, the progress rates achieved for all groups of pupils, its rate of improvement and its popularity with parents are factors we use to determine good and popular schools.

The existence of surplus capacity in neighbouring less popular schools is not in itself sufficient to prevent the expansion of a popular school, but compelling objective evidence that expansion would have a damaging effect on standards overall in an area may be a reason to limit such expansion.

Federations and Statutory Collaborations

- 4.21 The Education Act 2002 (sections 24 and 25) provide for schools to join together in a hard federation under the governance of a single governing body. Regulations enable two or more governing bodies to enter in to a statutory collaboration (known as a soft federation) through which they may jointly discharge their responsibilities. Both models can be used to help raise standards in schools and to improve value for money. Where these arrangements are demonstrably improving standards and providing value for money, we would want to support expansion where it is needed in the local area.

5. What are we Seeking to Achieve?

Delivering Bold Steps for Education

- 5.1 Our vision for Education Learning and Skills and our priorities for improvement are set out in 'Delivering Bold Steps for Education 2013 – 2016'. Our strategic priorities in Bold Steps are to ensure all pupils meet their full potential by achieving good outcomes, to shape education and skills provision around the needs of the Kent economy and improve services for the most vulnerable young people in Kent.
- 5.2 Commissioning sufficient school places, in the right places and making changes in school organisation has a significant impact on securing our vision for a high performing education system where every child and young person can go to a good or outstanding school. To ensure all pupils meet their full potential we aim to achieve the following targets and priorities by 2016:
- There will be more good schools, with at least 85% of Primary and Secondary schools judged as good or outstanding. All Special schools will be good or outstanding
 - We will commission and expand educational provision in early years, schools, 14-19 and for SEND pupils, so that we meet demand with good provision.
 - We will help parents to access a preferred school place for their child by increasing online admission applications by 95% and increase the number of parents who get their first preference of school to 90%. First and second preferences combined will improve to 95%.
 - We will maintain at least 5% to 7% surplus capacity in school places and ensure we deliver additional school places in line with demand and parental preferences, each year as set out in the Education Commissioning Plan.
 - We will reduce the number of independent and non maintained Special school placements by 15% to ensure the needs more Kent children are met in their locality, by developing our SEND Strategy to provide more local and cost effective SEN provision.
- 5.3 It is important to balance the need for school places and meeting parental preference with the efficient delivery of high quality education services. This requires a modest surplus of school places in any given locality. Too much surplus capacity is financially wasteful, and can impact negatively on school standards.

- 5.4 The Local Authority seeks to maintain between 5% and 7% surplus capacity in school places and ensure we keep pace with demand for school places in each District by providing places of good quality that parents want for their children. We will take action to reduce surplus capacity where this exceeds 10%, and will seek to exert a downward pressure on levels of surplus capacity where these are forecast to remain significantly above 5% throughout the forecast period.
- 5.5 It should be noted that overall figures of surplus capacity aggregated at District level can mask localised pressures or a deficit of places in individual Year groups. For example it is possible to have surplus capacity but not enough Reception Year places. The level of surplus capacity across any given locality can therefore only be a guide to the actual availability of spaces, and it may be necessary to increase capacity in one area of a District while simultaneously reducing capacity elsewhere in the District.
- 5.6 It is also important to recognise that the Local Authority does not achieve these ambitions without working in partnership with schools and other partners. The increasingly diverse environment in which decisions about school sizes and locations are now taken means that the Local Authority has to commission school places in an open and transparent fashion, and work closely with all education providers, to secure the best for Kent's children and young people.
- 5.7 The Local Authority holds similar ambitions for the Early Years and post-16 age groups and for those children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN). We will continue to work with Early Years providers to respond positively to the ever changing needs of families to ensure high quality childcare provision is available to give children the best start in life and support families' working commitments. We are committed to delivering the Government's drive to extend free entitlement to two year olds from disadvantaged backgrounds, and are working closely with providers to make this happen. Similarly are working with schools, colleges, employers and training organisations to ensure appropriate pathways and provision are in place for the young people aged 16-19 in Kent. Our commissioning intentions for SEN, set out in the new SEND Strategy for Kent, include encouraging a mixed economy of providers, reducing the demand for school places outside Kent and creating more places in Kent Special Schools and in SEN resourced provision in mainstream schools.

6. Principles and Guidelines

6.1 It is important that the Local Authority is open and transparent in its role as the Strategic Commissioner of Education Provision in Kent. To help guide us in this role we abide by clear principles, and consider school organisation proposals against our planning guidelines. We stress that planning guidelines are not absolutes, but a starting point for consideration of proposals.

6.2 These are our over-arching principles:

- We will always put the needs of the learners first.
- Every child should have access to a local good or outstanding school, which is appropriate to their needs.
- All education provision in Kent should be rated “good” or better, and be financially efficient and viable.
- We will aim to meet the needs and aspirations of parents and the local community.
- We will promote parental preference.
- We recognise perceptions may differ as to benefits and detrimental impacts of proposals. We aim to ensure our consultation processes capture the voice of all communities. To be supported, proposals must demonstrate overall benefit.
- Organisational changes should promote greater diversity of provision in a locality.
- The needs of Children in Care and those with SEN will be given priority in any commissioning decision.
- We will give priority to organisational changes that create environments better able to meet the needs of vulnerable children, including those who have SEN and disabilities, those from minority ethnic communities and / or are from low income families.
- We will make the most efficient use of resources.
- Any educational provision facing challenges in difficult times will be supported and challenged to recover in an efficient and timely manner, but where sufficient progress is not so achieved we will seek to commission alternative provision or another provider.
- If a provision is considered or found to be inadequate by Ofsted, we will seek to commission alternative provision where we and the local community believe this to be the quickest route to provide high quality provision.
- In areas of high housing growth we will actively seek developer contributions to fund or part fund new and additional provision.
- In areas of high surplus capacity we will take action to reduce such surplus.⁴

⁴ Actions might include re-classifying accommodation, removing temporary or unsuitable accommodation, leasing spaces to other users, promoting closures or amalgamations. We recognise that, increasingly, providers will be responsible for making such decisions about the use of their buildings, but we believe we all recognise the economic imperatives for such actions.

6.3 Planning Guidelines – Primary:

- The curriculum is generally delivered in key stage specific classes. Therefore, for curriculum viability Primary schools should be able to operate at least 4 classes.
- Where possible, planned Published Admission Numbers (PANs) will be multiples of 30 but where this is not possible, multiples of 15 are used.
- We believe all through Primary schools deliver better continuity of learning as the model for Primary phase education in Kent. When the opportunity arises we will consider the possibility of either amalgamation of separate infant and junior schools into a single Primary school or federation of the schools. However, we will have regard to existing local arrangements and seek to avoid leaving existing schools without links on which they have previously depended.
- All present Primary school provision is co-educational, and we anticipate that future arrangements will conform to this pattern.
- Over time we have concluded that 2fe provision (420 places) is preferred in terms of efficient deployment of resources.

6.4 Planning Guidelines – Secondary:

- All schools must be able to offer a broad and balanced curriculum and progression pathways for 14-19 year olds either alone or via robust partnership arrangements.
- PANs for Secondary schools will not normally be less than 120 or greater than 360. PANs for Secondary schools will normally be multiples of 30.
- Over time we have concluded that the ideal size for the efficient deployment of resources is between 6fe and 8fe.
- All but one of our Secondary schools admit pupils at age 11. Any new Secondary provision would be expected to follow this model, except where it is proposed to be all-aged (Primary and Secondary).
- Proposals for additional Secondary places need to demonstrate a balance between selective and non selective school places.

6.5 Planning Guidelines - Special Educational Needs:

- We aim, over time, to build capacity in mainstream schools, by broadening the skills and special arrangements that can be made within this sector to ensure compliance with the relevant duties under SEN and disability legislation.
- For children and young people where mainstream provision is not appropriate, we seek to make appropriate provision through Kent Special schools. For young people aged 16 – 19 provision may be at school or college and for the young people who are aged 19 – 25 provision is likely to be college based.
- For young people over 18 we jointly commission with Adult Social Services and the Health Service to ensure continuity between the two services.

- We recognise the need for children and young people to live within their local community where possible and we seek, therefore, to place them in day places unless residential provision is needed for care or health reasons. In such cases agreement to joint placement and support will be sought from the relevant teams within KCC or the Health Service.
- We aim to reduce the need for children to be transported to schools far away from their local communities.

6.6 Planning Guidelines - Expansion of Popular Schools and New Provision

- The Local Authority supports diversity in the range of education provision available to our children and young people. We recognise that new providers are entering the market, and that parents and communities are able to make free school applications.
- The Local Authority also recognises that popular schools may wish to expand, or be under pressure from the local community to do so.
- As the Strategic Commissioner of education provision, the Local Authority welcomes proposals from existing schools and new providers that address the needs identified in this Plan, which include new provision to meet increased demand, and new provision to address concerns about quality.
- In order for the Local Authority to support any such proposal, they must adhere to the planning principles and guidelines set out above, and meet an identified need.

7. Capital Funding

- 7.1 The Local Authority as Strategic Commissioner of Education Provision has a key role in securing funding to provide sufficient education provision in the County, particularly in schools.
- 7.2 The cost of providing additional school places is met from government basic need grant funding, supported borrowing by KCC and S106 developer contribution monies. Over the past decade Kent has benefitted from significant Government grant under the Building Schools for the Future programme (to invest in improving its Secondary school estate) the academies programme and the Priority School Building Programme.
- 7.3 The Government recently reviewed the cost of providing new school buildings and the financial process for allocating funding to local authorities to support the provision of extra school places. The new 'baseline' designs guide local authorities towards standardisation in terms of space and design of new schools. Kent is committed to securing value for money when providing additional school accommodation which is of a high quality.
- 7.4 Whilst the review is still in progress it is clear that priority, as was previously the case, will continue to be given to the need for new pupil place provision. Government funding for 'Basic Need' is allocated on a formulaic basis assessed from information provided by local authorities about forecast numbers of pupils and school capacity. Such funding will only provide for predicted growth in numbers arising from changes in the birth rate and from inward net migration.
- 7.5 For new pupil places required because of new housing development it is necessary to look to other funding, specifically developer contribution monies.
- 7.6 In the past developer contribution funding has been secured through the negotiation of S106 agreements. Whilst S106 remains for meeting specific requirements of individual developments, the arrangement is to be supplemented by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). CIL is a local tariff on all development to provide new service capacity to support development.
- 7.7 Account will be taken of existing capacity prior to seeking contributions from either S106 or CIL. Further information on Kent's approach to developer contributions can be found at: [www.kent.gov.uk/community_and_living/regeneration_and_economy / economic_strategy.aspx](http://www.kent.gov.uk/community_and_living/regeneration_and_economy/economic_strategy.aspx)

- 7.8 The Local Authority has produced an Integrated Infrastructure Financing Model (IIFM) which is used to assess the infrastructure needs arising from new housing, particularly over the long term. This first considers the service needs of the indigenous population of a locality over time. It then looks at the proposed timing of new housing and the expected increase in population, to determine what additional service capacity is needed to support the new residents.

Where surplus service capacity above the Local Authority's 5% operating surplus is expected to exist after the needs of the indigenous population are served, this is available to support the need arising from new housing. In cases where services are not expected to be able to cope with the indigenous population's needs the costs of increasing service capacity are identified and costed. These costs are not passed on to developers. Developers are asked only to contribute to needs arising from additional housing which cannot be accommodated within a surplus service capacity in the area (including the 5% operating surplus).

- 7.9 It is important to note that the forecasts utilised in this Plan derive from a school pupil forecasting system (explained in Section 8), which utilises and rolls forward live pupil information. IIFM is looking primarily at the long term infrastructure needs arising from new housing, and in the context of Primary education, for example, looking to assess the needs of a population group that has yet to be born. These two methodologies are brought together in this Commissioning Plan in Section 13, where the short and medium term commissioning needs derive from the school forecasting process and the long term needs arise from IIFM.
- 7.10 The Kent County Council Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2013/14 to 2015/16 provides for a future basic need programme totalling £43.5m. The government has confirmed the basic need grant allocation for 2013/14 and 2014/15. Projects to be included within this programme undergo rigorous internal appraisal and approval processes prior to commencement. Since the publication of the MTFP the County Council has been successful in securing an additional £31m through its bid for the Targeted Basic Need Programme announced by the Department for Education at the end of March 2013. This is from a national total of £982m that was made available and targeted at those authorities with the greatest pressures for additional pupil places.
- 7.11 Proposals to establish new provision which are driven by parents, rather than a basic need for new places, may be funded by the Government's free school programme, or through the County Council if funding is available.

7.12 Availability of Capital and Planning Permission

Statutory proposals to alter school provision cannot be published without the necessary capital funding being identified and secured. Planning permission is required where there are proposals to increase the footprint of a building and in certain other circumstances. Where planning permission is required, school organisation proposals may be approved subject to planning consent being obtained.

7.13 Existing Premises and Sites

In drawing up options and proposals around reshaping provision or providing additional places, the Local Authority conducts an option appraisal on existing premises and sites to inform feasibility. The issues to be considered include:

- the condition and suitability of existing premises
- the ability to expand or alter the premises, including arrangements whilst works are in process
- the works required to expand or alter the premises and the estimated associated capital costs
- the size and topography of the site
- road access to the site, including transport and safety issues

7.14 Value for Money

New school design and build decisions are based on the long term sustainability of school rolls. The build method for new accommodation will be that which is the most appropriate to meet either a bulge in school population or a permanent enlargement, and which represents good value for money.

8. Forecasting Methodology

- 8.1 To inform the process of forecasting Primary school pupil numbers, KCC receives information from the Kent and Medway Public Health Observatory to track the number of births and location of pre-school age children. The pre-school age population is forecast into Primary school rolls according to trend-based intake patterns by ward area. Secondary school forecasts are calculated by projecting forward the Year 6 cohort, also according to trend-based intake patterns. If the size of the Year 6 cohort is forecast to rise, the projected Year 7 cohort size at Secondary schools will also be forecast to rise.
- 8.2 It is recognised that past trends are not always an indication of the future. However, for the Secondary phase, travel to school patterns are firmly established, parental preference is arguably more constant than in the Primary phase and large numbers of pupils are drawn from a wide area. Consequently, forecasts have been found to be accurate.
- 8.3 Pupil forecasts are compared with school capacities to give the projected surplus or deficit of places in each area. It is important to note that where a deficit is identified within the next few years, and where that deficit is 'real', work will already be underway to address the situation.
- 8.4 The forecasting and process is trend-based, which means that relative popularity, intake patterns, inward migration factors from the previous five years are assumed to continue throughout the forecasting period. Migration factors will reflect the trend-based level of house-building in an area over the previous five years but also the general level of in and out migration, including movements into and out of existing housing. An area that has a large positive migration factor may be due to recent large-scale house-building, and an area with a large negative migration factor may reflect a net out-migration of families. These migration factors are calculated at pre-school level by ward area and also at school level for transition between year groups, as the forecasts are progressed.
- 8.5 Information about expected levels of new housing, through the yearly Housing Information Audits (HIA) and Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategies is the most accurate reflection of short, medium and long term building projects at the local level. Where a large development is expected, compared with little or no previous housing-building in the area, a manual adjustment to the forecasts may be required to reflect the likely growth in pupil numbers more accurately.
- 8.5 Pupil product rates (the expected number of pupils from new house-building) are informed by the MORI New Build Survey 2005. KCC has developed a system that combines these new-build pupil product rates (PPRs) with the stock housing PPR of the local area to model the impact of new housing developments together with changing local demographics over time. This information is shared with District authorities to inform longer term requirements for education infrastructure and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) discussions at an early stage.

8.6 Forecasting future demand for school places can never be completely precise given the broad assumptions which have to be made about movements in and out of any given locality, the pace of individual developments, patterns of occupation and not least the parental preference for places at individual schools. This will be a function of geography, school reputation, past and present achievement levels and the availability of alternative provision.

Historic Accuracy of Forecasts⁵

8.7 Historic accuracy has been considered by comparing the number of children on school rolls against the forecast numbers. Thus the forecasts produced in 2007 and 2008, which cover the five years up to 2011-12 and 2012-13, have been compared to the rolls for those five years and the 2009 forecasts compared to the roll for the four years to 2012-13. In total this provides 20 points of comparison.

Table 1 – Historic accuracy of forecasts of Primary school rolls

| % accuracy | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual roll | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2007 forecast | 100.0 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 99.9 | 99.2 | |
| 2008 forecast | | 100.8 | 101.3 | 101.8 | 102.0 | 101.5 |
| 2009 forecast | | | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.5 | 100.1 |
| 2010 forecast | | | | 100.2 | 100.2 | 99.7 |
| 2011 forecast | | | | | 100.1 | 99.8 |
| 2012 forecast | | | | | | 99.6 |

Note: 101 represents a 1% overestimate; 99 represents a 1% underestimate of pupil numbers.

8.8 Over the last five years the forecasts for the Primary school roll in Kent have been accurate to within one percent on 16 of these 20 points of comparison (Table 1). The forecasts produced in 2008 proved to have over-forecast in four of the five years (2009-10 to 2012-13).

⁵ For more detail see Appendix 4.

- 8.9 At District level the forecasts have been more variable. The accuracy ranges from Maidstone, with 1 out of 20 comparison points being within 1%, to Ashford which has been persistently over-forecast by more than 1% (on 13 of the 20 comparison points).

Table 2 – Historic accuracy of forecasts of Secondary school rolls

| % accuracy | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual roll | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2007 forecast | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2008 forecast | | 100.3 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.7 |
| 2009 forecast | | | 99.7 | 99.6 | 100.0 | 100.2 |
| 2010 forecast | | | | 101.0 | 101.7 | 102.4 |
| 2011 forecast | | | | | 100.6 | 100.6 |
| 2012 forecast | | | | | | 100.1 |

Note: 101 represents a 1% overestimate; 99 represents a 1% underestimate of pupil numbers. Forecasts produced in 2007 excluded Leigh Technology Academy and cannot therefore be compared with actual roll data from 2007-08 onwards, which does include this school.

- 8.10 The Secondary forecasts have been accurate to within 1% on 13 of the 15 points of comparison, with two points of the 2010-based outputs forecasting 1.7% and 2.4% too high (Table 2).
- 8.11 At a District level the forecasts have varied more, with some significantly over-forecast (Sevenoaks), while others have been under-forecast (Tonbridge and Malling).

Accuracy of Forecasts in 2012

- 8.12 A review of the accuracy of the forecasts made in the 2012 plan is examined in detail below, per District, for roll number of Year R and Year 7 pupils and for total Primary and total Secondary school rolls.

Forecasting accuracy for Year Reception numbers in 2012

8.13 Table 1 below sets out the forecast Primary roll data for September 2012 against the actual roll data as at January 2013 for Reception age pupils in order to review their accuracy.

Table 1

| Area and District | Forecast Year R (2012/13) | Actual Year R Jan 2013 | Difference | Difference by % |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| East Kent | | | | |
| Canterbury | 1363 | 1421 | -58 | -4.1% |
| Dover | 1170 | 1149 | 21 | 1.8% |
| Swale | 1731 | 1741 | -10 | -0.6% |
| Thanet | 1598 | 1597 | 1 | 0.1% |
| Mid Kent | | | | |
| Ashford | 1574 | 1537 | 37 | 2.4% |
| Shepway | 1172 | 1175 | -3 | -0.3% |
| Maidstone | 1726 | 1702 | 24 | 1.4% |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 1413 | 1491 | -78 | -5.2% |
| West Kent | | | | |
| Dartford | 1302 | 1300 | 2 | 0.2% |
| Gravesham | 1231 | 1284 | -53 | -4.1% |
| Sevenoaks | 1314 | 1336 | -22 | -1.6% |
| Tunbridge Wells | 1223 | 1249 | -26 | -2.1% |
| Kent Totals | 16817 | 16982 | -165 | -1.0% |

Dartford – There was no significant variance.

Gravesham - The forecasts for Gravesham were lower than the actual roll in January 2013. This is largely due to the forecasts not including new housing as well as a conflicting picture over economic migration.

Sevenoaks – The Year R forecast was slightly higher than the plus or minus 1% variance we would wish to see. There is no obvious cause, although the housing development in Dunton Green has not proceeded as rapidly as expected.

Tunbridge Wells – The forecasts for Tunbridge Wells District were higher than the actual roll in January 2013. There is no identifiable cause

Ashford – The forecasts for Ashford were higher than the actual roll in January 2013. This is entirely due to the planned new housing and the resultant pupils not materialising.

(The forecasts include migration arising from new housing where the level of new homes being built is consistent from year to year. Where the District Council's housing trajectory shows an increase in expected housing completions further pupil product needs to be accounted for).

Tonbridge and Malling – The forecasts for Tonbridge and Malling were significantly short of the actual Year R roll (78 pupils), but in line with forecasts for total school rolls (see table 2). This indicates that migration into the District is predominantly by families with pre-school aged children, rather than children across the Primary age range. This is clearly seen in Kings Hill. This will fuel the need for further Year R places in the District and is taken into account in the Commissioning Plan for 2013-18.

Canterbury – The forecasts for Canterbury were significantly short of the actual Year R roll (58 pupils) with a smaller variance in total school rolls (see table 2). This has arisen due to an increase in families with young children moving into the area as well as families moving into established social housing previously occupied by older couples, and is taken into account in the 2013-2018 Commissioning Plan.

Dover – The Year R forecasts were higher than the actual roll but more accurate when looking at total school rolls. This is mainly due to some housing developments that have been re-phased and are therefore not producing the children originally forecast.

Swale – There was no significant variance.

Thanet – Forecasts have underestimated the number of overall Primary age children. Forecasting for Thanet is complex due to the higher and increasing levels of inward migration over recent years and the volatility of population movements. This is addressed in the Commissioning Plan 2013-2018.

Shepway – There was no significant variance.

Maidstone –The Year R forecast was slightly higher than the plus or minus 1% variance we would wish to see. There is no obvious cause.

Forecasting accuracy of Primary school numbers in 2012

- 8.14 Table 2 below sets out the forecast Primary roll data for September 2012 against the actual roll data as at January 2013 for all Primary age pupils in order to review their accuracy. The variance between forecast and actual numbers are all within the range of plus or minus 1% which we aspire to for all Districts, except Canterbury and Swale which are slightly higher than expected and Thanet which is much higher than expected. In Thanet this is due to the higher and increasing levels of inward migration and the volatility of population movements. This is taken into account in the Commissioning Plan 2013-2018.

Table 2

| Area and District | Forecast Roll (2012/13) | Actual Roll Jan 2013 | Difference | Difference by % |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| East Kent | | | | |
| Canterbury | 9561 | 9680 | -119 | -1.2% |
| Dover | 7897 | 7831 | 66 | 0.8% |
| Swale | 11221 | 11389 | -168 | -1.5% |
| Thanet | 9964 | 10263 | -299 | -2.9% |
| Mid Kent | | | | |
| Ashford | 9943 | 9886 | 57 | 0.6% |
| Shepway | 7849 | 7777 | 72 | 0.9% |
| Maidstone | 11164 | 11239 | -75 | -0.7% |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 9932 | 9933 | -1 | -0.0% |
| West Kent | | | | |
| Dartford | 8336 | 8254 | 82 | 1.0% |
| Gravesham | 8446 | 8479 | -33 | -0.4% |
| Sevenoaks | 8545 | 8628 | -83 | -1.0% |
| Tunbridge Wells | 7855 | 7834 | 21 | 0.3% |
| Kent Totals | 110713 | 111193 | -480 | -0.4% |

Forecasting accuracy for Year 7 pupil numbers in 2012

8.15 Table 3 below sets out the forecast Secondary roll data for September 2012-13 against the actual roll data as at January 2013 for Year 7 pupils in order to review their accuracy. There is some under and over-forecasting shown but the numbers of pupils involved are within the capacity levels of local schools.

Table 3

| Area and District | Forecast Roll (2012/13) | Actual Roll Jan 2013 | Difference | Difference by % |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------|
| East Kent | | | | |
| Canterbury | 1459 | 1446 | 13 | 0.9% |
| Dover | 1224 | 1187 | 37 | 3.1% |
| Swale | 1465 | 1504 | -39 | -2.6% |
| Thanet | 1373 | 1351 | 22 | 1.6% |
| Mid Kent | | | | |
| Ashford | 1243 | 1243 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Shepway | 947 | 956 | -9 | -0.9% |
| Maidstone | 1745 | 1821 | -76 | -4.2% |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 1544 | 1535 | 9 | 0.6% |
| West Kent | | | | |
| Dartford | 1352 | 1402 | -50 | -3.6% |
| Gravesham | 1164 | 1138 | 26 | 2.3% |
| Sevenoaks | 389 | 361 | 28 | 7.8% |
| Tunbridge Wells | 1301 | 1300 | 1 | 0.1% |
| Kent Totals | 15206 | 15244 | -38 | -0.2% |

Dartford – This was under forecast by -3.6%. Dartford shares a boundary with the London Borough of Bexley so there is considerable cross border migration.

Sevenoaks– This was over forecast by 7.8%, but 75% of the children in the southern half of the District travel to schools in Tonbridge and Malling and Tunbridge Wells Districts.

Maidstone – This was under forecast by -4.2% (76 places) and may be due to a lower than previous proportion of pupils going into the independent sector, a greater number coming to the District’s Secondary schools from neighbouring Districts (i.e. The Malling area of Tonbridge and Malling), and inward migration.

Dover – The forecasts have over-estimated the number of Year 7 children. This is due to numbers of children travelling to schools outside of the District.

Swale – The forecasts slightly under estimated the number of Year 7 children. The increase in levels of inward migration, particularly from London, accounts for the variance.

Thanet – The forecasts over estimated the number of Year 7 children. This is due to the volatility of the population in and out of the area.

Forecasting accuracy of Secondary school numbers in 2012

8.16 Table 4 below sets out the forecast Secondary roll data for September 2012 -13 against the actual roll data as at January 2013 for all Secondary age pupils (Years 7-11) in order to review their accuracy

Table 4

| Area and District | Forecast Roll (2012/13) | Actual Roll Jan 2013 | Difference | Difference by % |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------|
| East Kent | | | | |
| Canterbury | 7782 | 7668 | 114 | 1.5% |
| Dover | 6410 | 6203 | 207 | 3.3% |
| Swale | 7814 | 7883 | -69 | -0.9% |
| Thanet | 7509 | 7406 | 103 | 1.4% |
| Mid Kent | | | | |
| Ashford | 6444 | 6360 | 84 | 1.3% |
| Shepway | 5208 | 5205 | 3 | 0.1% |
| Maidstone | 8959 | 9059 | -100 | -1.1% |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 7765 | 7739 | 26 | 0.3% |

| | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West Kent | | | | |
| Dartford | 6927 | 6898 | 29 | 0.4% |
| Gravesham | 6186 | 6049 | 137 | 2.3% |
| Sevenoaks | 1962 | 1947 | 15 | 0.8% |
| Tunbridge Wells | 6830 | 6827 | 3 | 0.0% |
| Kent Totals | 79796 | 79236 | -560 | -0.7% |

Ashford – 1.3% fewer pupils sought places in the District’s Secondary schools than forecast. This is likely to be due to lower than expected migration into the town linked to new housing.

Maidstone – The under-forecasting is almost entirely due to the greater than expected number of Year 7 pupils joining the Secondary schools.

East Kent – Canterbury, Dover and Thanet had variances greater than plus or minus 1%. In all cases fewer pupils sought places than forecast. This is due in the main to housing developments being re-phased and therefore fewer pupils coming forward as a result.

West Kent – Only Gravesham District had variances greater than plus or minus 1%. There is no obvious cause for this.

Quality Assurance of Forecasts

- 8.17 KCC Provision Planning and Operations Unit carries out a yearly quality assurance on the forecasting process.
- 8.18 The pre-school population data forms part of the core dataset for generating forecasts and this is obtained from an external organisation; the Kent and Medway Public Health Observatory (KMPHA). They provide an excerpt from a database maintained by the Kent Primary Care Agency (KPCA) which is subject to their own QA processes. The data received is checked against previous years and a report on the yearly change in cohort sizes is produced. Any deviations from expectation (for example a decrease in cohort size from one year to another in a known growth area) will be questioned via our Management Information Unit (MIU).
- 8.19 The forecasting process includes various assumptions, such as the average change in size of pre-school cohort groups from birth to entering school Reception classes, average change in size of school cohort groups from one year to the next, school intake percentages, travel to school patterns and levels of forecast housing growth. Forecasts are compared to actual reported data to gauge the degree of variance across the planning area (for Primary) and District area (for Secondary).

- 8.20 Where variance levels are unacceptably high, in-depth analysis is carried out, potentially with the result of later-year forecasts being adjusted and assumptions for some or all schools and areas revised for the following forecasting round.
- 8.21 We continue to seek to improve our forecasting processes. To this end we are currently working with Edge Analytics based at the University of Leeds Innovation Centre to make further improvements in forecasting.

9. Overview of Kent's Demographic Trends

9.1 Kent Birth Rates and Long Term Forecasts

Chart 1 shows the changing birth rate in England and Wales, and in Kent over the past 20 years. Chart 2 shows the number of births in Kent. These demonstrate that the upward trend we have seen in the number of Reception Year children entering our schools will continue for the next few years, and as from 2013 the pattern of declining numbers of Year 7 pupils entering our Secondary schools will reverse. The trend for individual Districts⁶ in Kent will vary, and will affect the District forecasts contained in Appendix 1.

Chart 1 – Birth rates in England and Wales and Kent –

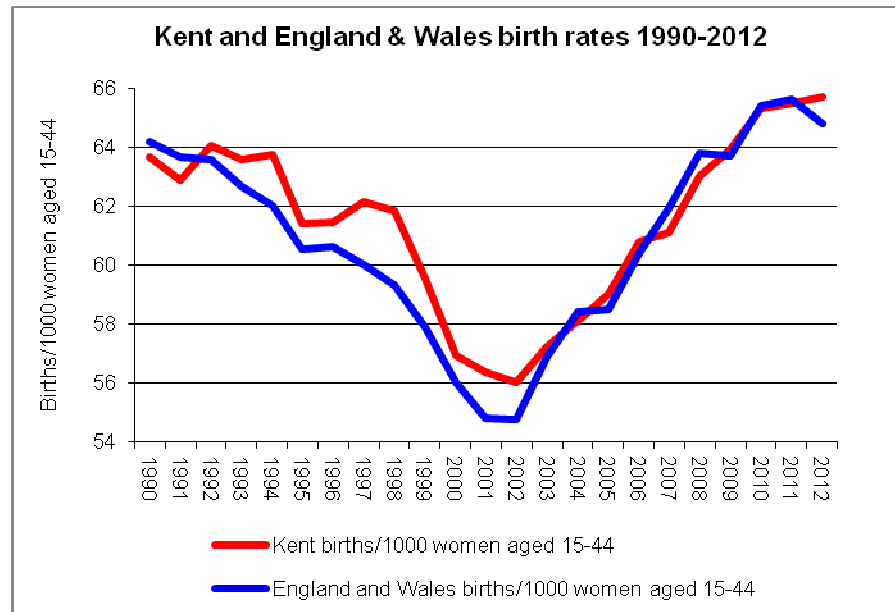
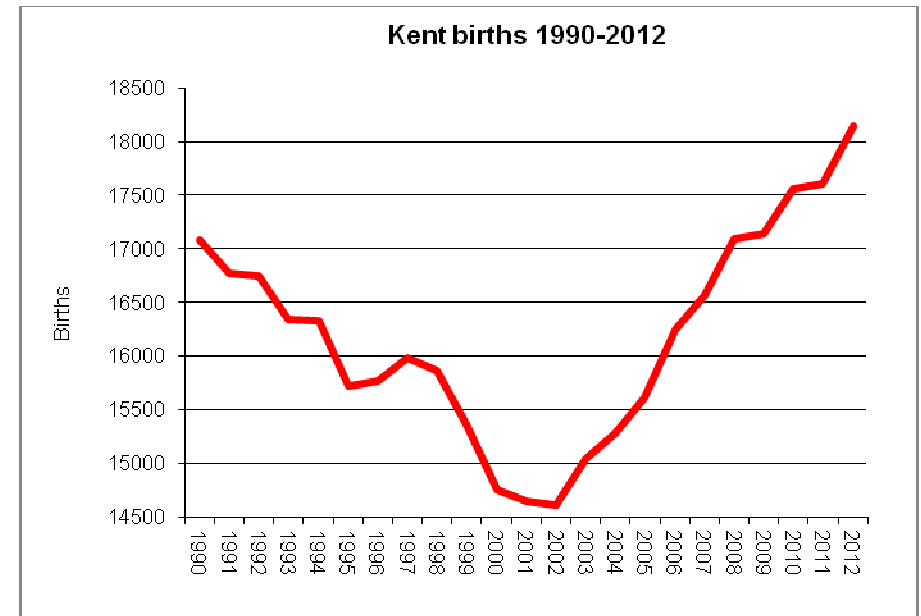


Chart 2 – Number of births in Kent -



Source: Births data shown above is by calendar year from the Office for National Statistics release FM01

⁶ For District level data see Appendix 5

- 9.2 Chart 2 (above) indicates that the yearly number of births in Kent has increased by almost 25% in the period between 2002 and 2012.
- 9.3 Tables 3 and 4 below provide long term pupil forecasts up to 2031. These allow for planned housing developments and expected inward migration to the County. In Kent there is a resident-based take-up of mainstream education of about 90% at the Primary phase and 83% at the Secondary phase. This ranges from 76% Primary take-up and 70% Secondary take-up of mainstream places in Tunbridge Wells to over 95% take-up in some eastern Kent areas. Those not attending mainstream schools in Kent may be educated at home, or pupils attend independent schools, Special schools or alternative education provision.

Table 3 Long term forecast of Primary age pupils by Kent District

| | Actual Roll | Forecast Roll | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| District | 2012/13 | 2021 | 2026 | 2031 |
| Ashford | 9885 | 14473 | 13967 | 13710 |
| Canterbury | 9680 | 9949 | 9050 | 8152 |
| Dartford | 8252 | 10541 | 11000 | 11471 |
| Dover* | 7829 | 9680 | 9205 | 9007 |
| Gravesham | 8476 | 9347 | 9036 | 8619 |
| Maidstone | 11237 | 12185 | 11525 | 10680 |
| Sevenoaks* | 8607 | 9754 | 9141 | 8615 |
| Shepway | 7774 | 8919 | 8321 | 7474 |
| Swale* | 11387 | 13142 | 12902 | 12605 |
| Thanet | 10259 | 11574 | 10461 | 9358 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 9937 | 11086 | 10621 | 10102 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 7829 | 8590 | 7695 | 6980 |
| Kent | 111147 | 129240 | 122924 | 116773 |

*Pupil forecasts for these Districts may not take into account 'Unknown' development proposed by the Districts in, as yet, undetermined locations

Table 4 Long term forecast of Secondary age pupils by Kent District

| District | Actual Roll | Forecast | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2012/13 | 2026 | 2031 |
| Ashford | 7955 | 10231 | 10135 |
| Canterbury | 9721 | 10210 | 9486 |
| Dartford | 8791 | 10283 | 10570 |
| Dover* | 8042 | 8409 | 8371 |
| Gravesham | 7381 | 8406 | 8398 |
| Maidstone | 11343 | 12447 | 11761 |
| Sevenoaks* | 2172 | 2454 | 2398 |
| Shepway | 6417 | 6591 | 6188 |
| Swale* | 9678 | 10648 | 10591 |
| Thanet | 8741 | 8963 | 8341 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 9520 | 10114 | 9831 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 8794 | 9427 | 8938 |
| Kent | 98555 | 108183 | 105008 |

*Pupil forecasts for these Districts may not take into account 'Unknown' development proposed by the Districts in, as yet, undetermined locations.

- 9.4 Table 3 indicates that the number of Primary age pupils in Kent schools is expected to rise significantly from 111,147 in 2013, to 129,240 in 2021. Beyond this point the pupil population begins generally to decline except in Dartford where the previous rise continues. In 2031 pupil numbers are forecast to decline back to 2011-16 levels. However, the magnitude of population rise suggests a need for some new permanent accommodation mixed with temporary expansion.
- 9.5 Our short and medium term forecasts (Chapter 11) show the number of Secondary age pupils in Kent schools reducing between 2013 and 2016 except in Ashford, before rising again. Table 4 indicates this rise will continue through to 2026, before falling again over the following five years except in Dartford where an increase continues.

Housing Developments and Projections

9.6 Table 5a below provides an overview of planned housing by District. The planned housing numbers are used as part of the forecasting process but the current volatility in the UK and global economies, and Kent housing market means that the eventual level of house completions may differ significantly from the planned level, and this will alter the need for school places.

Table 5a Planned Housing for Kent Districts

| District | Dwellings 2007-2011 ¹ | Dwellings 2012-2016 | Dwellings 2017-2021 | Dwellings 2022-2026 | Dwellings 2027-2031 | Total Dwellings |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ashford | 2181 | 7091 | 8274 | 1472 | 2250 | 21268 |
| Canterbury (net) (extants+windfalls) ² | 4504 | 1880 | 500 | 100 | 0 | 6984 8616 |
| Dartford | 2339 | 5081 | 5432 | 4165 | 5170 | 22187 |
| Dover | 1408 | 3841 | 3989 | 2020 | 2750 | 14008 |
| Gravesham | 0 | 1629 | 1332 | 756 | 664 | 4381 |
| Maidstone | 3377 | 3380 | 2584 | 1050 | 0 | 10391 |
| Sevenoaks | 1190 | 1189 | 875 | 280 | 0 | 3534 |
| Shepway | 2 | 2109 | 3066 | 1823 | 495 | 7495 |
| Swale | 3255 | 1607 | 2636 | 3296 | 3211 | 14005 |
| Thanet | 3738 | 3538 | 638 | 300 | 0 | 8214 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 3761 | 4011 | 1077 | 0 | 0 | 8849 |
| Tunbridge Wells (+plan permissions) ³ | 1864 | 955 | 1315 | 124 | 0 | 4258 1742 |
| Kent | 27619 | 36311 | 31718 | 15386 | 14540 | 135932 |

9.7 Table 5a above demonstrates an increased number of planned housing over the long term with significant increases during 2012-16 and 2017 – 21. There is significant housing development in Ashford and Dartford in particular and a higher rate of planned housing over the next twenty years when compared to the housing completions achieved on the past twenty years. (see table 5b below).

- 9.8 The number of planned housing completions for the periods 2012-16 and 2017– 21 may be optimistic when compared to the number of housing completions over the past twenty years and in view of the on going economic situation.

Table 5b Housing completions for Kent Districts

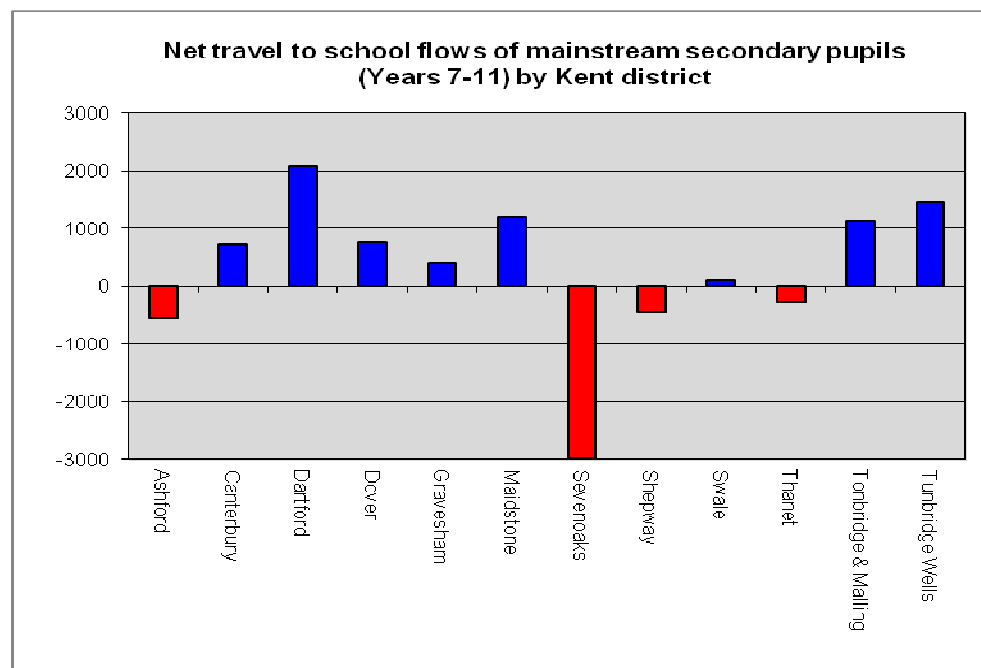
| District | Dwellings 1992-96 | Dwellings 1997-01 | Dwellings 2002-06 | Dwellings 2007-11 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Ashford | 2339 | 3614 | 3620 | 2912 |
| Canterbury | 1929 | 2805 | 2755 | 3674 |
| Dartford | 1619 | 1527 | 3170 | 2085 |
| Dover | 1495 | 1208 | 1644 | 1421 |
| Gravesham | 831 | 357 | 1596 | 1511 |
| Maidstone | 2067 | 2583 | 3261 | 3786 |
| Sevenoaks | 1207 | 1143 | 1431 | 1394 |
| Shepway | 1923 | 2080 | 2162 | 1577 |
| Swale | 1951 | 2970 | 3351 | 2875 |
| Thanet | 1894 | 1649 | 2520 | 3452 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 1967 | 1807 | 3679 | 2957 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 1358 | 1410 | 2091 | 1723 |
| Kent | 20580 | 23153 | 31280 | 29367 |

Source: The data shown above is taken from the Housing Information Audit, KCC

9.9 Travel to School Patterns (pupil migration)

Travel to school patterns from one District to another at the Primary phase are relatively insignificant but the situation is very different at the Secondary phase where there are some significant cross border flows (Chart 3), including into and out of the County as well as between Kent Districts.

Chart 3



Source: Management Information Unit, KCC, based on analysis of District of home address against District of school location, Annual Schools Census (ASC) 2013

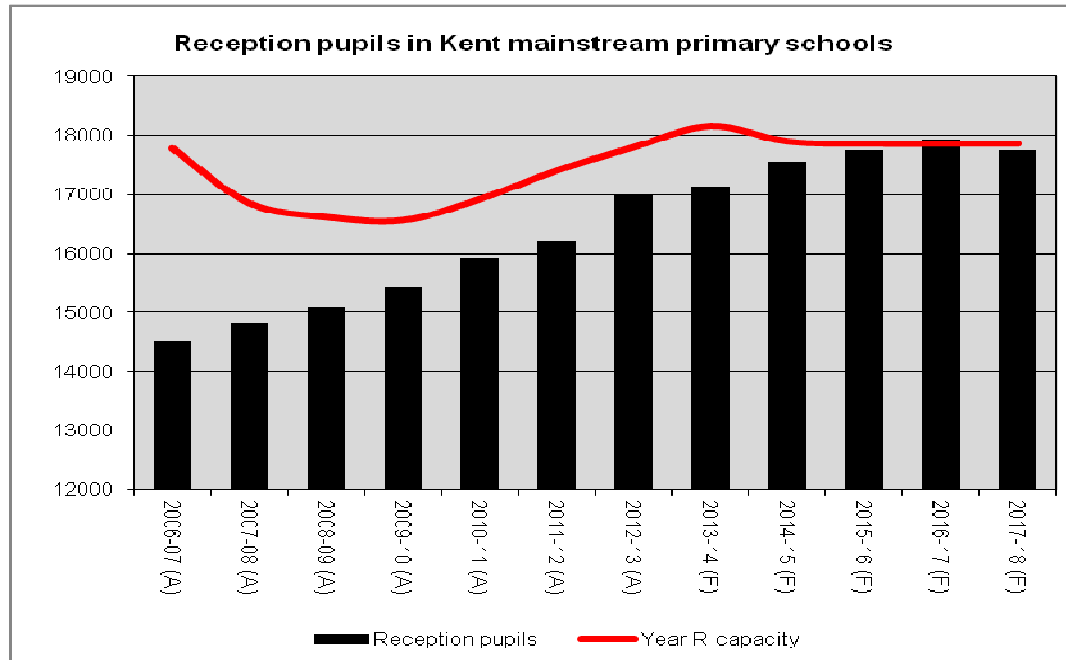
9.10 The headlines for Secondary travel to school patterns are as follows:

- Pupils often travel significant distances, especially in the west of the County to grammar school and denominational provision.
- Over 3,000 out of County children travel into Kent Secondary schools (predominantly grammar schools). This figure includes approximately: 800 children from Medway, 1,300 children that travel into Dartford from London Boroughs (mainly Bexley Borough), 250 that travel into Tonbridge and 500 into Tunbridge Wells.
- Only around 30% of children resident in Sevenoaks attend mainstream Secondary provision within Sevenoaks District; approximately 1,100 travel to Dartford, 1,300 to Tonbridge and 750 to Tunbridge Wells.

9.11 Current and Forecast Pupils in Mainstream Primary Education

Chart 4 (below) shows that the number of Reception age pupils in Kent schools has increased from 14,498 in 2006-07 to 16,982 in 2012-13. This is an increase of over 17%. In 2006-07 Reception year groups at Kent Primary schools operated with over 18% surplus capacity. This has reduced to 5% in 2012-13. The number of Reception pupils is forecast to increase to almost 17,700 over the next five years, apart from in 2016-17 where there is expected to be a peak of about 17,900 pupils.

Chart 4
Forecast Reception pupil numbers



9.12 Tables 6a and 6b present Reception Year group data at District level. They show that the growth in pupil numbers is not uniform across the County, nor is the level of surplus capacity. The current surplus capacity for Reception year groups varies from 1.4% in Thanet to 9.5% in Dover. If no further action is taken (apart from the completion of projects already planned and proposed) by the end of the forecasting period (2017-18) there will be just 0.6% surplus capacity in Reception year groups across the County. However, 2016-17 represents the peak year within the forecasting period (see chart 4 above) when there is forecast to be a County-wide deficit of places by 0.5%. The District level surpluses and deficits for 2016-17 are shown in table 6b below. Action will be taken in those Districts where surplus capacity will fall below 5% to provide additional places. Solutions will vary from new provision to expansion of existing facilities through permanent or temporary means.

Table 6a
Current and forecast Reception Year pupil numbers in mainstream schools by Kent District (2017-18)
 Forecast showing the end of the forecasting period

| District | Capacity 2012-13 | Pupil roll 2012-13 | Surplus places 2012-13 | Surplus capacity 2012-13 (%) | Capacity 2017-18 | Pupil roll 2017-18 | Surplus places 2017-18 | Surplus capacity 2017-18 (%) |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ashford | 1594 | 1537 | 57 | 3.6 | 1564 | 1507 | 57 | 3.6 |
| Canterbury | 1517 | 1421 | 96 | 6.3 | 1492 | 1487 | 5 | 0.4 |
| Dartford | 1335 | 1300 | 35 | 2.6 | 1455 | 1425 | 30 | 2.1 |
| Dover | 1269 | 1149 | 120 | 9.5 | 1260 | 1210 | 50 | 4.0 |
| Gravesham | 1339 | 1284 | 55 | 4.1 | 1301 | 1402 | -101 | -7.8 |
| Maidstone | 1797 | 1702 | 95 | 5.3 | 1859 | 1893 | -34 | -1.8 |
| Sevenoaks | 1436 | 1336 | 100 | 7.0 | 1431 | 1351 | 80 | 5.6 |
| Shepway | 1229 | 1175 | 54 | 4.4 | 1227 | 1203 | 24 | 1.9 |
| Swale | 1779 | 1741 | 38 | 2.1 | 1794 | 1849 | -55 | -3.1 |
| Thanet | 1620 | 1597 | 23 | 1.4 | 1620 | 1643 | -23 | -1.4 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 1570 | 1491 | 79 | 5.0 | 1575 | 1516 | 59 | 3.7 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 1316 | 1249 | 67 | 5.1 | 1281 | 1263 | 18 | 1.4 |
| Kent | 17801 | 16982 | 819 | 4.6 | 17859 | 17750 | 109 | 0.6 |

Table 6b**Current and forecast Reception Year pupil numbers in mainstream schools by Kent District (2016-17)**

Forecast showing the peak of the forecasting period

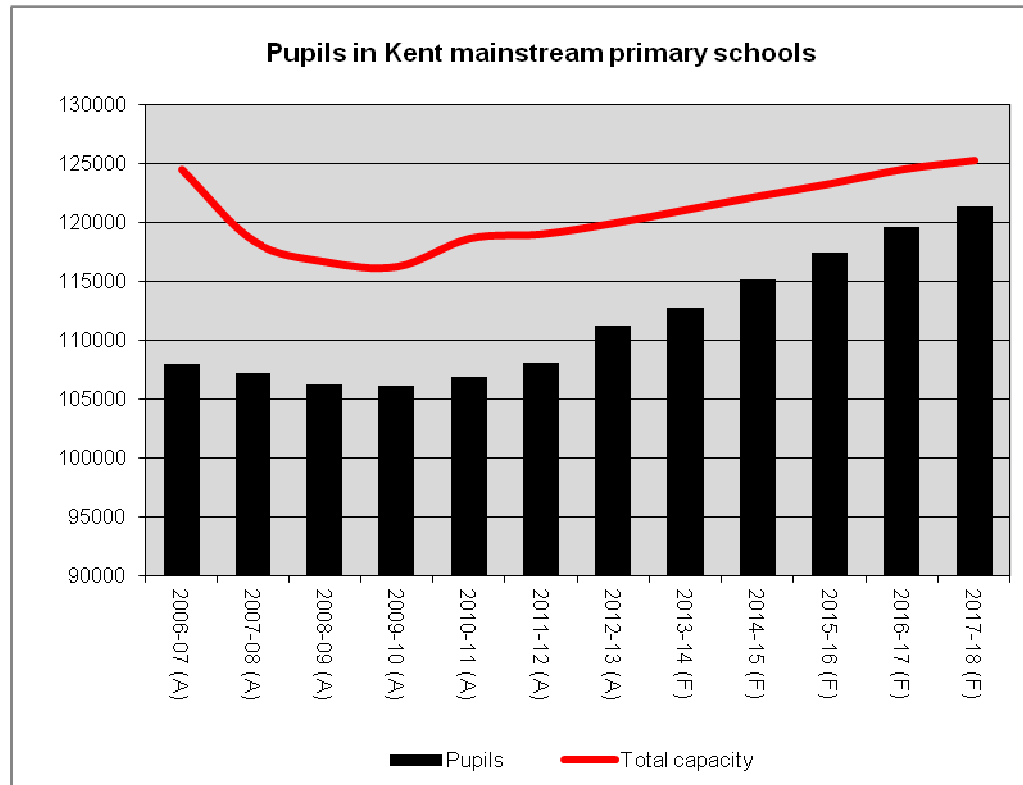
| District | Capacity 2012-13 | Pupil roll 2012-13 | Surplus places 2012-13 | Surplus capacity 2012-13 (%) | Capacity 2016-17 | Pupil roll 2016-17 | Surplus places 2016-17 | Surplus capacity 2016-17 (%) |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ashford | 1594 | 1537 | 57 | 3.6 | 1564 | 1549 | 15 | 1.0 |
| Canterbury | 1517 | 1421 | 96 | 6.3 | 1492 | 1478 | 14 | 1.0 |
| Dartford | 1335 | 1300 | 35 | 2.6 | 1455 | 1459 | -4 | -0.3 |
| Dover | 1269 | 1149 | 120 | 9.5 | 1260 | 1240 | 20 | 1.6 |
| Gravesham | 1339 | 1284 | 55 | 4.1 | 1301 | 1456 | -155 | -11.9 |
| Maidstone | 1797 | 1702 | 95 | 5.3 | 1859 | 1938 | -79 | -4.3 |
| Sevenoaks | 1436 | 1336 | 100 | 7.0 | 1431 | 1345 | 86 | 6.0 |
| Shepway | 1229 | 1175 | 54 | 4.4 | 1227 | 1206 | 21 | 1.7 |
| Swale | 1779 | 1741 | 38 | 2.1 | 1794 | 1881 | -87 | -4.8 |
| Thanet | 1620 | 1597 | 23 | 1.4 | 1620 | 1662 | -42 | -2.6 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 1570 | 1491 | 79 | 5.0 | 1575 | 1497 | 78 | 4.9 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 1316 | 1249 | 67 | 5.1 | 1281 | 1232 | 49 | 3.8 |
| Kent | 17801 | 16982 | 819 | 4.6 | 17859 | 17941 | -82 | -0.5 |

Source: KCC pupil forecasts (2013-based), Provision Planning and Operations, KCC, July 2013

- 9.13 Chart 5 and Table 7 (below) show that the number of Primary age pupils in Kent schools is forecast to rise from 106,097 in 2009-10 to around 121,000 in 2017-18. This is an increase of over 14%. Kent Primary schools currently operate with almost 9% surplus capacity but this is forecast to decrease over the coming years to a little over 3% by 2017-18.

9.14 Plans for additional capacity which are not yet progressing through consultation and statutory processes will be brought forward over the coming six months to ensure that surplus capacity is retained at the managed rate of 5% or greater in each District area. Many of these new projects will be funded from the Department for Education’s Targeted Basic Need funding stream and include several new schools.

Chart 5
Forecast total Primary School numbers



Source: KCC pupil forecasts (2013-based), Provision Planning and Operations, KCC, July 2013

Table 7
Current and forecast Primary School pupil numbers by Kent District

| District | Capacity 2012-13 | Pupil roll 2012-13 | Surplus places 2012-13 | Surplus capacity 2012-13 (%) | Capacity 2017-18 | Pupil roll 2017-18 | Surplus places 2017-18 | Surplus capacity 2017-18 (%) |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ashford | 10308 | 9886 | 422 | 4.1 | 11033 | 10496 | 537 | 4.9 |
| Canterbury | 10842 | 9680 | 1162 | 10.7 | 10526 | 10037 | 489 | 4.6 |
| Dartford | 8737 | 8254 | 483 | 5.5 | 9840 | 9577 | 263 | 2.7 |
| Dover | 9088 | 7831 | 1257 | 13.8 | 8902 | 8445 | 457 | 5.1 |
| Gravesham | 8868 | 8479 | 389 | 4.4 | 9233 | 9456 | -223 | -2.4 |
| Maidstone | 12128 | 11239 | 889 | 7.3 | 12905 | 12519 | 386 | 3.0 |
| Sevenoaks | 9437 | 8628 | 809 | 8.6 | 10046 | 9356 | 690 | 6.9 |
| Shepway | 8436 | 7777 | 659 | 7.8 | 8563 | 8316 | 247 | 2.9 |
| Swale | 11998 | 11389 | 609 | 5.1 | 12595 | 12663 | -68 | -0.5 |
| Thanet | 10720 | 10263 | 457 | 4.3 | 11306 | 11236 | 70 | 0.6 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 10844 | 9933 | 911 | 8.4 | 11127 | 10541 | 586 | 5.3 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 8506 | 7834 | 672 | 7.9 | 9112 | 8636 | 476 | 5.2 |
| Kent | 119912 | 111193 | 8719 | 7.3 | 125188 | 121278 | 3910 | 3.1 |

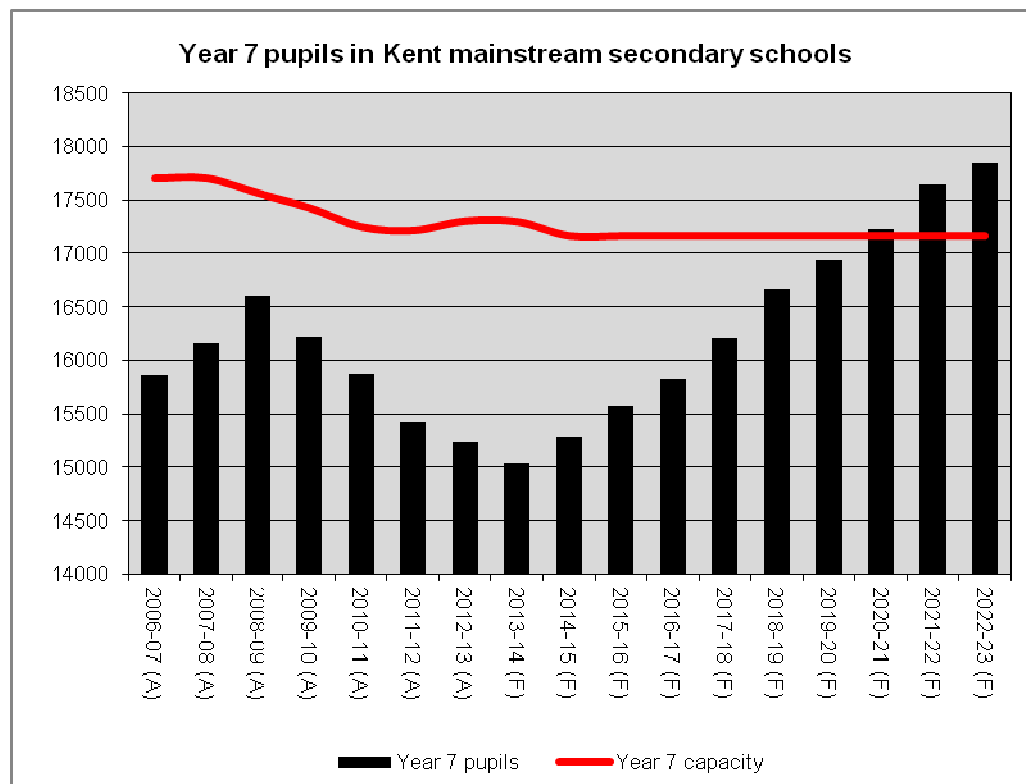
Source: Provision Planning and Operations, KCC, July 2011. Actual pupil roll data 2012-13 is taken from the Schools Census January 2013

9.15 Table 7 above shows that current surplus capacity for Primary year groups (Reception - Year 6) varies across the County from 4.1% in Ashford to 13.8% in Dover.

9.16 Current and Forecast Pupil Numbers in Mainstream Secondary Education

Chart 6 indicates how Year 7 pupil numbers in Kent schools are forecast to rise in the long-term up to 2022-23, having declined for four consecutive years from 2008-09. Table 8 below provides an overview of this at District level. Chart 7 and Table 9 below provide similar information but for pupil numbers in all Year groups 7–11.

Chart 6
Forecast Year 7 pupil numbers



Source: KCC pupil forecasts (2013-based), Provision Planning and Operations, KCC, July 2013

- 9.17 The number of Year 7 pupils in Kent schools has fallen for four consecutive years from 16,605 in 2008-09 to 15,244 in 2012-13 and is expected to fall by a further 200 places in 2013-14. Thereafter, Year 7 rolls are forecast to rise to 17,848 through the period to 2022-23, an increase of 17% on current roll numbers.
- 9.18 Table 8 (below) shows that current surplus capacity for Year 7 is 11.9% across Kent, but the figure varies from District to District. By the end of the forecasting period (2022-23) there will be 4% deficit capacity in Year 7 across the County, and plans to commission additional school places will need to be brought forward in the coming years to address this situation.

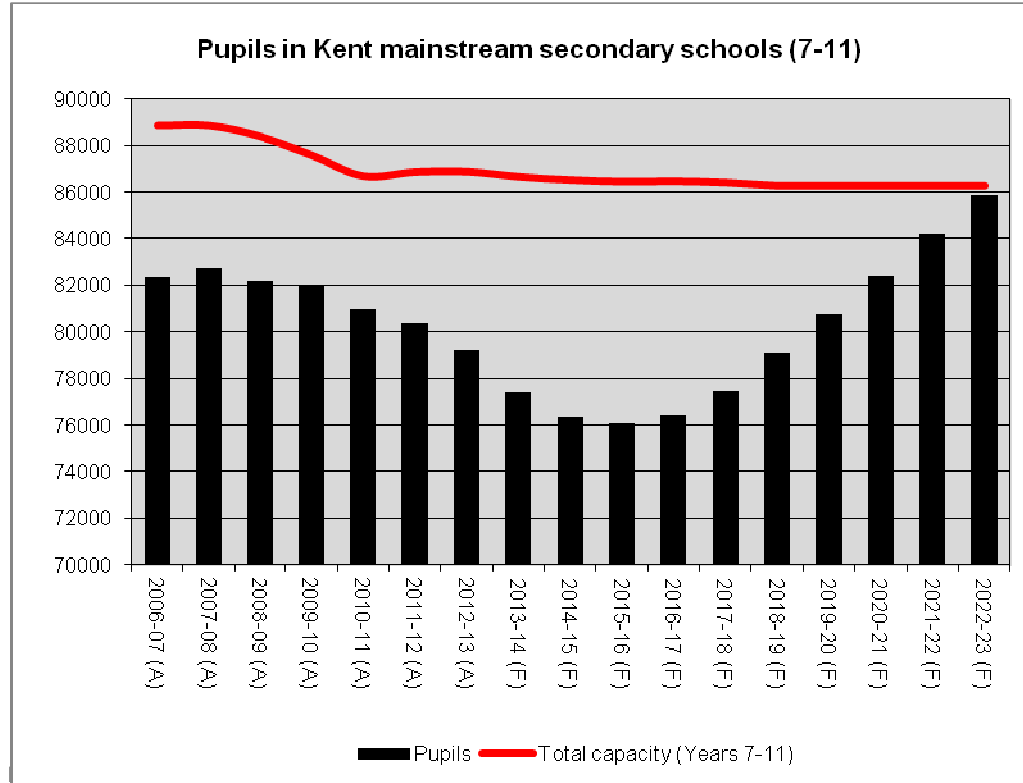
Table 8**Current and forecast Year 7 pupil numbers in mainstream schools by Kent District**

| District | Capacity 2012-13 | Pupil roll 2012-13 | Surplus places 2012-13 | Surplus capacity 2012-13 (%) | Capacity 2022-23 | Pupil roll 2022-23 | Surplus places 2022-23 | Surplus capacity 2022-23 (%) |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ashford | 1357 | 1243 | 114 | 8.4 | 1422 | 1369 | 53 | 3.7 |
| Canterbury | 1718 | 1446 | 272 | 15.8 | 1633 | 1648 | -15 | -0.9 |
| Dartford | 1475 | 1402 | 73 | 4.9 | 1445 | 1688 | -243 | -16.8 |
| Dover | 1393 | 1187 | 206 | 14.8 | 1310 | 1295 | 15 | 1.2 |
| Gravesham | 1314 | 1138 | 176 | 13.4 | 1284 | 1410 | -126 | -9.8 |
| Maidstone | 2012 | 1821 | 191 | 9.5 | 2047 | 2196 | -149 | -7.3 |
| Sevenoaks | 510 | 361 | 149 | 29.2 | 510 | 452 | 58 | 11.4 |
| Shepway | 1210 | 956 | 254 | 21.0 | 1165 | 1092 | 73 | 6.2 |
| Swale | 1657 | 1504 | 153 | 9.2 | 1685 | 1804 | -119 | -7.1 |
| Thanet | 1544 | 1351 | 193 | 12.5 | 1544 | 1600 | -56 | -3.6 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 1677 | 1535 | 142 | 8.5 | 1683 | 1786 | -103 | -6.1 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 1439 | 1300 | 139 | 9.7 | 1439 | 1509 | -70 | -4.8 |
| Kent | 17306 | 15244 | 2062 | 11.9 | 17167 | 17848 | -681 | -4.0 |

Source: Provision Planning and Operations, KCC, July 2011. Actual pupil roll data 2012-13 is taken from the Schools Census January 2013

Chart 7

Forecast total Secondary school numbers



Source: KCC pupil forecasts (2013-based), Provision Planning and Operations, KCC, July 2013

9.19 Chart 7 shows that the number of Year 7-11 pupils in Kent Secondary schools has been declining over the previous six years from 82,368 in 2006-07 to 79,244 in 2012-13 and is expected to continue falling to around 76,000 in 2015-16. Thereafter it is forecast to rise to 85,833 through the period to 2022-23, an increase of 8.3% on current roll numbers.

Table 9

Current and forecast Secondary age pupils (Years 7-11) in mainstream schools by Kent District

| District | Capacity 2012-13 | Pupil roll 2012-13 | Surplus places 2012-13 | Surplus capacity 2012-13 (%) | Capacity 2022-23 | Pupil roll 2022-23 | Surplus places 2022-23 | Surplus capacity 2022-23 (%) |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ashford | 6722 | 6360 | 362 | 5.4 | 7110 | 6704 | 406 | 5.7 |
| Canterbury | 8590 | 7668 | 922 | 10.7 | 8165 | 7751 | 414 | 5.1 |
| Dartford | 7095 | 6898 | 197 | 2.8 | 7225 | 8007 | -782 | -10.8 |
| Dover | 7040 | 6203 | 837 | 11.9 | 6550 | 6476 | 74 | 1.1 |
| Gravesham | 6481 | 6049 | 432 | 6.7 | 6420 | 6708 | -288 | -4.5 |
| Maidstone | 10110 | 9059 | 1051 | 10.4 | 10235 | 10124 | 111 | 1.1 |
| Sevenoaks | 2550 | 1947 | 603 | 23.6 | 2550 | 2113 | 437 | 17.1 |
| Shepway | 6050 | 5205 | 845 | 14.0 | 5825 | 5194 | 631 | 10.8 |
| Swale | 8247 | 7883 | 364 | 4.4 | 8425 | 8930 | -505 | -6.0 |
| Thanet | 7912 | 7406 | 506 | 6.4 | 7720 | 7662 | 58 | 0.8 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 8249 | 7739 | 510 | 6.2 | 8415 | 8577 | -162 | -1.9 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 7837 | 6827 | 1010 | 12.9 | 7645 | 7638 | 7 | 0.1 |
| Kent | 86883 | 79244 | 7639 | 8.8 | 86285 | 85883 | 402 | 0.5 |

Source: Provision Planning and Operations, KCC, July 2011. Actual pupil roll data 2012-13 is taken from the Schools Census January 2013

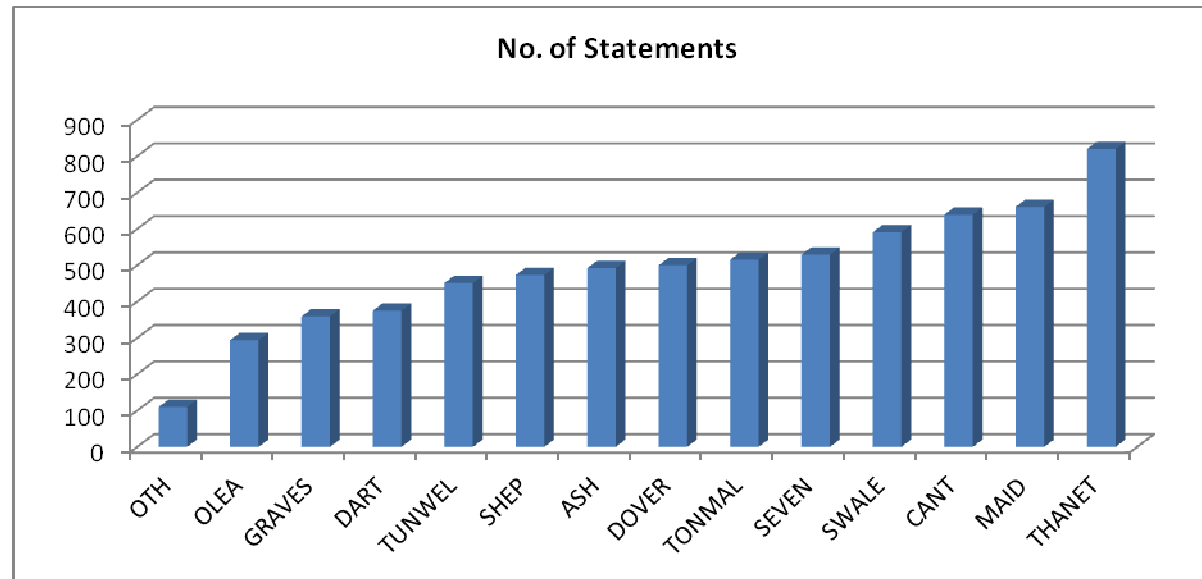
9.20 Table 9 shows that current surplus capacity for Secondary year groups (Years 7-11) is 8.8% across Kent. This is forecast to decrease over the coming years, such that by the end of the forecasting period there will only be 0.5% surplus capacity in Secondary schools across the County. While these figures indicate that in some areas there will still be sufficient places for all children, this will not be true for all Districts (for example Dartford, Gravesham and Swale). The different demographic trends resulting from house building and inward migration will require additional capacity to be added to meet localised demand at times when there will still be sufficient capacity in other parts of the County. The District level data in Appendix 1 highlights these differences, and are reflected in the commissioning plans in Section 11.

9.21 Special Educational Needs (Statements)

The number of pupils with a statement of special educational need has remained more or less stable over the past four years at about 6,800 (including 490 children in care from other local authorities who are accommodated in Kent). The number reduces at the start of each academic year, and increases as the months progress.

9.22 Chart 8 shows that there is significant variation in the number of pupils with a statement in each District of Kent. While the population of a District is a relevant factor in this, it does not account for the total variance

Chart 8 SEN Statemented pupils by Kent District



9.23 Table 10 breaks down the number of pupils with a statement by year group and District. It is evident that as a cohort of children moves up through the academic year groups the number of pupils with a statement children increases. This annual increase is steady (40 – 50 per year) with the exception of Year 6 where we see a step change of about 100 additional pupils.

Table 10 Pupils with a statement of SEN by Year group and Kent District

| District | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | Total |
|----------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| ASH | 1 | 22 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 40 | 46 | 44 | 58 | 59 | 56 | 20 | 24 | 10 | | 492 |
| CANT | 3 | 20 | 27 | 27 | 38 | 50 | 47 | 55 | 59 | 48 | 60 | 60 | 88 | 22 | 23 | 12 | | 639 |
| DART | 4 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 24 | 23 | 27 | 59 | 26 | 29 | 39 | 35 | 48 | 19 | 10 | 6 | | 375 |
| DOVER | 1 | 11 | 21 | 19 | 22 | 21 | 35 | 40 | 37 | 55 | 59 | 56 | 85 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 500 |
| GRAVES | | 20 | 18 | 17 | 20 | 16 | 21 | 28 | 37 | 39 | 31 | 29 | 42 | 19 | 15 | 7 | | 359 |
| MAID | 7 | 29 | 44 | 39 | 47 | 46 | 48 | 52 | 71 | 54 | 56 | 59 | 62 | 17 | 13 | 17 | | 661 |
| OLEA | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 17 | 16 | 18 | 32 | 38 | 41 | 43 | 22 | 21 | 15 | | 292 |
| OTH | | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 20 | 19 | 11 | 9 | 1 | | 110 |
| SEVEN | | 19 | 31 | 31 | 35 | 36 | 25 | 24 | 29 | 46 | 59 | 58 | 55 | 32 | 27 | 22 | | 529 |
| SHEP | 1 | 24 | 26 | 23 | 26 | 27 | 37 | 32 | 42 | 44 | 41 | 46 | 58 | 21 | 21 | 4 | | 473 |
| SWALE | 4 | 25 | 33 | 29 | 31 | 45 | 38 | 53 | 47 | 59 | 57 | 43 | 57 | 36 | 28 | 6 | | 591 |
| THANET | | 31 | 16 | 27 | 35 | 41 | 56 | 63 | 77 | 84 | 88 | 109 | 115 | 27 | 34 | 17 | | 820 |
| TONMAL | 3 | 30 | 26 | 23 | 28 | 28 | 26 | 36 | 51 | 64 | 54 | 47 | 43 | 19 | 27 | 10 | | 515 |
| TUNWEL | 3 | 6 | 14 | 9 | 15 | 26 | 28 | 29 | 46 | 41 | 41 | 56 | 53 | 43 | 30 | 11 | | 451 |
| TOTAL | 28 | 248 | 293 | 279 | 354 | 398 | 439 | 535 | 591 | 645 | 691 | 718 | 824 | 328 | 294 | 143 | 1 | 6807 |

9.24 Table 11 provides a breakdown of pupil need type over the past five years. The data is also set out in Charts 9a and 9b.

Table 11 - Total SEN by Need Type 2008-13

| Need Type | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| ASD | 1382 | 1506 | 1698 | 1863 | 2273 |
| BESD | 1206 | 1273 | 1216 | 1238 | 1250 |
| SLCN | 1162 | 1130 | 1148 | 1139 | 974 |
| MLD | 1050 | 861 | 753 | 682 | 545 |
| SLD | 770 | 761 | 725 | 694 | 666 |
| PD | 494 | 457 | 424 | 418 | 403 |
| HI | 188 | 186 | 179 | 177 | 166 |
| SPLD | 197 | 177 | 159 | 133 | 115 |
| PMLD | 116 | 153 | 184 | 208 | 257 |
| VI | 116 | 106 | 104 | 94 | 86 |
| MED | 85 | 76 | 89 | 97 | 106 |
| MSI | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Kent Total | 6767 | 6687 | 6680 | 6744 | 6841 |

** All data as at January of academic year*

9.25 It is evident that there has been a significant increase in the number of pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The very sharp rise in ASD statements in 2012–13 and significant fall of statements for Speech, Language and Communication Needs suggests a change in emphasis in diagnosis. We have also seen a significant increase, proportionately, in the number of children with Profound and Multiple Learning Needs (PMLD). Statements for other categories of need, particularly Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD), Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) and Physical Difficulties (PD) have reduced steadily.

Chart 9a

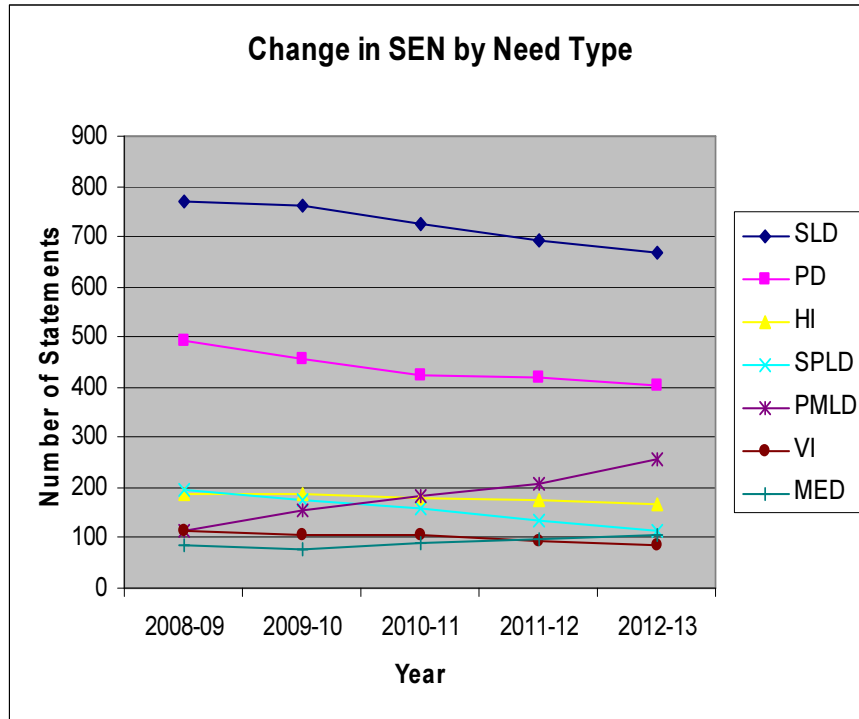
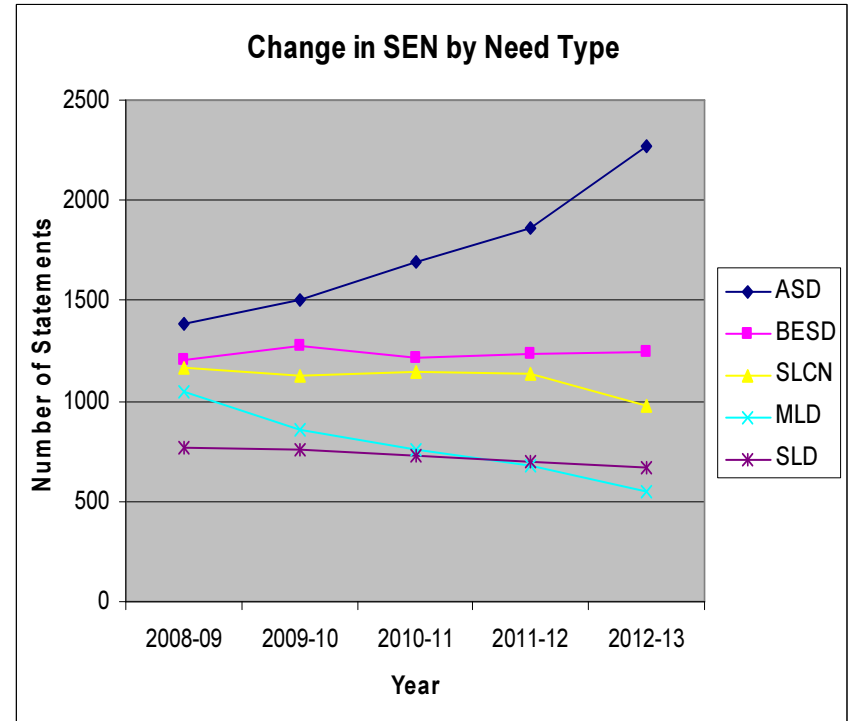


Chart 9b



10. Commissioning Special Educational Needs Provision

- 10.1 We have published a Strategy to improve the outcomes for Kent's children and young people with SEN and those who are disabled (SEND) anticipating the Children and Families Bill being enacted. Our current capacity has not kept pace with changing needs and we are spending too much on transporting children to schools far away from their local communities.
- 10.2 Our commissioning intentions for SEN are to:
1. Target existing Special school resources to support the development of skills in mainstream schools particularly for pupils with autism (ASD), behavioural, emotional and social needs (BESN) and speech and language (SandL)
 2. Re-focus some existing resourced provision in our mainstream schools to address ASD, BESN and SandL
 3. Expand the range of Specialist resourced provision in our mainstream schools so that more local places are available at least 100 additional resourced places.
 4. Increase the number of commissioned Kent Special school places from 3491 to 3700 demonstrating the case for investment, ensuring growth in places is cost efficient
 5. Create at least 275 additional places for ASD and BESN.
 6. Ensure continuity of support up to age 25; explore links between our Special schools and FE Colleges at post 16.
 7. Encourage a mixed economy of providers to deliver a best value approach to low incidence high cost needs. Collaboration offers parents greater choice of good quality local provision, in which they can feel confident.
 8. Set in place a systematic approach to the forward planning of SEND provision in schools,
 9. Decrease the demand for out of County placements; fewer than 300 children and young people will be in out County provision by 2016
 10. Comply with the DfE's SEN Improvement test
- 10.3 More than 6,500 Kent pupils, around 2.8% of Kent's school population, are subject of a Statement of SEN and the Local Authority is responsible for commissioning their school provision.
- 10.4 The number of children subject to a statutory assessment and statement has remained mostly stable over the past 4 years. Whilst the number identified with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has significantly increased, it has been offset by a significant reduction in the proportion identified with Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) and Specific Learning Difficulties (SLD).

Table 1 – Need Type by Age Group

| Need | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | Total |
|---------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| ASD | 3 | 101 | 101 | 93 | 135 | 142 | 154 | 166 | 201 | 233 | 226 | 217 | 228 | 119 | 100 | 42 | | 2261 |
| BESD | | 6 | 9 | 12 | 31 | 59 | 83 | 94 | 119 | 145 | 181 | 205 | 222 | 43 | 18 | 7 | 1 | 1235 |
| HI | 5 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 12 | 7 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 11 | 8 | 15 | 4 | | 166 |
| MED | 1 | 7 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 2 | | 103 |
| MLD | | 12 | 14 | 10 | 18 | 17 | 25 | 48 | 47 | 37 | 55 | 87 | 86 | 32 | 35 | 17 | | 540 |
| PD | 4 | 13 | 35 | 19 | 27 | 25 | 22 | 31 | 20 | 32 | 33 | 27 | 49 | 23 | 25 | 22 | | 407 |
| pending | | | | 2 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 10 |
| PML | 6 | 17 | 26 | 22 | 15 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 17 | 9 | | 247 |
| SLCN | 1 | 43 | 48 | 60 | 68 | 60 | 70 | 101 | 85 | 99 | 77 | 77 | 103 | 32 | 31 | 7 | | 962 |
| SLD | 6 | 35 | 39 | 36 | 35 | 39 | 42 | 44 | 62 | 45 | 63 | 46 | 67 | 49 | 41 | 29 | | 678 |
| SPLD | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 4 | 12 | 16 | 10 | 13 | 18 | 28 | 5 | 3 | 1 | | 114 |
| VI | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | 86 |
| TOTAL | 28 | 248 | 293 | 279 | 354 | 398 | 439 | 535 | 591 | 645 | 691 | 718 | 824 | 328 | 294 | 143 | 1 | 6809 |

Analysis by need type as at January 2013 (CENSUS)

- 10.5 The Local Authority is commissioning more than 4,000 Specialist places in Kent maintained Special school places and Specialist resourced units. 50% of these are in PSCN Special schools. Less than 800 are for ASD and SLCN. 700 are places for BESN, however none of these are currently unit places. Table 1 shows the breakdown of need by age group. It is evident there is an ongoing requirement to adjust the type of provision available to better meet changing needs.
- 10.6 **Kent Special Schools**
 Currently over 3,000 pupils have a statement, 60% attend 23 Local Authority maintained Special schools and one Special Academy in Kent. 11 schools are designated as District Special Schools for children aged 3-19 with Profound, Severe and Complex Needs (PSCN). Two of these schools are federated. Dover District is served by Whitfield (Aspen I) Primary School and Dover Christchurch Academy (Aspen II) SEN Units. National data suggests that at least 20% of the pupils in District Special schools could attend a local mainstream school.
- 10.7 Although the designated number of maintained Special school places is 3038 (see Table 2), the schools can vary their actual number of roll and admit up to 10% over or below their designation without requiring any amendment to their designation. Therefore the current capacity is reflected in the number of commissioned places for 2013/14, being higher than designation at 3491. We plan to increase both the designated number and commissioned places. A designation of 3458 designated places would provide potential commissioned places of over 3700 (3458 +10% = 3803).

Table 2 – Kent Maintained Special Schools

| District | Need | School | Current designated number | proposed designated number | Basic Need |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Maidstone | BandL | Bower Grove School | 146 | 195 | |
| Tunbridge W | ASD | Broomhill Bank School | 80 | 136 | 56 |
| Maidstone | PSCN | Five Acre Wood School | 210 | 260 | 50 |
| Thanet | PSCN | Foreland School, The | 160 | 200 | 40 |
| Shepway | PSCN | Foxwood School | 122 | 134 | |
| Sevenoaks | BESD | Furness School | 60 | 60 | |
| Ashford | BESD | Goldwyn School | 60 | 70 | |
| Tonbridge and Malling | PSCN | Grange Park School | 79 | 97 | |
| Dover | BESD | Harbour School | 96 | 100 | |
| Shepway | PSCN | Highview School | 160 | 188 | 28 |
| Gravesham | PSCN | Ifield School, The | 174 | 190 | |
| Thanet | ASD | Laleham Gap School | 152 | 170 | |
| Swale | PSCN | Meadowfield School | 209 | 209 | |
| Sevenoaks | PSCN | Milestone School | 203 | 203 | |
| Tunbridge W | PSCN | Oakley School | 188 | 188 | |
| Canterbury | BandL | Orchard School, The | 96 | 96 | |
| Dover | BESD | Portal House School | 60 | 72 | 12 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | PSCN | Ridge View School | 164 | 174 | 67 |
| Dartford | BandL | Rowhill School | 96 | 106 | |
| Thanet | BandL | St Anthony's School | 96 | 112 | 16 |
| Canterbury | PSCN | St Nicholas' School | 144 | 191 | |
| Thanet | ASD | Stone Bay School | 66 | 62 | |
| Sevenoaks | PD | Valence School | 80 | 80 | |
| Ashford | PSCN | Wyvern School, The | 137 | 165 | |
| | | | 3038 | 3458 | 269 |

10.8 Additional targeted capital funding agreed by the DfE will support the increase in places in seven schools, although any increase in commissioned places is undeliverable in advance of planned capital development, particularly in PSCN schools.

10.9 Kent Specialist Resource Based Provision (Units)

Table 3 sets out the location, designation and capacity of the mainstream schools in the County which are resourced to provide specialist SEN provision for pupils with a statement.

Table 3 – Kent maintained schools hosting Specialist (unit) resourced provision

| Need Type | Host School | District | Pre 16 | Post 16 | Total places 13/14 |
|-----------|---|------------|--------|---------|--------------------|
| ASD | Ashford Oaks | Ashford | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| ASD | Meopham School (Nick Hornby Centre) | Ashford | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| ASD | The North School | Ashford | 15 | 2 | 17 |
| SLCN | John Wallis Academy | Ashford | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| ASD | Joy Lane Primary School | Canterbury | 24 | 0 | 24 |
| ASD | Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys | Canterbury | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| SLCN | The Canterbury Academy | Canterbury | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| SLCN | Wincheap Foundation Primary School | Canterbury | 25 | 0 | 25 |
| PD | St Anselm's Catholic School, Canterbury | Canterbury | 14 | 2 | 16 |
| VI | Reculver CEP School | Canterbury | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| VI | The Archbishops School VI | Canterbury | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| SPLD | Archbishop's School, The | Canterbury | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| ASD | Langafel CEP School | Dartford | 18 | 0 | 18 |
| ASD | Longfield Academy | Dartford | 36 | 4 | 40 |
| SLCN | York Road Junior Academy | Dartford | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| HI | Fleetdown Primary School | Dartford | 14 | 0 | 14 |
| HI | Leigh Technology Academy | Dartford | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| SPLD | Walmer Science College | Dover | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| SLD | Dover Christ Church Academy | Dover | 30 | 10 | 40 |
| SLD | Whitfield and Aspen School | Dover | 60 | 0 | 60 |

| Need Type | Host School | District | Pre 16 | Post 16 | Total places 13/14 |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|--------|---------|--------------------|
| PD | Thamesview School | Gravesham | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| PDandVI | Raynehurst Primary School | Gravesham | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| HI | Maplesden Noakes School, The | Maidstone | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| HI | Molehill Copse Primary School | Maidstone | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| PDandVI | New Line Learning Academy | Maidstone | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| SLCN | Hextable School | Sevenoaks | 20 | 4 | 24 |
| SLCN | Hythe Bay C of E Primary School | Shepway | 19 | 0 | 19 |
| HI | Castle Hill Community Primary School | Shepway | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| PDandVI | Pent Valley Technology College | Shepway | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| VI | Morehall Primary School | Shepway | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| ASD | Abbey School | Swale | 33 | 0 | 33 |
| SLCN | Minterne Community Junior School | Swale | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| SLCN | Oaks Community Infant School, The | Swale | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| SLCN | Sittingbourne CC | Swale | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| HI | Sittingbourne Academy HI | Swale | 23 | 0 | 23 |
| PD | Westlands School, The | Swale | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| SPLD | The Westlands Academy SPLD | Swale | 30 | 2 | 32 |
| HI | Hartsdown Technology College | Thanet | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| PD | Garlinge Primary School | Thanet | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| VI | Charles Dickens School, The | Thanet | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| SPLD | Ellington and Hereson School | Thanet | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| ASD | Cage Green Primary School | Tonbridge and Malling | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| SLCN | Malling School, The | Tonbridge and Malling | 90 | 0 | 90 |
| SLCN | West Malling CEP School | Tonbridge and Malling | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| HI | Slade Primary School | Tonbridge and Malling | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| HI | St Gregory's Catholic Comprehensive School | Tunbridge Wells | 10 | 1 | 11 |
| PD | Bishops Down Primary School | Tunbridge Wells | 6 | 0 | 6 |

10.10 Out County (Independent and Non Maintained placements)

Over 500 Kent pupils, 4%, attend non-maintained Special schools with the largest numbers of these in schools for autism (ASD) or behavioural, emotional and social needs (BESN).

10.11 In 2011-12 there were 181 SEN Tribunal appeals against Kent with 36% relating to the school place and the significant majority being pupils with ASD or speech and language needs. Appeals rose 35% over the previous year with East Kent experiencing the largest District rise.

10.12 During the autumn term 2012, there were 540 pupils whose needs could not be met in Kent maintained schools (see Table 4 below). 125 of these pupils remained the financial responsibility of their home authorities. Data also indicates that there are a small number of pupils with SLD and MLD whose needs fall within the range of District PSCN Special schools for whom Kent's maintained schools do not have sufficient capacity, reflecting provision is at capacity in these schools.

Table 4 – Kent resident pupils attending non-maintained Specialist provision

| Out County (non maint) at Autumn 2012 | All Statements | | | Kent residents only | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------|--|---------------------|------|
| PD | 2 | | | 0 | |
| SLD | 3 | 1% | | 8 | 2% |
| Med | 7 | 1% | | 7 | 2% |
| VI | 8 | 1% | | 9 | 2% |
| PMLD | 10 | 2% | | 0 | 0% |
| Spld | 20 | 4% | | 22 | 5% |
| MLD | 27 | 5% | | 16 | 4% |
| HI | 33 | 6% | | 31 | 7% |
| SLCN | 42 | 8% | | 42 | 10% |
| ASD | 168 | 31% | | 163 | 39% |
| BESD | 220 | 41% | | 117 | 28% |
| | 540 | 100% | | 415 | 100% |

10.13 To address the gap in SLCN, ASD and BESD provision for Kent residents, the additional places need to be at a ratio of two SLCN/ASD places for every one BESN place.

10.14 Further analysis continues to show pressure (see Table 5 below).

Table 5 - Out County Non maintained and Independent Schools

| Need Type | Gender | Out County as at Jun-13 | Out County as at Nov-12 | Change since Nov-12 |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| ASD | F | 34 | | |
| | M | 156 | | |
| ASD Total | | 190 | 168 | 22 |
| BESD | F | 38 | | |
| | M | 198 | | |
| BESD Total | | 236 | 220 | 16 |
| HI | F | 12 | | |
| | M | 19 | | |
| HI Total | | 31 | 33 | -2 |
| MED | F | 1 | | |
| | M | 7 | | |
| MED Total | | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| MLD | F | 10 | | |
| | M | 15 | | |
| MLD Total | | 25 | 27 | -2 |
| PD | F | 4 | | |
| | M | 4 | | |
| PD Total | | 8 | 2 | 6 |
| PMLD | F | 4 | | |
| | M | 1 | | |
| PMLD Total | | 5 | 10 | -5 |

| | | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------|------------|-----------|
| SLCN | F | 8 | | |
| | M | 36 | | |
| SLCN Total | | 44 | 42 | 2 |
| SLD | F | 2 | | |
| | M | 7 | | |
| SLD Total | | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| SPLD | F | 4 | | |
| | M | 16 | | |
| SPLD Total | | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| VI | F | 3 | | |
| | M | 5 | | |
| VI Total | | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Kent Total | | 584 | 540 | 44 |

10.15 Plan for SEN

Our focus is on ensuring Primary aged children have access to early intervention in mainstream schools wherever possible. We recognise that the trend in Reception aged children is upward and will continue for the next few years, and our plans include provision in the new schools from 2015.

10.16 We are planning at least 275 additional places, of which more than 100 will be in mainstream and more than 175 in Kent Special schools. Expressions of interest received from mainstream schools build on their existing expertise and re-commissioning of existing provision will enable schools to successfully refocus and extend ASD provision.

10.17 Table 6 below summarises where additional ASD – SLCN provision is being made.

Table 6 - ASD and SLCN: 240 additional places (12 in a new school from 2015)

| District | Primary ASD | Primary SLCN | Secondary ASD | Special ASD | Satellite ASD/SLD | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| GRAVESEND | 12 | | | | | |
| DARTFORD | 6 | | | | | |
| DOVER | | 12 | | | | |
| ASHFORD | | | | | | |
| TUNBRIDGE WELLS | | | | | 12 | |
| SHEPWAY | 12 | | | | | |
| SWALE | 12 | | | | | |
| MAIDSTONE | | | 27 | | 12 | |
| CANTERBURY | | | | | | |
| SEVENOAKS | | | | 96 | | |
| TONBRIDGE and MALLING | 12 | | | | 12 | |
| THANET | | | 15 | | | |
| TOTAL | 54 | 12 | 42 | 96 | 36 | 240 |

- 54 Primary places for ASD: Gravesham and Dartford 18 new (and 12 will be recommissioned), Sheppey 6, Sittingbourne 6, Folkestone 12, Tonbridge and Malling 12 places at Kingshill ME19 4QG w.e.f. 2015.
- 12 SLCN places in River building on existing expertise.
- 42 Secondary places: 15 new in Maidstone and Thanet. 12 places through recommissioning in Maidstone.
- 96 Special school places for ASD/SLCN (60 day and 12 + 24 post 16) in North West Kent for high functioning with SpLD expertise. We recognise 19 travel to Laleham from North/West Kent, Maidstone and Swale. This will establish an equivalent to East Kent's Laleham.
- 3 Primary satellites for ASD and learning difficulties attached to existing Special schools serving Maidstone, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

10.18 BESN Provision: 121 additional Places (28 in new schools from 2015)

The distribution of Special school places and lack of mainstream units means some pupils with challenging behaviour make some of the longest journeys to school. At the time of this analysis we identified 16 pupils at North Kent Schools (Furness and Rowhill) travelling from South of Maidstone whilst Bower Grove in Maidstone has 30 pupils from Sheppey and Sittingbourne. 17 pupils attending coastal schools (Harbour and Portal House) travel from Ashford and Swale, whilst Goldwyn in Ashford has 9 travelling from Folkestone and 4 from Thanet. St Anthony's in Thanet has 7 pupils travelling from Faversham and Canterbury areas. 24 Kent places for behavioural and emotional needs are currently filled with pupils from London, Essex and Medway.

10.19 We aim to address the gap by creating early intervention, Primary resourced provision and new satellite provision for Primary aged pupils in Thanet and by increasing the current Secondary capacity of St Anthony's Special school, particularly to support girls with BESN. At Secondary, the rebuilding of Portal House will increase capacity and we aim to expand the number of places at Goldwyn Special school on a second site and extend its designation to a small number of residential places. Table 7 sets out where we propose to increase capacity for pupils with BESN.

BSEN: 121 additional places (28 in new schools from 2015)

Table 7

| District | Primary BESN | Secondary | Special | Satellite | |
|----------|--------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----|
| GRAVES | | | | | |
| DART | | | | | |
| DOVER | 8 | | 12 | | |
| ASH | | | 35 | | |
| TUNWEL | | | | | |
| SHEP | | | | | |
| SWALE | 22 | | | | |
| MAID | | | | | |
| CANT | | | | | |
| SEVEN | | | | | |
| TONMAL | 14 | | | | |
| THANET | | | 15 | 15 | |
| TOTAL | 44 | 0 | 62 | 15 | 121 |

- 44 Primary places for BESD in Primary: Dover 8 places, Faversham 8 places and in new schools: Sheppey 14 places, Leybourne 7 places, Snodland 7 places from 2016.
- 50 Secondary Special school places for BESD: 35 at Goldwyn (including 12 residential), 15 at St Anthony's, 12 at Portal House.
- 16 Primary satellite places for Behaviour and Learning: 8 in Broadstairs or Ramsgate, 8 Margate or Cliftonville.

10.20 Profound, Severe and Complex Provision: 12 Additional Places

Although Kent has 11 PSCN schools, the level of referrals and placements indicates significant pressure in Maidstone. 33 pupils from Maidstone travel to other District PSCN schools: 9 to Gravesham, 15 to Tonbridge, 19 to Tunbridge Wells.

10.21 Pressure in Kent is amplified by parental preference for Special school and for their preferred school. At the time of this analysis there were 10 pupils who travel from Folkestone/Hythe coastal areas to Ashford District school contrasting with 22 from Ashford area going to Shepway District school. 7 pupils from Dover and Deal occupy Thanet District places and the same number from Thanet travel to Canterbury's PSCN school.

10.22 National data suggests that at least 20% of the pupils in District Special schools could attend a mainstream school.

10.23 We know that planned capital development will address some of the current pressure for places as the additional accommodation will enable an increase in commissioned places for Maidstone at Five Acre Wood, in Tonbridge at Ridgeview and in Tunbridge Wells at Oakley. Working in partnership with our Special schools we are reviewing the 'stretch' within the range of pupils currently suitable for Special school admission, to ensure that PSCN schools only cater for pupils with the most severe needs and that others are well supported in mainstream schools. We propose to address the PSCN place pressure in Maidstone through the development of satellite provision for ASD.

10.24 We are aware of growing pressure in Dover. Whitfield Aspen will have 18 potential Year R pupils for September 2014 and only 5 pupils will leave Year 6 in the preceding July. 28 places are filled with non Kent pupils. In Dover, we plan to develop 12 additional satellite places for moderate to severe learning difficulties.

10.25 We remain alert to planned housing development and forecast population increases in the Ashford area. We recognise that this may require future expansion at Wyvern School and we are confident that the school's current location, in terms of the external site offers some flexibility for expansion although there are no current capital plans.

10.26 The 2012 forecasting for non SEN pupils highlighted some increases in Primary aged children which may also be reflected by the pressure for places in PSCN schools.

10.27 We are acutely aware that for the most profound level of physical and cognitive difficulty there is no obvious provider within the non maintained sector for Primary aged pupils. Where placement difficulties occur, these pupils cannot be offered an out County solution as the home to school distance would require a boarding school placement.

10.28 Physical Disabilities (PD) and accessible schools

The most significant increases in pupils with Physical Disabilities are being seen in Primary schools and this reflects the general trend for places. We know from the forecasting for general school population that we must be alert to:

- **Maidstone:** greater than expected Year 7 pupils, some due to migration.
- **Tonbridge and Malling:** migration into the District seen in Kings Hill by families with pre-school children, Year R places to 2018.
- **Canterbury:** families with young children moving into housing previously occupied by older couples.
- **Swale:** migration, particularly from London, accounts for the variance.
- **Thanet:** higher and increasing migration and volatility of the population in and out of the area.

10.29 We remain committed to increase physical access to the built environment for pupils who are disabled, particularly those with mobility difficulties.

10.30 Kent maintains 275 Specialist places for physical disabilities, including sensory disabilities with 30% of these at Valence Special School. Although Valence is located in Sevenoaks District it is a County wide specialist resource and it offers boarding facilities for those who cannot travel easily on a daily basis. Pupils travel to Valence from 11 different local authorities.

10.31 We will continue to ensure that our plans for all new schools meet our statutory responsibility to ensure disability access and increase parental choice.

11. Commissioning Early Education and Childcare

Introduction

11.1 Early Education and Childcare

The overall role and purpose of Kent's Early Education and Childcare Service is to ensure equal access for all children and young people to a sufficient, sustained market of high quality, inclusive early education and childcare provision

Early Education is the Free Entitlement for all three and four year olds and increasing numbers of disadvantaged two year olds to 15 hours free early years education and childcare each week, over 38 weeks. It is designed to encourage, facilitate and support their development and early learning ensuring the best outcomes for all children at the end of Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Childcare for children under five is at least four hours a day with a childcare provider. Childcare for school aged children, universally up to age 14 and up to 18 for those with a special educational need or disability, refers to care provision in breakfast and after school clubs and holiday provision, a key purpose of which is to support parents to work, study or train for employment.

11.2 Legislative context

Early Education and Childcare is legislatively governed by the *Childcare Act 2006*. Section 6 of the 2006 Childcare Act gives local authorities a duty of securing the provision of childcare which is sufficient to meet the requirements of parents in their area in order to enable them to take up, or remain in, work, or undertake education or training which could assist them to obtain work.

Within this overall duty, the Local Authority is expected to meet certain specific needs gaps, being either a shortage of childcare for disabled children, or children with other specific needs. In this respect the Local Authority must attempt to meet the requirements of parents of all children aged up to 14 and up to 18 for disabled children.

Section 7 of the Childcare Act gives local authorities a related duty to secure free early education provision for pre-school children of a prescribed age, being three and four year olds from the beginning of the term after their third birthday.

In July 2013, the Government published *More Affordable Childcare*, setting out its plans to help families to meet the costs of childcare, increase the amount of affordable provision and give parents the right information so they can make informed choices about childcare.

The key implications for local authorities are to be more effective champions for disadvantaged children and their families and to focus on quality improvement, by challenging and securing support for early years providers who are judged by OfSTED to be 'requiring improvement' or are 'inadequate'. There is also the continuing role in relation to the sufficiency of early education and childcare provision. In *More Affordable Childcare*, the Government is also emphasising the central role of schools in providing out of school childcare to respond to identified gaps.

11.3 Early Education and Childcare provision in Kent

Early Education and Childcare Kent is available through a large, diverse and constantly shifting market of maintained, private, voluntary and independent providers (including childminders).

11.4 Early Years provision

Early years childcare provision for children aged 0 – 4 and for at least four hours a day is provided by sessional and full day care pre schools and nurseries and with childminders. Embedded within this childcare provision will almost always be the Free Early Education Entitlement of 15 hours a week for 38 weeks a year. Levels of provision as of May 2013 as registered with and informed by OfSTED are:

- *Full day care provision:* 373 providers which are open for more than 4 hours per day, offering a total of 17,495 childcare/early education places.
- *Sessional provision:* 333 providers which are open less than 4 hours per day, offering a total of 9,591 childcare/early education places.
- *Childminders:* 1,633 childminders (i.e. providers who can care for children of all ages within their own home), with a total of 7,696 childcare places. Of these, 113 registered childminders have achieved quality assured status and can, therefore, offer the free early education entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds.
- *Maintained provision:* Additionally, there are 67 maintained nursery classes in schools and one maintained Nursery School, offering a total of 3,536 free early education places for 3 and 4 year old children.

Early years childcare/early education across all sectors and types of provision is summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Number of early years providers and places by type of provision⁷.

| Type of provision | Number of registered providers | Number of registered places⁸ |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Full day care | 373 | 17,495 |
| Sessional care | 333 | 9,591 |
| Childminders | 1,633 | 7,696 ⁹ |
| Maintained nursery units | 68 | 3,536 |
| Totals | 2,407 | 38,318 |

11.5 Out of school childcare provision

Childcare provision for school aged children (universally up to 14 and up to 18 for those with a Special educational need and/or disability is provided through breakfast clubs, after school clubs and holiday provision, again provided across all sectors. Much of this provision is not required to be registered with OfSTED (due to the lower number of hours and/or weeks it operates) and is therefore a more difficult market to quantify.

11.6 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

Section 11 of the Childcare Act 2006 also placed a duty on Local Authorities to undertake a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) as a necessary step towards securing sufficient provision, enabling Local Authorities to identify gaps and establish plans to meet the needs of parents so that they can fulfil their Section 6 childcare sufficiency duty. The CSA is a measurement of the

⁷ Information from CSA April 2013.

⁸ It should be noted that a parent may only require part-time childcare and, therefore, a 'place' may be occupied by more than one child.

⁹ It should be noted that childminders can provide care for children aged 0 to 16.

nature and extent of the need for and supply of childcare. It helps the Authority to identify where there are gaps in the market and, in consultation with partners, plan how to support the market to address them. The CSA in Kent is created through the collection and assessment of supply and demand and has been recognised as 'good' by Central Government.

11.7 Supply side information.

In order to obtain accurate, up-to-date information on the existing provision of early education and childcare places in Kent, each year an Annual Provider Survey (APS) is undertaken. The APS is sent to all registered providers of early education and childcare across the County. Excellent response rates are obtained and the information collected gives a very full picture of the existing provision of places across the County.

11.8 Demand side information.

It is a requirement of the Childcare Act 2006 that the views of parents are obtained when completing the CSA. It is also a necessary requirement to enable an accurate assessment of the need for new early education and childcare places. This is undertaken in Kent through an annual Parental Demand Survey (PDS). The PDS is of sufficient size to adequately capture the views of parents universally, including those from ethnic minorities, those of children with Special educational needs and/or who are disabled children (who are mentioned in the Childcare Act 2006 as being a group requiring Special consideration).

11.9 Planning for new early education and childcare places

The data gathered from the PDS and APS is linked to the data in the MOSAIC household - level market segmentation database, is mapped in order to predict the demand for new childcare places at low levels of geography. One caveat to this is that PDS asks questions about the need for childcare should a parent be seeking employment. Where the search for employment is unsuccessful, the need for childcare would cease to exist and in turn the childcare potentially becomes unsustainable. In this context, the challenge of ensuring the provision of sustainable childcare to enable and support parents to work is ongoing and flexible in nature.

11.10 The Free Early Education Entitlement

The Free Early Education Entitlement is available all children aged 3 or 4 years. It constitutes a part time place (15 hours a week) for 38 weeks a year and must be free to the parent at the point of delivery. The free places can only be provided by OfSTED registered provision, all of whom deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The CSA provides an overview of provision of both early education and childcare places in each District across Kent (see Table 2 below)¹⁰. This suggests that there are a significant number of surplus early education places in each District. It should, however, be noted that whilst this analysis shows the maximum number of places that *could* possibly be available for the purposes of early education, it will not always be the case that this number *is* available. This is because providers in the private, voluntary and independent sectors may choose to use these places for childcare for younger children. This may particularly be the case when demand for early education places is low, for example at the start of the autumn term when many 4 year old children will have taken up places in Reception classes.

Table 2. Number of children aged 3 and 4 and number of early education places by District¹¹.

| District | No. of children aged 3 and 4 | No. of early education places |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ashford | 3,287 | 4,129 |
| Canterbury | 3,097 | 4,501 |
| Dartford | 2,770 | 4,259 |
| Dover | 2,514 | 3,272 |
| Gravesham | 2,711 | 3,294 |
| Maidstone | 3,775 | 5,579 |
| Sevenoaks | 2,938 | 3,988 |
| Shepway | 2,467 | 3,586 |
| Swale | 3,573 | 4,868 |
| Thanet | 3,427 | 4,299 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 3,169 | 4,639 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 2,893 | 3,786 |
| Totals | 36,621 | 50,200 |

¹⁰ A copy of the full CSA published on 1st April 2013 can be found here: http://www.kent.gov.uk/education_and_learning/childcare_and_pre-school/choosing_childcare/monitoring_childcare_in_kent.aspx

¹¹ The number of early education places includes Reception classes in Kent maintained schools and Academies.

From September 2013 the Government has introduced a duty that will enable the most disadvantaged 2 year olds to be able to access free early education provision. Kent has been set a target by the Government to initially create 3,095 places with an increase to 7,000 places by September 2014. The introduction of this duty represents a significant challenge for Kent, as set out in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Predicted supply/demand for early education places for 2 year olds¹²

| District | Indicators ¹³ | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| Ashford | 1495 | 432 | 90 | 522 | 439 | 83 |
| Canterbury | 1422 | 508 | 85 | 593 | 770 | 0 |
| Dartford | 1374 | 418 | 82 | 500 | 237 | 263 |
| Dover | 1200 | 561 | 72 | 633 | 626 | 7 |
| Gravesham | 1316 | 555 | 79 | 634 | 170 | 464 |
| Maidstone | 1849 | 502 | 111 | 613 | 371 | 242 |
| Sevenoaks | 1461 | 211 | 88 | 299 | 272 | 27 |
| Shepway | 1153 | 536 | 69 | 605 | 569 | 36 |
| Swale | 1837 | 745 | 110 | 855 | 803 | 52 |
| Thanet | 1592 | 939 | 96 | 1035 | 996 | 39 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 1473 | 266 | 88 | 354 | 295 | 59 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 1328 | 277 | 80 | 357 | 290 | 67 |
| Totals | 17,500 | 5,950 | 1,050 | 7,000 | 5,838 | 1,339 |

The columns are as follows:

- A = Estimated number of 2 year olds as per Government figures;
- B = Estimated number of 2 year olds eligible for Free for 2 in 2013 based on deprivation factors;
- C = Estimated number of 2 year olds eligible for Free for 2 in 2013 based on disability;
- D = Total Estimated number of 2 year olds eligible for Free for 2 in 2013;
- E = Estimated number of potential places for 2 year olds;
- F = Estimated shortfall in places.

¹² It should be noted that these figures are currently estimates, but that various audits are being carried out that will enable more detailed and accurate figures to be produced.

¹³ A = Estimated number of 2 year olds as per Government figures (i.e. 7,000/40*100); B = Estimated number of 2 year olds eligible for Free for 2 in 2013 based on deprivation factors; C = Estimated number of 2 year olds eligible for Free for 2 in 2013 based on disability; D = Total Estimated number of 2 year olds eligible for Free for 2 in 2013; E = Estimated number of potential places for 2 year olds; F = Estimated shortfall in places.

The potential number of places available for two year olds has been calculated by reference to the maximum number of places possibly available in pre school settings based on the results of a bespoke audit undertaken specifically for this purpose in May 2013. It should be noted that the total for column F (1,339) is greater than the total for column D minus column E (1,162), because no account has been taken of potential surpluses for certain Districts in column F which could be used to reduce shortfalls for other Districts and the total shortfall for such Districts has been shown as zero rather than a minus figure (i.e. a surplus).

Table 3 shows that there is a shortfall of free early education places available for two year olds but must be balanced with the fact that many parents will have chosen not to take up the place and the knowledge that everyone who has asked for a place has been provided with one.

11.11 Progress to date

A full audit of all early years provision was carried out in 2012 to identify actual numbers of places registered, places offered and vacancy levels. From this information barriers were identified and support directed to overcome these to encourage and support the expansion of current provision and also potential new developments. A subsequent audit was carried out in May 2013 (in the term when providers traditionally have the fewest vacancies) to review progress to date and produce new development targets. The shortfall figure of 1,339 (total column F) is based on this audit. Across the Districts there are considerable differences in the number of places required the highest being in Gravesham, where 464 places represents a particular challenge as there is a lack of available suitable premises. To accurately reflect vacancy patterns and new places developed it is planned to repeat this audit again in September 2013 to provide further information.

The hourly rate of £4.85 per hour that KCC pays for Two Year Olds Early Education places is lower than many providers charge on the open market and this has proved to be a challenging situation in that providers have typically said that it is difficult for them to provide places at this level of funding. However, through collaborative working with providers and the range of support offered, the numbers of providers now offering places for two year olds has significantly increased as follows:

- *Group providers:* At the start of January 2012, a total of 288 group providers had registered to provide Two Year Old places. By December 2012 this had risen to 447 with the current total as at 24 July being 513. This equates to a total of 76.3% of all early years group providers in the County.
- *Childminders:* At the start of Jan 2012, a total of 57 eligible childminders had registered. By December 2013 this had risen to 123 with current total as at 24 July being 236. This equates to a total of 62% of all *eligible* childminders in the County.

11.12 Actions

The development of *Places for Two Year Olds* by KCC is continuing through the following activities:

- Provider Information Briefings;
- Presentation and publicity materials produced in liaison with corporate communications;
- Training Workshops and Surgeries;
- Seminars and networking events;
- Individual business planning support for group settings;
- Capital development plans.

As a result, additional places for two year olds are in development which is anticipated to reduce the shortfall in places. This can be seen in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Early Education Places for Two Years Olds – anticipated impact of development activity

| District | Shortfall (Table 3, Column F) | Further potential Development | Revised projected shortfalls (Subject to provider individual development plans) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Ashford | 83 | 85 | Plus 2 |
| Canterbury | 0 | 40 | Plus 40 |
| Dartford | 263 | 132 | 131 |
| Dover | 7 | 24 | Plus 17 |
| Gravesham | 464 | 112 | 352 |
| Maidstone | 242 | 243 | Plus 1 |
| Sevenoaks | 27 | 29 | Plus 2 |
| Shepway | 36 | 39 | Plus 3 |
| Swale | 52 | 53 | Plus 1 |
| Thanet | 39 | 41 | Plus 2 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 59 | 62 | Plus 3 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 67 | 73 | Plus 6 |
| Totals | 1,339 | 933 | 404 |

Dartford and Gravesham Districts present a particular issue as they have the lowest number of registered providers and there is an acute issue with available premises. However we are supporting an existing provider to open a new setting in Gravesham in autumn 2013, plus additional support is planned for these Districts from September 2013. It is also planned to explore the possibility of utilising surplus Secondary School accommodation in the Gravesend District to accommodate new places.

Capital funding of £2.4m to support the development of new places has now been made available. This will support the development of a small number of projects in key areas of Kent whilst the majority will provide small grants to providers needing small scale refurbishments or additional equipment to take 2 year olds in their settings.

‘Stretching’ the Early Education Entitlement

Plans are in progress to ‘stretch’ the offer for two, three and four year olds, to allow the Free Entitlement to be available year round, rather than just during 38 weeks of the year in line with school term dates. This is scheduled for implementation with effect from April 2014.

11.13 Childcare

Over and above the provision and availability of Early Education for two, three and four year olds, Table 5 below sets out the childcare gaps that have been identified in the CSA 2013 for children aged 0 – 4 by type of provision and District.

Table 5: Childcare gaps for children aged 0 to 4 by type of provision and District.

| District | Number of additional childcare places required ¹⁴ | | | |
|------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | A. Full Day Care | B. Sessional Day Care | C ¹⁵ . Childminders | Total |
| Ashford | 173 | 104 | 46 | 323 |
| Canterbury | 168 | 101 | 45 | 314 |
| Dartford | 144 | 86 | 38 | 268 |
| Dover | 167 | 100 | 44 | 311 |
| Gravesham | 172 | 103 | 46 | 321 |

¹⁴ A = Full day care; B = Sessional day care; C = Childminder.

¹⁵ It should be noted that the number of places shown here in respect of childminders is a total gap figure for this type of provision, and will include some places that are required for older children.

| District | Number of additional childcare places required ¹⁴ | | | |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | A. Full Day Care | B. Sessional Day Care | C ¹⁵ . Childminders | Total |
| Maidstone | 177 | 106 | 47 | 330 |
| Sevenoaks | 103 | 62 | 28 | 193 |
| Shepway | 160 | 96 | 43 | 299 |
| Swale | 252 | 151 | 67 | 470 |
| Thanet | 277 | 166 | 74 | 517 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 122 | 73 | 32 | 227 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 104 | 63 | 28 | 195 |
| Kent | 2019 | 1211 | 538 | 3768 |

The development of early education places for two year olds is highly likely to have a positive impact on these figures.

Table 6 shows the gaps in provision that have been identified in the CSA 2013 for school age children by the type of provision required and District.

Table 6. Gaps in provision for school aged children by type of provision and District.

| District | Number of additional childcare places required ¹⁶ | | | | Total |
|------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | A After School Club | B Breakfast Club | C ¹⁷ Childminder | D Holiday play scheme | |
| Ashford | 207 | 11 | 46 | 12 | 276 |
| Canterbury | 201 | 11 | 45 | 11 | 268 |
| Dartford | 173 | 9 | 38 | 10 | 230 |
| Dover | 200 | 11 | 44 | 11 | 266 |
| Gravesham | 207 | 11 | 46 | 12 | 276 |
| Maidstone | 213 | 12 | 47 | 12 | 284 |

¹⁶ A = After-school club; B = Breakfast club; C = Childminder; D = Holiday play scheme.

¹⁷ It should be noted that the number of places shown here in respect of childminders is a total gap figure for this type of provision, and will include some places that are required for younger children.

| District | Number of additional childcare places required ¹⁶ | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | A After School Club | B Breakfast Club | C ¹⁷ Childminder | D Holiday play scheme | Total |
| Sevenoaks | 124 | 7 | 28 | 7 | 166 |
| Shepway | 192 | 11 | 43 | 11 | 257 |
| Swale | 303 | 17 | 67 | 17 | 404 |
| Thanet | 332 | 18 | 74 | 18 | 442 |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 146 | 8 | 32 | 8 | 194 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 125 | 7 | 28 | 7 | 167 |
| Kent | 2423 | 133 | 538 | 136 | 3230 |

11.14 Key Issues

It is undisputed both nationally and in Kent that assessing the childcare market and ensuring a sufficiency of provision is both a complex and constantly moving challenge. It should be noted that take up and vacancies within early years settings particularly also present a constantly changing picture. This is not only affected by parental demand but also by the fact that early years provision, being delivered in the main by the private, voluntary and independent sectors, operates as part of an open market. Ensuring there is sufficiency of provision is also affected by the relationship between the provision of childcare and the availability of employment opportunities, as referred to in paragraph 3.4.

The Children and Families Information Service (CFIS) provides and information and advice service for parents and carers in relation to childcare provision. Since April 2011, no complaints have been received about the lack of childcare in Kent. CFIS Advisors advise callers that if, having perused the information provided (from either a list and/or a website search) they still have difficulty in finding the childcare that meets their needs; they can access the CFIS Brokerage Service. Since April 2011, 11 brokerage calls have been received and recorded, as a consequence of which suitable childcare has been identified in each case. This would suggest that even though childcare gaps appear to have been identified, demand appears to be satisfied.

11.15 Summary and Conclusions

We have explored and determined that assessing the early education and childcare market and ensuring a sufficiency of provision is both a complex and a constantly moving challenge. Through the CSA we have a robust profile of the availability of and demand for early education and childcare provision. Particular gaps exist for (new) early education places for two year olds, but we have robust plans to meet targets within identified timescales. Gaps also *appear* to exist for childcare for school aged children, but the use of the CFIS Brokerage Service does not particularly support this. We have plans in development by planning childcare demand and supply against school partnerships to enhance our understanding of the reality of the situation and also to work with schools to respond to genuine gaps. In summary therefore, whilst not without challenges ahead, we have a good understanding of where we are, what we need to do to further develop that understanding and plans to address issues accordingly

12. Post-16 Commissioning

The purpose of Post-16 Commissioning is to develop provision so that we meet the requirements of the Raising Participation Age (RPA) legislation; to meet the skills needs of the Kent economy; and to support vulnerable learners.

12.1 LA Statutory Duties Post-16

Local Authorities have a number of statutory duties. They must:

- promote the effective participation of all 16 and 17 year old residents
- make arrangements to identify young people resident in your area who are not participating
- secure sufficient suitable education and training provision for all 16-19 year olds
- encourage, enable and assist young people to participate

As part of these duties the LA must put processes in place to deliver the September Guarantee and track all young people's participation and report the outcomes monthly to the DFE using a Client Caseload Information System.

12.2 Learning, Employment and Skills Strategy

This strategy is designed to link the world of learning to the world of work more successfully, and to bring about more rapid transformation in young people's skills, qualifications and employability through the following four key areas of focus.

- Raising Attainment
- Improving and extending vocational education and Apprenticeships
- Increasing participation and employment
- Targeting support for vulnerable young people

Through partnership working across Kent's Districts our ambition is to ensure that all young people in Kent become better qualified and more employable; are able to participate and achieve success in education and work based training at least until the age of 18; and to ensure more 18 to 24 year olds can access higher learning or sustained employment that is appropriate to their needs and relevant to the local and national economy.

Kent's Economy and the Demand for Skills

12.3 The sectoral make up of Kent

The current make-up of the Kent economy, and the future growth potential of key sectors, will determine the future skills needs of Kent employers.

In common with the rest of the economy, the largest concentrations of employment in Kent are in retail and wholesale trades and public sector related activities. Table 1 below illustrates the employment make-up by sector in Kent.

Table 1 – Sectoral composition of employment in Kent

| Sector composition in Kent. | Employment 2009 | Employment 2011 | % composition 2011 |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Wholesale and retail trade | 99,000 | 106,000 | 18.6 |
| Human health and social work | 75,200 | 80,400 | 14.1 |
| Education | 58,700 | 61,200 | 10.7 |
| Administrative and support services | 40,600 | 43,000 | 7.5 |
| Accommodation and food service | 35,100 | 41,100 | 7.2 |
| Manufacturing | 39,800 | 38,900 | 6.8 |
| Professional, scientific and technical | 32,300 | 33,000 | 5.8 |
| Construction | 36,100 | 30,200 | 5.3 |
| Transportation and storage | 28,800 | 29,100 | 5.1 |
| Public admin and defence | 31,000 | 27,000 | 4.7 |
| Primary industries | 20,700 | 21,300 | 3.7 |
| Financial and insurance | 15,800 | 15,800 | 2.8 |
| Information and | 12,900 | 13,400 | 2.3 |

| Sector composition in Kent. | Employment 2009 | Employment 2011 | % composition 2011 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| communications | | | |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 11,300 | 12,800 | 2.2 |
| Other services | 10,900 | 10,600 | 1.9 |
| Real estate | 6,400 | 7,300 | 1.3 |
| Total | 554,600 | 571,100 | |

Source: BRES 2008 – 2011 employer survey

The proportions of the workforce engaged in wholesale and retail, public service related, tourism related, transport and distribution and Primary industry (mainly agriculture) sectors in Kent are higher than the national average. Employment in manufacturing, and financial and information services, is relatively lower.

However the County-wide picture obscures significant local differences. For example, manufacturing accounts for only 7.1% of employment across the County, but accounts for 12.8% of employment in Swale. Similarly, the education sector in Canterbury is significantly larger than the County-wide average¹⁸.

From the start of the recession in 2008, employment in Kent fell from 573,400 to a lowest point of 554,600 in 2009. This recovered to 571,100 in 2011, representing a net loss of around 7,000 jobs or 1%. Hidden within this is a decline of over 10% in manufacturing employment, and 15% in construction¹⁹.

Conversely human health activities, wholesale, retail and tourism related activities have grown since the recession, reflecting the increasing demands of an ageing population, and the low wages of workers in these sectors.

12.4 Future Sectoral Opportunities for Growth

Innovation for Growth, the draft Kent and Medway innovation strategy produced in 2012, identifies nine key sector areas in which the County has substantial opportunities²⁰:

¹⁸ Source: Unlocking Kent's Potential

¹⁹ Source: BRES 2008 - 2011

²⁰ Source: Unlocking Kent's Potential

- Low carbon and environmental goods and services
- Life sciences and medical technologies'
- Creative and media industries
- Food production
- Higher Education
- Tourism
- Manufacturing and engineering
- Construction
- Retail and Wholesale

A key element of a sector's growth potential is around its Gross Value Added (GVA) or financial contribution to the economy. Sectors such as manufacturing, construction and life sciences tend to account for a higher proportion of Kent's GVA than they do for employment alone. Average productivity has risen during the recession leading to greater opportunities for these sectors to contribute overtime.

12.5 Employment Structure

The occupational structure of Kent has changed over the last eight years. During this period employment has risen for:

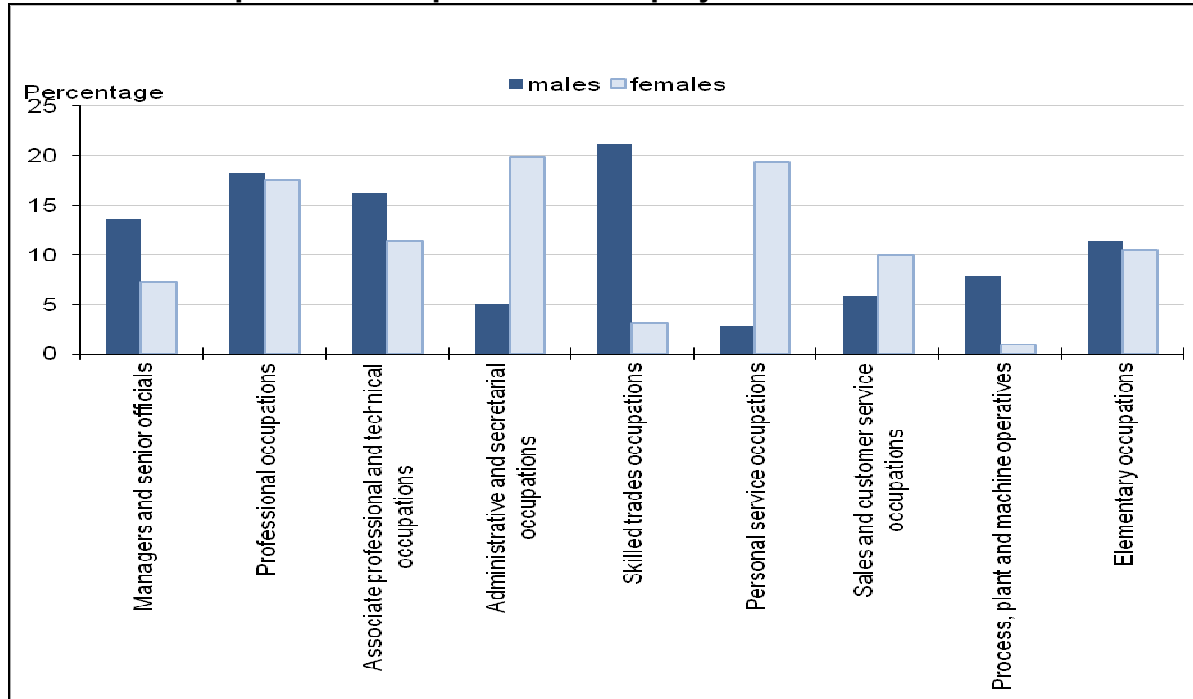
- the highest skilled. Managers, directors and senior officials; those in professional occupations and technical occupations.
- those employed in caring, leisure and service occupations, and sales occupations.

Employment has declined for:

- administrative and secretarial occupations.
- process, plant and machine operatives. (This reflects falling lower-skilled employment in manufacturing.)

Chart 1 below illustrates the current breakdown of occupations in Kent.

Chart 1 – Occupational composition of employment in Kent 2012



Source: ONS

Past trends are only a rough guide for future occupational change. However this seems to point towards rising demand for skilled workers and personal service type occupations, and falling demand for process and routine jobs susceptible to competition from abroad. It also clearly illustrates the bias towards gender in certain occupational groups.

12.6 Skills Gaps

Utilising the UK Commission for Employment and Skills Employer survey, we know that approximately 20% of all vacancies in Kent (and Medway) were reported by employers to be due to a shortage of skills. From this survey, where employers had tried to recruit 17 and 18 year school leavers, the following outcomes were reported:

Table 2 – Employer stated reasons for 17/18 year old skills gaps.

| Reason for non-recruitment/skills shortage | % |
|---|----------|
| Lack of working world / life experience or maturity | 37% |
| Poor attitude / personality or lack of motivation | 29% |
| Lack required skills or competencies | 17% |
| Poor education/lack of literacy numeracy | 9% |
| Lack of common sense | 7% |

Source: UKCES 2011 Employer Survey

Employers perceive that a lack of maturity, life experience and motivation is a greater detriment to employability of young people than lack of skills, although this is still an issue, from this survey.

Approximately 69% of employers in Kent (and Medway) have provided on or off the job training for some of their staff in the last year, which is higher than the national proportion. This might imply that employers in the County might be compensating for a lack of skills through training existing staff and training new staff²¹.

The greatest overall skills shortages were reported in skilled trades (replacement demand) and high tech manufacturing, where new applications are requiring new flexibilities in skills. High skills shortages are also reported in the community, social and personal service sector, reflecting rising demand in this area. Skills shortages among existing employees are most common in sales and customer service and elementary occupations²².

Analysis of Kent 16+ Learners 2013

12.7 Projected Cohort Size and NEET Numbers

Tables 3 and 4 below illustrate the projected learner cohort sizes from 2012/2013 to 2021/2022, to address RPA. In producing this projection three key assumptions were made.

²¹ Source: UKCES 2011

²² Source: UKCES 2011

- 1) Based on delivery of the same provision, the percentage of the cohort in school sixth forms will remain the same. Young people who are not currently participating after Year 11 are unlikely to return to school.
- 2) If employment with training increases under RPA, FE colleges are most likely to provide this training, so their percentage share of the cohort will increase.
- 3) NEET figures will decline to 1% by 2021/2022, reflecting the allowed tolerance.

From the data we can see that in 2012/2013, the Year 12 and Year 13 NEET figures are 4% and 6% respectively. To decline to 1% in Kent, it is clear that FE colleges and schools will need to develop a more attractive and appropriate offer, which is discussed in the next sections.

Tables 3 and 4 – Year 12 and Year 13 cohort projections to 2021-2022

| Year 12 | 2012 -2013 | | 2017-2018 | | | 2021-2022 | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| | No. of cohort | % of cohort | No. of cohort | % of cohort | change since 2012/13 | No. of cohort | % of cohort | change since 2012/13 |
| Total cohort forecast | 16,861 | | 16,289 | | -572 | 16,011 | | -848 |
| Education, Employment or Training | 15,878 | 95% | 15,774 | 97% | -104 | 15,691 | 98% | -187 |
| Education of which: | 14,830 | 90% | 14,641 | 90% | -189 | 14,490 | 90.5% | -340 |
| in School Sixth Form | 9,859 | 59% | 9,630 | 59% | -229 | 9,447 | 59% | -412 |
| in FE College | 4,971 | 31% | 5,011 | 31% | 140 | 5,043 | 31.5% | 72 |
| Employment and/or Training | 1,048 | 5% | 1,133 | 7% | 85 | 1,201 | 7.5% | 153 |
| NEET | 625 | 4% | 367 | 2% | 258 | 160 | 1% | -465 |
| Not Known | 121 | 1% | 143 | 1% | 22 | 160 | 1% | 39 |

| Year 13 | 2012 -2013 | | 2017-2018 | | | 2021-2022 | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| | No. of cohort | % of cohort | No. of cohort | % of cohort | change since 2012/13 | No. of cohort | % of cohort | change since 2012/13 |
| Total cohort forecast | 17,777 | | 16,773 | | -1,004 | 15,969 | | -1,808 |
| Education, Employment or Training | 16,280 | 92% | 15,930 | 95% | -350 | 15,649 | 98% | -631 |
| Education of which: | 13,784 | 79% | 13,312 | 80% | -472 | 12,935 | 81% | -849 |
| in School Sixth Form | 8,574 | 49% | 8,158 | 49% | -416 | 7,825 | 49% | -749 |
| in FE College | 5,210 | 30% | 5,155 | 31% | -55 | 5,110 | 32% | -100 |
| Employment and/or Training | 2,496 | 13% | 2,618 | 15% | 122 | 2,715 | 17% | 219 |
| NEET | 1,126 | 6% | 589 | 4% | -537 | 160 | 1% | -966 |
| Not Known | 341 | 2% | 240 | 1% | -101 | 160 | 1% | -181 |

12.8 Vulnerable Learner Cohort

54% (1240) of 16-18 year old NEET young people have a registered disability, of which 38% (470) have emotional and behavioural difficulties (BSED) and 9% (116) have moderate learning difficulties.

42% (742) of 16-24 year old NEETs are pregnant or caring for their own child; 40% (542) are LLD. The next highest groups are young people supervised by the YOT team and care leavers, at 8% (130) each. Provision must be tailored to these groups to impact on RPA.

12.9 Prior Attainment and Achievement at Age 19

Table 5 illustrates the level of achievement against prior attainment levels, for Kent learners. From this data it can be seen that:

- 1) 44% of learners, who achieved below Level 1 at age 16, did not progress to get any further qualifications by age 19.
- 2) 28% of learners, who achieved below Level 1 at age 16, stayed on to study but did not progress up a level of achievement.
- 3) 52% of learners, who achieved a Level 2 qualification without maths and English at age 16, stayed on to study but did not progress to a higher level of achievement.

- 4) Only 35% of learners, who achieved a Level 2 qualification without maths and English at age 16, went on to get a Level 3 qualification.

Table 5 – Prior attainment at 16 (2009/2010) and achievement by age 19 (2011/12) for Kent Learners

| EPAS Analysis | | | | | | | | | | | KCC Analysis | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|
| LA at age 16 | Prior attainment at age 16 | Total Learners | Of which No further qualifications Post 16 | | Percentage of learners by age 19 attaining | | | | | | Of which participated but did not progress to the next level of qualification | |
| | | | | | Level 1 or above | | Level 2 or above | | Level 3 | | | |
| | | | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % |
| National | Below Level 1 | 51087 | 21244 | 41.60% | 16409 | 32.10% | 7548 | 14.80% | 2030 | 4.00% | 13434 | 26.00% |
| | Level 1, below Level 2 | 138650 | 23502 | 17.00% | 138650 | 100.00% | 75227 | 54.30% | 22834 | 16.50% | 39921 | 29.00% |
| | Level 2 without English and Maths | 87498 | 10659 | 12.20% | 87495 | 100.00% | 87495 | 100.00% | 33510 | 38.30% | 43329 | 49.00% |
| | Level 2 incl Eng and Maths | 315964 | 10457 | 3.30% | 315964 | 100.00% | 315964 | 100.00% | 263727 | 83.50% | 41780 | 13.00% |
| | All Pupils | 593199 | 65862 | 11.10% | 558518 | 94.20% | 486234 | 82.00% | 322101 | 54.30% | 138464 | 23.00% |
| Kent | Below Level 1 | 1477 | 651 | 44.10% | 407 | 27.60% | 170 | 11.50% | 48 | 3.20% | 419 | 28.00% |
| | Level 1, below Level 2 | 3377 | 642 | 19.00% | 3377 | 100.00% | 1688 | 50.00% | 425 | 12.60% | 1047 | 31.00% |
| | Level 2 without English and Maths | 3031 | 416 | 13.70% | 3031 | 100.00% | 3031 | 100.00% | 1049 | 34.60% | 1566 | 52.00% |
| | Level 2 incl Eng and Maths | 9133 | 301 | 3.30% | 9133 | 100.00% | 9133 | 100.00% | 7647 | 83.70% | 1185 | 13.00% |
| | All Pupils | 17018 | 2010 | 11.80% | 15948 | 93.70% | 14022 | 82.40% | 9169 | 53.90% | 4217 | 25.00% |

It is clear that there are significant numbers of learners, at lower levels of achievement at age 16, who are not participating or are failing to progress to higher levels of achievement in Kent by the age of 19.

12.10 Vocational Curriculum Map

Chart 2: No Vocational courses offered in Kent by Level 2012/2013

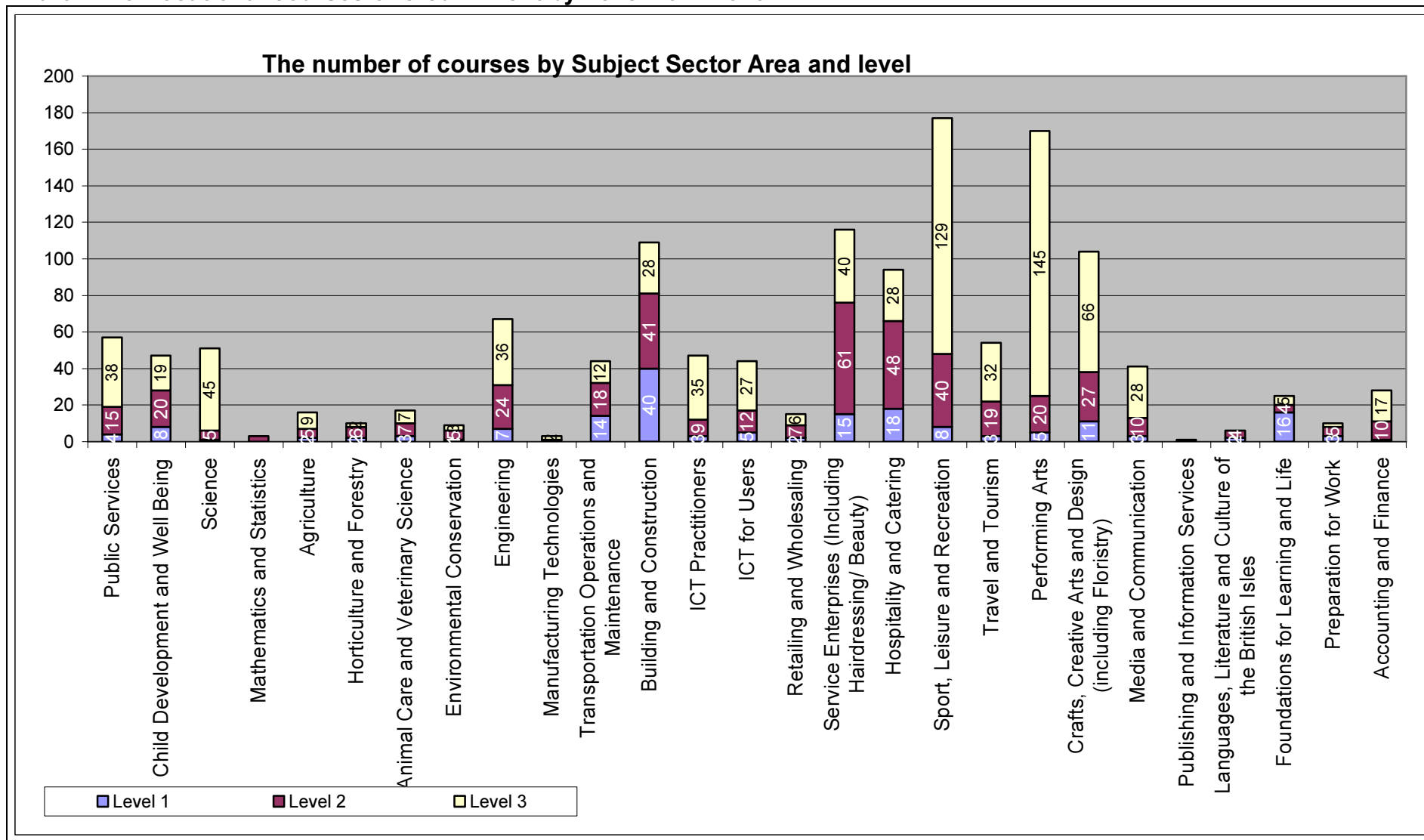


Chart 2 illustrates the number and range of vocational courses on offer in Kent schools and colleges, the distribution of which will vary across Districts. These are discussed in the individual District datapacks. It is clear that there is a significant oversupply of courses such as sport, leisure and tourism, and performing arts. There appears to be an under supply of manufacturing, retail and agriculture. This is discussed in section 10 below.

12.11. Apprenticeships

Table 5 illustrates the number of starts and achievements on Apprenticeships from August 2012 to April 2013 in Kent, by broad sector area, across all levels.

| Sector subject area | Starts | Achievements |
|--|---------------|---------------------|
| Agriculture, horticulture and animal care | 150 | 60 |
| Arts, media and publishing | 10 | - |
| Business, admin and law | 2410 | 1160 |
| Construction, planning and built environment | 300 | 140 |
| Education and training | 150 | 120 |
| Engineering and manufacturing technologies | 1040 | 440 |
| Health, public services and care | 1890 | 580 |
| Information and communication technology | 130 | 70 |
| Leisure, travel and tourism | 210 | 180 |
| Retail and commercial enterprise | 1730 | 870 |
| Science and maths | 10 | - |
| Totals | 8030 | 3620 |

Source: The data service 2013 statistical first release

Of these totals 2,010 starts were 16-18 year olds; 3730 starts were 19-24 year olds and 3,270 were 25 and over. Full year starts on apprenticeship programmes in Kent have grown from 9,040 in 2009/2011 to 11,220 in 2011/12.

12.12. Academic Offer

Table 6 illustrates the top 12 A Level results in Kent by achievement. Kent offers a large range of AS and A Levels, but their availability varies across Districts. The facilitating subjects remain popular, but subject combinations often do not meet Russell Group University requirements and the requirements of the labour market. Language take-up remains very low.

Table 6: Top 12 A-Levels by achievement 2011/12

Source: KCC EPAS

| Subject | No. students passing 2011/2012 |
|------------------------------|---|
| English | 1935 |
| Mathematics | 1732 |
| Biology | 1224 |
| History | 1170 |
| Psychology | 1099 |
| Art and Design | 1080 |
| Business Studies/Economics | 837 |
| Geography | 788 |
| Chemistry | 743 |
| Physics | 697 |
| Media and Film Studies | 645 |
| All Modern Foreign Languages | 581 |

12.13 Curriculum Gaps

In terms of the nine key industrial sectors mentioned in section 4.2, Kent appears to lack vocational provision to meet the needs of the retail and wholesale sector, the manufacturing sector, the food production sector, creative and media (where the significant skills gap is entrepreneurial and business skills), life science and medical (mostly at Level 2) and low carbon and environmental goods and services.

There is insufficient vocationally related provision for vulnerable young people, particularly learners who are BSED, LLDD, teenage parents and looked after children. This is reflected in low numbers of Level 1 courses which are appropriate for this group and the high numbers of these groups in the NEET cohort.

There are enough courses numerically in proportion to the number of learners who are below Level 1, Level 1 and Level 2 without maths and English at age 16. However, the fact that these groups have high levels of NEETs and non-progression post-16 suggests that courses are not distributed equally by District and are not necessarily in the correct subject areas.

There is insufficient provision to ensure that Year 12 learners stay on and progress to Year 13. Career related progression pathways from Levels 1 to 3 seem to be lacking leading to student drop out and youth unemployment.

There is significant scope for more apprenticeship starts across all sectors, for learners aged 16-18.

Take-up of all modern foreign languages is very low, particularly for a selective authority which housed several language Specialist schools and is the gateway to Europe. New provision should be linked to enhancing the status of languages to pre-empt future government priorities in this area.

Across Kent students appear to be taking courses of personal interest rather than those related to the needs of the Kent economy. This is illustrated by high levels of sport, leisure and tourism, and performing arts courses.

The vocational offer made to young people who are at work but not currently in training needs to be developed to match local skills demand. Employers surveyed as part of the UKCES study stated that it is harder to recruit young people with maturity, motivation and a good attitude than it is to recruit young people with good literacy and numeracy skills.

12.14 Risks

There are risks that could impact on this work.

- 1) Post-16 numbers are set to fall. This will result in lower funding levels which could push some providers, particularly the smaller ones, out of business. Existing small sixth forms could become increasingly financially unviable.
- 2) Future developments outside of the maintained sector, including academies, free schools, UTCs and the independent sector can be unpredictable and could affect joint future planning and delivery.
- 3) Ongoing qualification and assessment change may mitigate against the needs of learners in the RPA group.

12.15 District Analysis

Analysis of the current context gaps in provision, has been set out District by District in the District-level 'Data Packs' available on the KCC website.

These analyses will inform local commissioning decisions which will be developed in consultation with providers at a local level.

12.16 Actions to address issues

The Skills and Employability Team is seeking to address the gaps with these actions.

- Delivering District wide curriculum planning meetings with providers, utilising Skills and Employability data pack information, to review jointly the 2012/13 and 13/14 curriculum offer in order to plan an appropriate post-16 curriculum for 2014/2015. This must include considerations of meeting RPA, the skills needs of the Districts and the needs of specific vulnerable groups. This will be the start of an ongoing process, not a one-off exercise.
- Involve all partners in the discussion of District provision, including KCC, District councils, KIASS, Connexions and all providers of training.
- Continue to deliver District wide NEET to EET forums and build on good practice in the re-engagement of vulnerable NEET young people.
- Deliver September Guarantee events in each District so that all 16-17 year old young people without the offer of a place in learning for 2012/13 can meet providers and Connexions to facilitate finding a place.
- Offer bespoke advice on post-16 curriculum to schools who request it.
- Encourage the sharing of good practice between post-16 providers.
- Run the Kent Employment Programme to ensure unemployed young people are supported to find apprenticeships in Kent companies and ensure Gov't subsidies for apprenticeships are maximised.
- Work with higher education and providers of adult skills to help facilitate career progression pathways.
- Support the delivery of post-16 work experience.
- Provide data and analysis to support post-16 providers in managing their curricula, and manage the tracking of student participation.

13. Analyses and Forward Plans for each District

13.1 Kent Wide Summary

The tables below provide a summary of the commissioning proposals for September 2014, 2015 and 2017 and for 2018 and beyond, set out District by District and summarised as Kent – wide totals for the Primary and Secondary Schools. The table is a summary of the commissioning intentions and proposals set out in more detail in the District by District Analysis and Forward Plans which follow. For 2014 and 2015 some projects are already in progress – specific schools have been identified in the District Plans where discussion and agreement with the school has already happened. For later years only the area where expansion is required has been noted – specific schools are not identified. Also for later years – particularly for post 2018- the commissioning proposals are dependant on the pace of planned housing development being realised.

| District | By 2014-15 | By 2015-16 | By 2016-17 | By 2017-18 and After |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Maidstone | Primary 2FE in Maidstone (Jubilee Free School) | Primary 30 Year R places | Primary 4FE in Maidstone 30 Year R places | |
| Tunbridge Wells | Primary 30 Year R places in Tunbridge Wells (Urban) | Primary 1.3FE in Hawkenbury 2FE in Tunbridge Wells (Urban) | | Primary 2FE in Paddock Wood |
| Tonbridge and Malling | Primary 30 Year R places in Tonbridge Town | Primary 1FE in Kings Hill 1FE at Leybourne Chase 1FE at Holborough Lakes 0.5FE at Slade PS 30 Year R places in Tonbridge Town | Primary 2FE Primary in the Medway Gap | Primary 2FE in Kings Hill Secondary 3FE Tonbridge (Temporary – 3 years) |
| Dartford | Primary 1FE in Dartford North 1FE in Knockhall Secondary 1FE Ebbsfleet Academy | Primary 1FE in Dartford East Secondary 8FE Ebbsfleet Valley | Primary 1FE in Dartford East 2FE in Dartford North 1FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Castle Hill) 1FE in NW Sub Station 1FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Station Qtr North) 30 Year R places in Dartford West | Primary 1FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Castle Hill) 1FE NW Sub Station 1FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Station Qtr North) 2FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Alkerden) 2FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Village 3) 2FE in St James Pit |

| District | By 2014-15 | By 2015-16 | By 2016-17 | By 2017-18 and After |
|------------|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | Secondary 4FE Ebbsfleet Valley |
| Gravesham | Primary 1FE Gravesend North 1 FE in Northfleet 10 Year R places in Northfleet | Primary 1.3FE in Northfleet 60 Year R places in Gravesend East 15 Year R places in Higham | Primary Secondary 1FE in Gravesham | Primary 2FE in Gravesend SW (Springhead) |
| Sevenoaks | Primary 0.5FE in Sevenoaks Rural West 15 Year R places in Westerham Secondary 4FE in Sevenoaks (Free School) | Primary 1FE in Sevenoaks 1FE in Swanley/Hextable 15 Year R places in Westerham | Primary 1FE in Sevenoaks 1FE in Sevenoaks Rural SW Secondary 6FE in Sevenoaks | Primary 2FE in Halstead |
| Ashford | Primary 1FE Ashford SE | | Primary 1FE Cheeseman's Green 1FE Chilmington Green | Primary 2FE in Ashford Central 2FE in Ashford South 6FE Cheeseman's Green 6FE in Chilmington Green 3FE in Willesborough Secondary 8FE Chilmington Green 8FE Cheeseman's Green |
| Shepway | Primary 30 Year R places in Folkestone East 30 Year R places in Folkestone West Secondary 2FE de-commissioned in Folkestone Town | Primary 1FE in Folkestone East 0.5FE in Sellindge 30 Year R places in Folkestone West | Primary 1FE in Palmarsh | Primary 2FE in Shorncliffe 0.5FE in Romney Marsh |
| Dover | Primary 30 places in Dover Town 15 Year R places in Whitfield | Primary 1FE in Dover Town 15 Year R places in Whitfield | Primary 2FE in Whitfield 30 Year R places in Dover Town | Primary 4FE in Whitfield |
| Canterbury | | Primary 1FE in Canterbury 1FE in Whitstable | | Primary 6FE in Canterbury 1FE in Sturry |

| District | By 2014-15 | By 2015-16 | By 2016-17 | By 2017-18 and After |
|----------|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | 3FE in Herne Bay |
| Swale | <p>Primary 2.3FE in Sittingbourne 1.5FE in Faversham 60 Year R places in Sheppey</p> <p>Secondary 25 Year 7 places in Sittingbourne</p> | <p>Primary 2FE in Sittingbourne 5FE in Sheppey</p> <p>Secondary 1FE in Sittingbourne</p> | <p>Secondary 2FE in Sittingbourne</p> | <p>Primary 2FE in Sittingbourne 2FE in Sheppey</p> |
| Thanet | <p>Primary 1FE in Ramsgate 1FE in Broadstairs 1FE in Margate 1FE in Garlinge</p> | <p>Primary 1FE in Ramsgate 2FE in Margate</p> | <p>Primary 2FE in Broadstairs 1FE in Birchington</p> | <p>Secondary 4FE in Thanet</p> |
| Totals | <p>Primary 15.3FE permanent 250 Year R places</p> <p>Secondary 3FE permanent 25 Year 7 places</p> | <p>Primary 25.6FE permanent 195 Year R places</p> <p>Secondary 9FE permanent</p> | <p>Primary 22FE permanent 90 Year R places</p> <p>Secondary 9FE permanent</p> | <p>Primary 55.5FE permanent</p> <p>Secondary 27FE permanent</p> |

13.2 MAIDSTONE

Overview

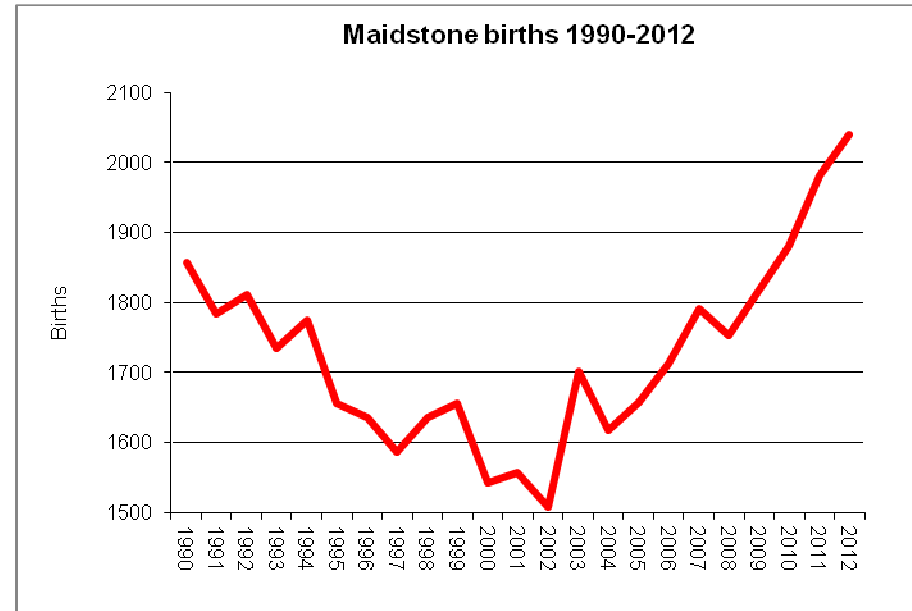
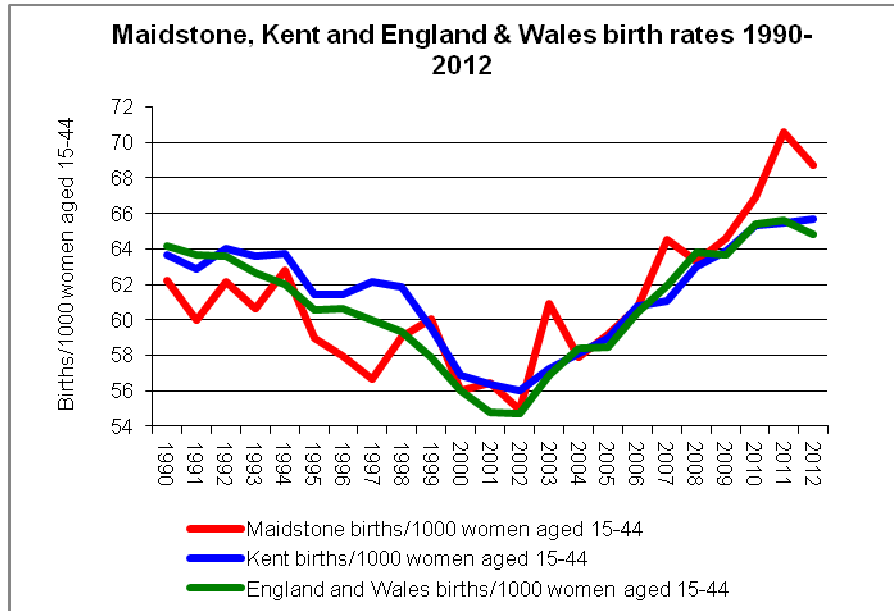
- Uncertainty around future housing developments makes provision planning in the Maidstone District imprecise for September 2015 and beyond, therefore the commissioning of school places will be flexible, according to the pace and scale of developments.
- The forecasts for Maidstone indicate a continued growth in demand for Reception year places until a peak in 2016/17.
- It is anticipated that the Jubilee Free School will open and offer 60 Reception Year places from September 2014. An additional bulge Reception Year class will be required in September 2015 and 2016. The medium term analysis of the District highlights the need for two new 2FE Primary schools linked to housing developments. Secondary school places are expected to be in surplus until 2021/22, when a deficit of 39 places is projected, rising sharply to a peak of 149 places in 2022/23.

Review of 2012 -13

Additional provision was made in Maidstone as set out in the 2012 Plan. St John's Church of England Primary School was enlarged by 1 form of entry and a further 10 places were provided at Harrietsham Church of England Primary School due to the high number of children in the village. In reality it means the expansion of Harrietsham Church of England Primary School, which was due from September 2014, has moved forward to 2013. The Tiger Free School opened in September 2012 and provided up to 60 Reception Year places in the Maidstone Central and South planning group.

District Analysis – Primary

The charts below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures and forecasts:



| Maidstone Borough planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Bredhurst | 15 | 17 | -13.3 | 105 | 116 | -10.5 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 118 | 114 | 115 | 115 | 115 |
| Headcorn and Sutton Valence | 73 | 62 | 15.1 | 523 | 444 | 15.1 | 70 | 72 | 65 | 63 | 64 | 437 | 439 | 444 | 446 | 440 |
| Leeds and Hollingbourne | 47 | 43 | 8.5 | 329 | 285 | 13.4 | 46 | 52 | 46 | 44 | 45 | 285 | 294 | 296 | 297 | 298 |
| Lenham and Harrietsham | 63 | 55 | 12.7 | 441 | 420 | 4.8 | 63 | 61 | 46 | 56 | 53 | 431 | 435 | 429 | 428 | 422 |
| Maidstone Central and South | 225 | 219 | 2.7 | 1245 | 1110 | 10.8 | 214 | 228 | 259 | 261 | 252 | 1151 | 1237 | 1365 | 1477 | 1584 |
| Maidstone East | 210 | 213 | -1.4 | 1518 | 1551 | -2.2 | 223 | 204 | 216 | 210 | 210 | 1544 | 1522 | 1507 | 1491 | 1491 |
| Maidstone North | 210 | 203 | 3.3 | 1410 | 1348 | 4.4 | 221 | 245 | 263 | 268 | 262 | 1354 | 1417 | 1487 | 1548 | 1612 |
| Maidstone Rural South | 132 | 109 | 17.4 | 789 | 753 | 4.6 | 101 | 118 | 126 | 137 | 128 | 746 | 770 | 804 | 849 | 878 |
| Maidstone West | 390 | 388 | 0.5 | 2744 | 2633 | 4.0 | 374 | 390 | 419 | 446 | 428 | 2648 | 2670 | 2702 | 2803 | 2852 |
| Marden and Yalding | 90 | 82 | 8.9 | 630 | 588 | 6.7 | 78 | 84 | 87 | 79 | 80 | 586 | 599 | 606 | 595 | 583 |
| Shepway and Park Wood | 267 | 246 | 7.9 | 1869 | 1551 | 17.0 | 255 | 267 | 298 | 294 | 290 | 1565 | 1610 | 1682 | 1760 | 1833 |
| Staplehurst | 75 | 65 | 13.3 | 525 | 440 | 16.2 | 56 | 56 | 62 | 63 | 62 | 439 | 428 | 419 | 412 | 413 |
| Total | 1797 | 1702 | 5.3 | 12128 | 11239 | 7.3 | 1719 | 1792 | 1904 | 1938 | 1893 | 11304 | 11535 | 11855 | 12222 | 12519 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1852 | 1854 | 1859 | 1859 | 1859 | 12313 | 12491 | 12630 | 12769 | 12905 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | 133 | 62 | -45 | -79 | -34 | 1009 | 956 | 775 | 547 | 386 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7.2 | 3.3 | -2.4 | -4.3 | -1.8 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 6.1 | 4.3 | 3.0 |

There are currently 47 Primary schools in the Maidstone District and a total of 1852 places available in Reception Year in 2013/14. However, the total rolls are forecast to increase significantly and will continue to do so throughout the forecast period. From September 2015 the District as a whole has insufficient capacity to accommodate the forecast pupil numbers and additional places will need to be commissioned.

For September 2014, the forecast data for the Maidstone North planning group indicates a deficit of over 30 places in Reception Year. This demand is forecast to rise in September 2015 by an additional 30-45 place. However, it is expected that there will be changes to historic patterns over the 2013 - 18 Commissioning Plan period. In addition it is expected that the Jubilee Free School will open in Maidstone in September 2014, providing 60 additional Reception Year places.

In September 2015 the forecast data indicates demand will exceed capacity in several planning groups. In the Maidstone Central and South planning group forecast data indicates the need for an additional 30–40 places. For Maidstone West there is a demand for up to 20 additional Reception Year places. The Shepway and Park Wood planning group forecast data indicates a demand for just over 30 Reception Year places. We will commission a 1FE 'bulge' class in Reception Year for September 2015 and September 2016.

The further need for new local provision will be driven predominantly by housing developments. Maidstone Borough Council is continuing to work on its Local Development Framework, and future needs will be driven by this. Early indications are that Maidstone Borough Council propose to allow permission for housing development in several of the rural service centres across the District. Further data modelling and needs analysis will be undertaken during 2013/14, as the core local strategy develops. Subject to this analysis, we will commission two new 2FE Primary schools across Maidstone in the medium to long term.

The long term population forecast is for the Primary school numbers to increase to 12,185 in 2021 before falling back to 10,680 in 2031

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the school population figures and forecasts:

| Maidstone Borough (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 2012 | 2017 | 2047 | 2047 | 2047 | 2047 | 2047 | 2047 | 2047 | 2047 | 2047 |
| Year 7 roll | 1821 | 1788 | 1830 | 1866 | 1829 | 1872 | 1940 | 1986 | 2028 | 2086 | 2196 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 191 | 229 | 217 | 181 | 218 | 175 | 107 | 61 | 19 | -39 | -149 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 9.5 | 11.4 | 10.6 | 8.8 | 10.7 | 8.6 | 5.2 | 3.0 | 0.9 | -1.9 | -7.3 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 10110 | 10120 | 10130 | 10135 | 10170 | 10205 | 10235 | 10235 | 10235 | 10235 | 10235 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 9059 | 8971 | 8936 | 8985 | 9005 | 9074 | 9226 | 9381 | 9543 | 9800 | 10124 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 1051 | 1149 | 1194 | 1150 | 1165 | 1131 | 1009 | 854 | 692 | 435 | 111 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 10.4 | 11.4 | 11.8 | 11.3 | 11.5 | 11.1 | 9.9 | 8.3 | 6.8 | 4.3 | 1.1 |
| Post-16 roll | 2284 | 2320 | 2312 | 2323 | 2324 | 2286 | 2249 | 2280 | 2327 | 2329 | 2332 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 11343 | 11291 | 11249 | 11308 | 11330 | 11360 | 11475 | 11661 | 11870 | 12128 | 12456 |

Intake numbers into Year 7 in Secondary schools are forecast to fluctuate initially and then rise, with the peak occurring by 2022. Total school numbers mirror this cycle, except with a one year lag. Total pupil numbers remain below the current capacities of the schools within the forecast period. In 2014 the surplus capacity for pupils in Years 7-11 years is expected to reach its maximum at 11.8%. However from 2019/20 the surplus capacity in Year 7 will be below the operating guideline of 5% and a deficit of Year 7 places is anticipated from 2021/22. Sixth form rolls are forecast to fluctuate.

Maidstone Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| Across Maidstone | The Jubilee Free School is expected to provide an additional 2FE from September 2014. | We will commission a 1FE 'bulge' in Year R for September 2015. | <p>We will commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -two new 2 FE Primary schools (subject to development of the core strategy and housing developments). -a 1FE 'bulge' in Year R for September 2016. 0.6FE permanent expansion in the south of Maidstone (subject to development of the core strategy and housing developments). | |

Maidstone Secondary School Commissioning

| Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
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13.3 TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Overview

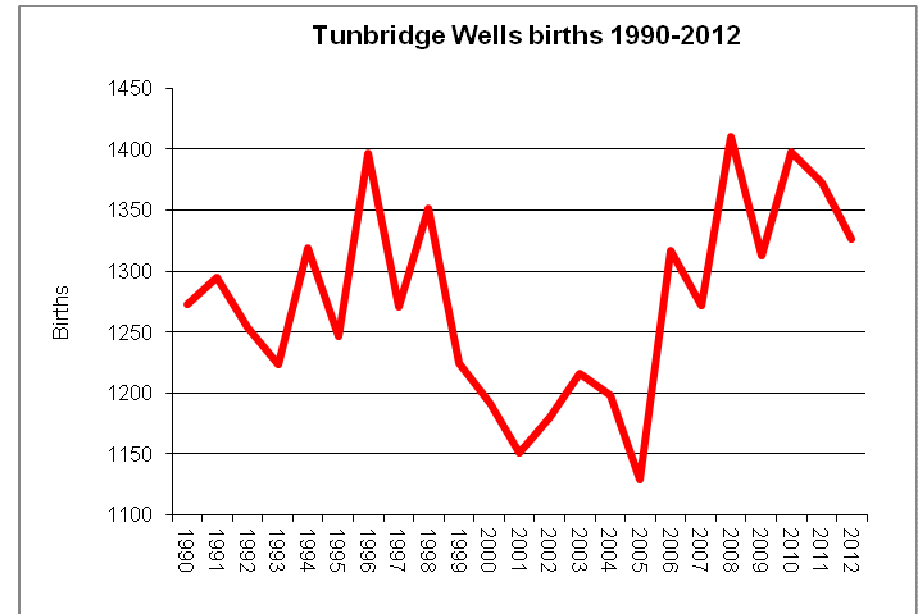
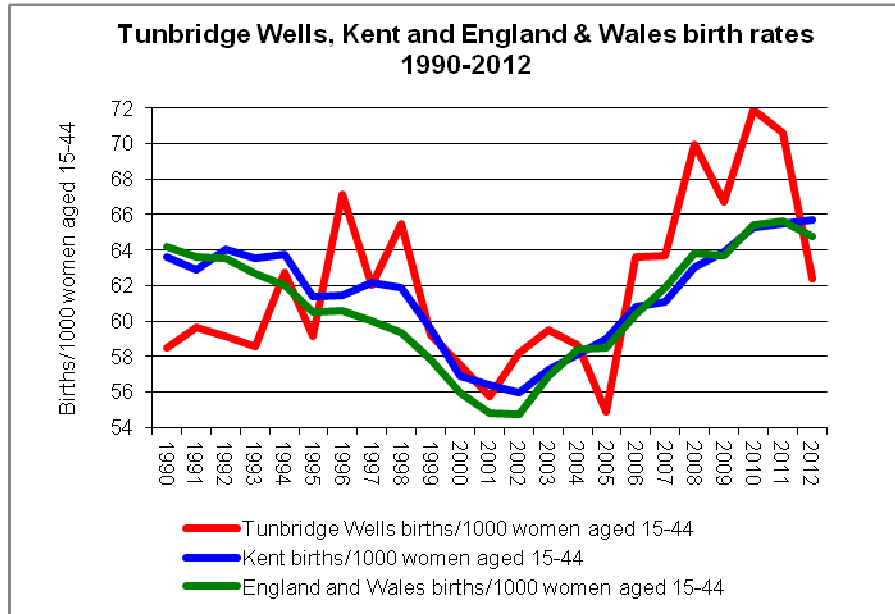
- A number of Primary schools have been expanded to meet demand within the locality. As a result, the scope for future expansion is limited due to the nature and location of available sites.
- The forecast data indicates a deficit in Reception Year places within the Tunbridge Wells Urban area in September 2014 and 2015. However, this is partly addressed by additional capacity provided by the Wells Free School, which is not reflected in the forecasts.
- Future pressure is anticipated from housing developments including Knight's Park and Hawkenbury Farm, necessitating additional Primary school provision.
- Secondary school provision is dependent upon the strategy across the travel to school area of Sevenoaks South, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

Review 2012 – 13

The 2012 Plan identified the need for up to 170 places in Year R and 22 Year 3 places for September 2013. For September 2013, 166 Year R places and 22 places in Year 3 have been achieved. Seven schools were proposed for enlargement: Southborough CE Primary School, Langton Green Primary School, St Mark's CE PS, Pembury PS, St Matthews CE PS, St James' CE Infant School and St James Junior School. St Matthews CE Primary School and Pembury Primary School were withdrawn. The eventual variance is expected to be six because the Wells Free School added 24 places and the Schools Adjudicator determined that Bishops Down Primary School should accept an additional 30 Year R children for 2013.

District Analysis – Primary

The charts below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures and forecasts:



| Tunbridge Wells Borough planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Cranbrook | 111 | 110 | 0.9 | 780 | 706 | 9.5 | 100 | 94 | 115 | 111 | 109 | 692 | 682 | 687 | 690 | 691 |
| Goudhurst and Lamberhurst | 60 | 59 | 1.7 | 360 | 357 | 0.8 | 60 | 60 | 61 | 58 | 59 | 365 | 371 | 382 | 387 | 394 |
| Hawkhurst and Sandhurst | 55 | 50 | 9.1 | 381 | 331 | 13.1 | 53 | 47 | 60 | 53 | 54 | 332 | 324 | 325 | 330 | 336 |
| Paddock Wood | 180 | 178 | 1.1 | 1340 | 1191 | 11.1 | 167 | 178 | 198 | 154 | 172 | 1173 | 1186 | 1212 | 1191 | 1177 |
| Pembury | 90 | 82 | 8.9 | 480 | 463 | 3.5 | 84 | 81 | 82 | 76 | 79 | 493 | 516 | 541 | 558 | 576 |
| Southborough | 180 | 176 | 2.2 | 1085 | 1047 | 3.5 | 162 | 157 | 158 | 158 | 159 | 1076 | 1092 | 1103 | 1130 | 1141 |
| Tunbridge Wells South | 260 | 250 | 3.8 | 1588 | 1462 | 7.9 | 248 | 254 | 276 | 261 | 263 | 1508 | 1570 | 1645 | 1709 | 1757 |
| Tunbridge Wells Town | 280 | 256 | 8.6 | 1832 | 1667 | 9.0 | 266 | 279 | 288 | 267 | 276 | 1711 | 1764 | 1813 | 1857 | 1874 |
| Tunbridge Wells West | 100 | 88 | 12.0 | 660 | 610 | 7.6 | 106 | 93 | 85 | 94 | 92 | 641 | 661 | 669 | 684 | 688 |
| Total | 1316 | 1249 | 5.1 | 8506 | 7834 | 7.9 | 1246 | 1242 | 1323 | 1232 | 1263 | 7991 | 8167 | 8376 | 8535 | 8636 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1351 | 1281 | 1281 | 1281 | 1281 | 8683 | 8799 | 8920 | 9052 | 9112 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | 105 | 39 | -42 | 49 | 18 | 692 | 632 | 544 | 517 | 476 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7.8 | 3.0 | -3.3 | 3.8 | 1.4 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 5.2 |

There are currently 33 Primary schools in the Tunbridge Wells District and a total of 1375 places available in Reception Year in 2013/14 including 24 Reception Year places provided by the Wells Free School.. The Reception Year intake for Primary schools in Tunbridge Wells is forecast to fluctuate. The forecast data for the District shows that there is sufficient capacity across the District to accommodate the forecast total pupil numbers during this time. However, this masks areas of localised pressure within the District. The planning groups within Tunbridge Wells can be broadly split into two areas of Tunbridge Wells for provision planning purposes: urban and rural.

Tunbridge Wells Rural: In the planning group of Paddock Wood the forecast data indicates that there will be a deficit of up to 18 Reception Year places in September 2014 and 2015. We will work with existing schools in the locality to create sufficient places to meet this spike in demand.

The forecast data for the planning groups of Cranbrook, Goudhurst and Lamberhurst, Hawkhurst and Sandhurst each indicate a small deficit in Reception Year places for September 2015. The schools within these planning groups have a long established pattern of offering additional places when local village demand requires, therefore, we would expect this demand to be absorbed within the existing schools.

Tunbridge Wells Urban: The forecasts for the planning group of Pembury indicate that demand will exceed capacity, with a shortfall of up to 22 Reception Year places projected for September 2014 and 2015. However, there is forecast to be a comparable surplus within the adjacent Southborough planning group.

The planning groups of Tunbridge Wells South and Tunbridge Wells Town show a deficit of 22 Reception Year places in September 2014 and 49 places from September 2015. The Wells Free School will provide 24 Reception Year places towards meeting this demand. In addition, it is forecast that there will be at least 24 surplus Reception Year places within the adjoining planning group of Tunbridge Wells West.

In order to meet the demand in the Tunbridge Wells Urban area and to provide parental choice, we will commission 30 additional Reception Year places for September 2014.

In the medium term, we are working closely with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and the housing developers to commission additional provision as new housing is built and occupied. These proposals will progress in line with the pace of house building and include St Peter's Church of England Primary School enlarging to 2FE and relocating to a new site in Hawkenbury. In the event that the St. Peter's CEPS cannot be opened at Hawkenbury by September 2015, we will commission up to 30 additional Reception Year places in the Tunbridge Wells Urban area. We will commission up to an additional 2 forms of entry linked to the Knights Park development, subject to the housing development proceeding.

In the longer term, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is planning significant development to the East and South East of the town which will require additional provision.

The long term forecast is for the Primary school population in Tunbridge Wells to increase to 8,590 in 2021 before falling to 6,980 in 2031. This figure, however, does not take into account the potential for population increase due to house building. Forecasts will be updated annually to reflect trends and housing development once agreed.

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the school population figures and forecasts:

| Tunbridge Wells Borough (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 1439 | 1505 | 1439 | 1439 | 1439 | 1439 | 1439 | 1439 | 1439 | 1439 | 1439 |
| Year 7 roll | 1300 | 1216 | 1239 | 1289 | 1265 | 1367 | 1451 | 1438 | 1405 | 1460 | 1509 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 139 | 289 | 200 | 150 | 174 | 72 | -12 | 1 | 34 | -21 | -70 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 9.7 | 19.2 | 13.9 | 10.4 | 12.1 | 5.0 | -0.9 | 0.1 | 2.4 | -1.5 | -4.8 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 7837 | 7867 | 7826 | 7771 | 7711 | 7711 | 7645 | 7645 | 7645 | 7645 | 7645 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 6827 | 6727 | 6622 | 6613 | 6673 | 6749 | 6983 | 7183 | 7299 | 7496 | 7638 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 1010 | 1140 | 1204 | 1158 | 1038 | 962 | 662 | 462 | 346 | 149 | 7 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 12.9 | 14.5 | 15.4 | 14.9 | 13.5 | 12.5 | 8.7 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 0.1 |
| Post-16 roll | 1967 | 2010 | 2028 | 2041 | 1934 | 1958 | 1964 | 1920 | 1976 | 2003 | 2064 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 8794 | 8737 | 8650 | 8654 | 8607 | 8706 | 8948 | 9102 | 9275 | 9498 | 9701 |

The number of Year 7 places in Secondary schools in Tunbridge Wells is 1505. The commissioning of Secondary places in Tunbridge Wells is influenced by the demand (mainly selective and faith provision) from students resident in Sevenoaks District, crossing into Tunbridge Wells District to access grammar provision. This demand exacerbates the local pressure on grammar and faith school places. The Department for Education (DfE) is considering a proposal to commission selective provision in Sevenoaks. This would attract Sevenoaks students, which would in turn reduce the demand on Tunbridge Wells places. The new provision in Sevenoaks would therefore result in additional Secondary school places being available to students resident in Tunbridge Wells. In addition, the establishment of the Trinity Free School in Sevenoaks District has the potential to impact on the numbers of Secondary pupils in the non-selective schools (especially faith schools) in the Tunbridge Wells District.

The Local Authority has no immediate plans to commission additional Secondary school places in Tunbridge Wells town, although the Skinners School is taking a bulge year for September 2013. However, if the Sevenoaks proposal is not approved by the DfE there will be a need for additional Secondary provision in Tunbridge Wells by September 2018.

Currently, there are no capacity issues in non-selective schools and two schools, High Weald Academy and Skinners Kent Academy, are not at their current capacity. Any increases in non-selective demand can be managed through the capacity within these two schools.

Tunbridge Wells Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| Tunbridge Wells Urban | We will commission 30 additional year R places for September 2014. | <p>We will commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.3 FE of additional Primary capacity, including the enlargement and relocation of St Peter's Church of England Primary School onto a new site in Hawkenbury, (dependent upon Tunbridge Wells Borough Council allocating the Hawkenbury Farm site for development). - up to an additional 2FE of additional Primary capacity linked to the Knights Park development on a site yet to be determined (subject to the development of core local strategy and housing development). | | |

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Tunbridge Wells Rural | | <p>We will:</p> <p>Work with existing schools to meet the projected 'spike' in demand for Year R places.</p> | | <p>We commission up to an additional 2FE of additional Primary capacity at Paddock Wood on a site yet to be determined (subject to the development of core local strategy and housing development).</p> |

Tunbridge Wells Secondary School Commissioning

| Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|--|--|---|--|
| | | <p>Possibility of increase in Secondary pupils in Paddock Wood area due to housing development. The High Weald Academy is expected to absorb some of this capacity.</p> | <p>We will review requirements for additional Secondary capacity for 2018/19 dependant on the outcome of the proposal to establish new 6FE of selective provision in the Sevenoaks District.</p> |

13.4 TONBRIDGE and MALLING

Overview

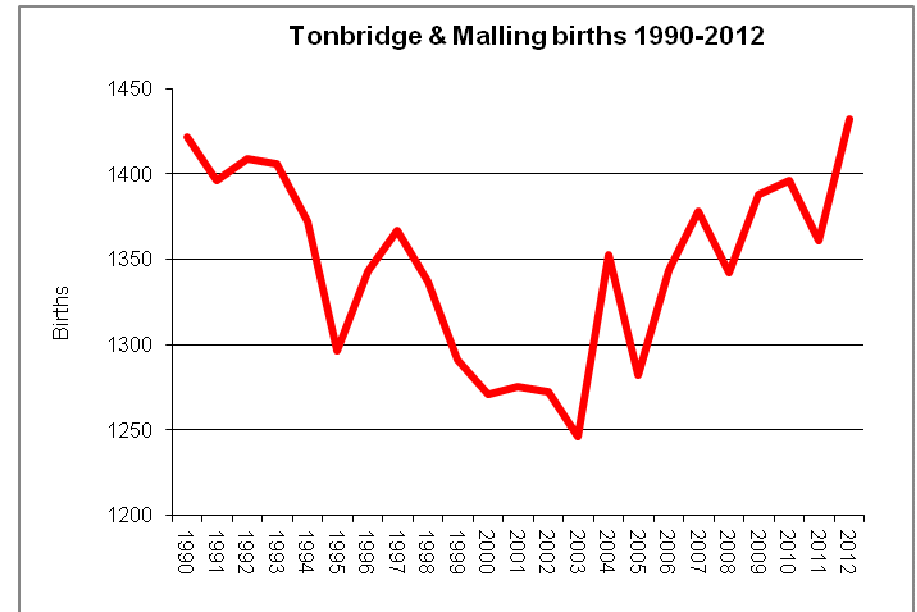
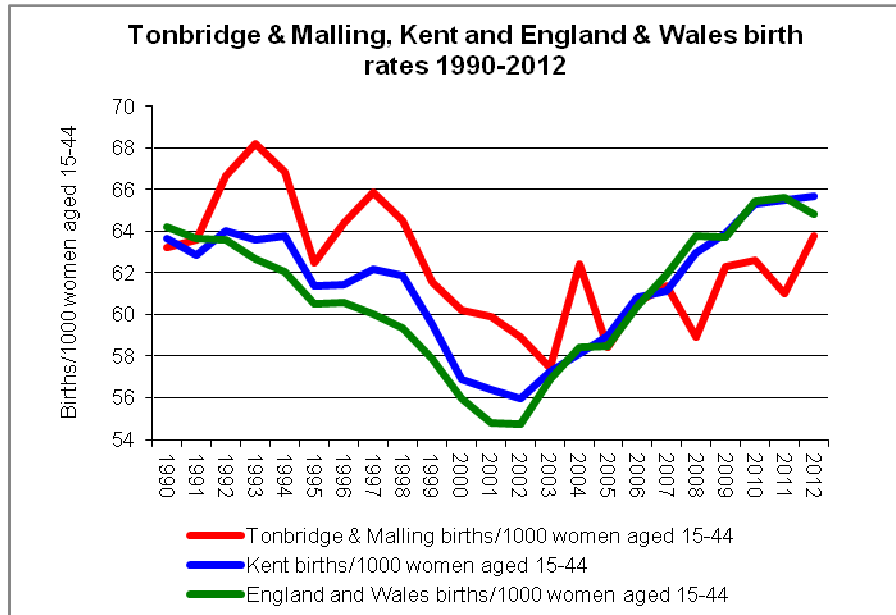
- Demographic pressures will arise from the sustained increase in birth rates and from the major housing developments in Kings Hill, Leybourne Chase and Holborough Lakes. This demand will be catered for principally by three new Primary schools, all due to open in September 2015.
- Additional Specialist resource based provision will also be provided in these new schools for statemented pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Behavioural, Emotional or Social Needs.
- There is forecasted to be significant shortfalls in Secondary school provision from 2018/19, increasing to a peak deficit of 103 Year 7 places in 2022/23.
- Provision planning for the Secondary phase in the Tonbridge and Malling District is dependent upon the Secondary strategy for provision across the travel to school area of Maidstone, Sevenoaks South, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

Review of 2012-13

The permanent expansion of Discovery School and the temporary enlargement of Kings Hill Primary school have proceeded as planned. It was not necessary to provide any further places in the District during 2012-13.

District Analysis – Primary

The charts below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures forecasts:



| Tonbridge and Malling Borough planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Aylesford and Ditton | 129 | 122 | 5.4 | 919 | 756 | 17.7 | 124 | 118 | 116 | 103 | 109 | 758 | 759 | 758 | 761 | 763 |
| Borough Green and Wrotham | 131 | 129 | 1.5 | 962 | 831 | 13.6 | 116 | 120 | 123 | 111 | 115 | 831 | 832 | 849 | 847 | 846 |
| Hadlow and East Peckham | 55 | 48 | 12.7 | 395 | 358 | 9.4 | 47 | 43 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 348 | 339 | 332 | 333 | 322 |
| Hildenborough | 60 | 60 | 0.0 | 420 | 408 | 2.9 | 67 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 54 | 422 | 412 | 406 | 406 | 400 |
| Kings Hill and Mereworth | 180 | 178 | 1.1 | 1080 | 1104 | -2.2 | 168 | 162 | 164 | 144 | 151 | 1126 | 1149 | 1161 | 1155 | 1127 |
| Larkfield and Leybourne | 120 | 118 | 1.7 | 856 | 782 | 8.6 | 118 | 127 | 123 | 125 | 124 | 787 | 803 | 809 | 817 | 825 |
| Malling | 150 | 151 | -0.7 | 1010 | 946 | 6.3 | 157 | 149 | 136 | 145 | 143 | 968 | 1008 | 1015 | 1025 | 1039 |
| Medway Gap | 68 | 54 | 20.6 | 506 | 382 | 24.5 | 63 | 66 | 66 | 70 | 68 | 398 | 402 | 421 | 442 | 455 |
| Snodland | 150 | 141 | 6.0 | 1005 | 860 | 14.4 | 166 | 163 | 178 | 175 | 170 | 934 | 976 | 1042 | 1086 | 1141 |
| Stansted and Trottiscliffe | 27 | 20 | 25.9 | 171 | 134 | 21.6 | 24 | 24 | 21 | 23 | 23 | 123 | 124 | 120 | 126 | 127 |
| Tonbridge North | 249 | 227 | 8.8 | 1769 | 1652 | 6.6 | 234 | 262 | 265 | 248 | 258 | 1643 | 1665 | 1706 | 1706 | 1726 |
| Tonbridge South | 135 | 135 | 0.0 | 945 | 902 | 4.6 | 145 | 158 | 161 | 147 | 153 | 918 | 945 | 989 | 1018 | 1042 |
| Tunbury | 80 | 81 | -1.3 | 560 | 584 | -4.3 | 84 | 69 | 68 | 70 | 70 | 584 | 564 | 540 | 526 | 512 |
| Wateringbury | 36 | 27 | 25.0 | 246 | 234 | 4.9 | 35 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 30 | 234 | 233 | 224 | 220 | 217 |
| Total | 1570 | 1491 | 5.0 | 10844 | 9933 | 8.4 | 1547 | 1543 | 1554 | 1497 | 1516 | 10073 | 10212 | 10372 | 10468 | 10541 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1608 | 1599 | 1575 | 1575 | 1575 | 10923 | 11004 | 11040 | 11101 | 11127 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | 61 | 56 | 21 | 78 | 59 | 850 | 792 | 668 | 633 | 586 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3.8 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 5.3 |

There are currently 43 Primary schools in the Primary phase in the Tonbridge and Malling District and a total of 1608 Reception Year places available for 2013-14. In terms of total roll, schools across the District have sufficient places to meet demand throughout the forecast period, with the overall surplus maintaining at least the 5% operating guideline. However, these figures mask significant pressure points, which are primarily linked to house building.

Housing development is predominantly in the planning groups of Kings Hill and Mereworth / Larkfield and Leybourne. New houses being built in areas such as Kings Hill and Holborough Quarry do not exceed those built historically and therefore the base forecasts capture migration to these locations. For this reason the forecasts do not indicate further pupils arising from new housing.

The Kings Hill area has a pupil product ratio higher than anywhere else in Kent. This has caused high demand on both schools within Kings Hill as well as in the surrounding area. The two schools on the development have been subject to expansions (temporary and permanent) and pressure on places is still high. Approximately 250 houses remain to be built as part of the phase 2 development. This demand (105 pupils) cannot be met within existing capacity. From September 2013 the permanent expansion of the Discovery school site allows the school to operate as a 3FE school. Kings Hill Primary school will also provide an additional 30 places on a temporary basis in September 2013 and September 2014. A further planning application has been submitted for the phase 3 development at Kings Hill. This is expected to provide up to an additional 975 homes in Kings Hill. This further development is forecast to produce up to an additional 60 Year R pupils and thus up to 420 Primary age pupils over time. A new Primary school is required at the heart of the Kings Hill development opening in September 2015. Subject to the progression and pace of housing development at Kings Hill, we propose commissioning an additional 1 or 2 forms of entry at the new Kings Hill school.

The Leybourne Chase development is expected to provide 700 new homes. A new 1 FE Primary school is required on the Leybourne Chase development with an opening date of 1 September 2015.

The forecast data for the Snodland planning group indicates that demand exceeds capacity. There is a forecast shortfall of 13 Reception Year places for September 2014. We will work with existing schools to ensure that there are sufficient places to meet this demand. Holborough Lakes (1000 houses) is currently under construction within the area. To meet the forecast pupil numbers, a new 1 form of entry Primary school is required at the heart of the Holborough Lakes development with an opening date of 1 September 2015.

1000 homes are planned in the Peter's Village development. Wouldham Church of England Primary School is the nearest school. Subject to the housing development proceeding, a new 2 forms of entry Primary school will be required.

The forecast data for the planning group of Larkfield and Leybourne indicates a deficit of 7 Reception Year places for September 2014, although historically such deficits have been managed locally.

The forecast data for the planning group of Tonbridge North indicates a deficit of up to 17 Reception Year places for September 2014 and September 2015. In addition, the planning group of Tonbridge South is projected to have a deficit of up to 26 Reception Year places in September 2014 and 2015. However, surplus capacity of up to 8 Reception Year places for September 2014 and 2015 is forecast within the planning group of Hildenborough, which will also address some of the demand. We will commission an additional form of entry for September 2014 in order to meet the residual demand in the surrounding area. For September 2015, Slade Primary School will be expanded to 2 forms of entry and we will commission up to a further 30 Reception Year places.

The long term population forecast shows the Primary school numbers peaking in 2021 at 11,086 pupils before reducing to 10,102 in 2031. However, new housing clearly affects where school provision needs to be located.

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the school population figures and forecasts:

| Tonbridge and Malling Borough (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 1677 | 1737 | 1683 | 1683 | 1683 | 1683 | 1683 | 1683 | 1683 | 1683 | 1683 |
| Year 7 roll | 1535 | 1511 | 1547 | 1581 | 1582 | 1629 | 1707 | 1703 | 1712 | 1776 | 1786 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 142 | 226 | 136 | 102 | 101 | 54 | -24 | -20 | -29 | -93 | -103 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 8.5 | 13.0 | 8.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 3.2 | -1.4 | -1.2 | -1.7 | -5.5 | -6.1 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 8249 | 8342 | 8381 | 8422 | 8463 | 8469 | 8415 | 8415 | 8415 | 8415 | 8415 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 7739 | 7652 | 7629 | 7604 | 7644 | 7744 | 7940 | 8096 | 8227 | 8420 | 8577 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 510 | 690 | 752 | 818 | 819 | 725 | 475 | 319 | 188 | -5 | -162 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 6.2 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 5.6 | 3.8 | 2.2 | -0.1 | -1.9 |
| Post-16 roll | 1781 | 1795 | 1826 | 1839 | 1783 | 1751 | 1757 | 1761 | 1800 | 1821 | 1865 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 9520 | 9448 | 9455 | 9442 | 9427 | 9495 | 9697 | 9858 | 10027 | 10241 | 10441 |

The number of Year 7 places in Secondary schools in Tonbridge and Malling is 1737. The admissions pattern for the Secondary schools in Tonbridge and Malling is linked to Maidstone (for Malling) and Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells (for Tonbridge). Thus commentary on those Districts should be considered alongside this section.

Year 7 numbers are generally forecast to rise steadily until 2021/22 when numbers are forecast to rise rapidly. There is forecast to be a deficit of up to 24 Year 7 places from September 2018, rising to 103 places in 2022.

Tonbridge and Malling Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Groups or Set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Kings Hill and Mereworth | | We will commission the first FE of a new Primary school in Kings Hill for September 2015. | | We will commission an additional 1-2FE at the new Kings Hill Primary school. |
| Medway Gap | | | We will commission a new 2 FE Primary school, subject to commencement of housing development in Peter's Village. | |
| Larkfield and Leybourne | | We will commission a new 1FE Primary school linked to the Leybourne Chase development for September 2015. subject to housing development. | | |
| Snodland | We will work with existing schools to ensure that the demand for places is met. | We will commission a new 1FE Primary school linked to the Holborough Lakes development for September 2015. | | |
| Tonbridge North/South/ Hildenborough | We will commission up to 30 additional Year R places for September 2014. | We will commission: - an additional 0.5 form of entry Primary provision by September 2015 at Slade Primary School. - up to 30 additional Year R places for September 2015. | We will commission 1FE additional primary capacity, subject to development of core strategy and housing development. | |

Tonbridge and Malling Secondary School Commissioning

| Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18) |
|--|--|--|--|
| | | | We will commission up to 3FE additional provision for Tonbridge in years 2018/19 to 2020/21. Proposals to be linked to those for Maidstone, Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells. |

13.5 DARTFORD

Overview

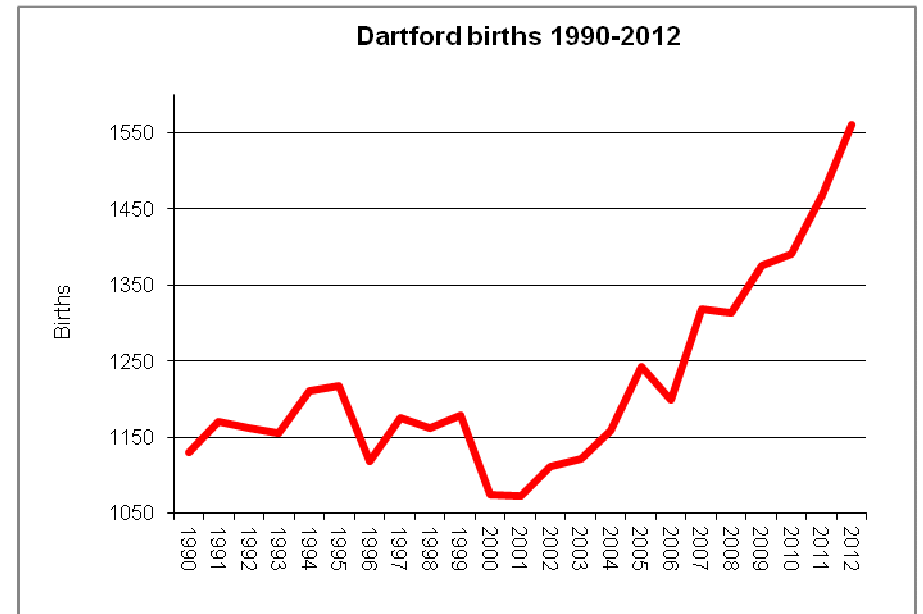
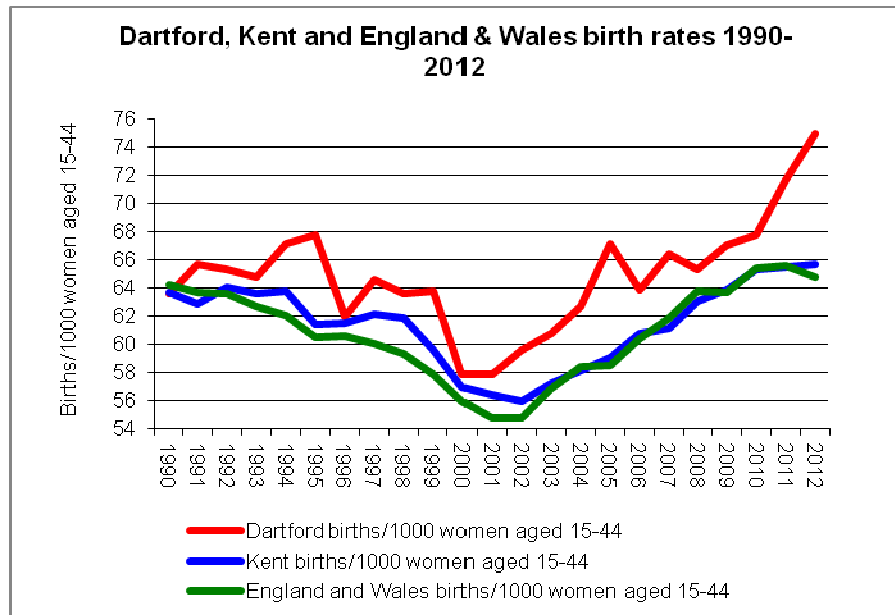
- Demand for school places is prompted by rapidly increasing and continuing birth rates in the District and inward migration.
- The proximity of neighbouring London Boroughs adds complexity to school admissions patterns and is prone to annual fluctuations, particularly at Secondary level.
- Planned housing development in the area is a significant factor in increasing the demand for school places in the medium term.
- Places are required in all year groups, including in Secondary schools in the medium term

Review of 2012 -13

The 2012 Plan identified the need for up to 180 additional places in Year R for September 2013. This objective has been achieved for September 2013, with six schools permanently expanded. The schools are Maypole Primary School, Dartford Bridge Primary School, Oakfield Primary School , Stone St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Fleetdown Primary School and Manor Primary School.

District Analysis – Primary

The charts below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures and forecasts:



| Dartford District planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Dartford East | 330 | 327 | 0.9 | 2130 | 2063 | 3.1 | 328 | 344 | 349 | 371 | 357 | 2095 | 2157 | 2210 | 2276 | 2344 |
| Dartford North | 135 | 133 | 1.5 | 955 | 841 | 11.9 | 131 | 164 | 155 | 164 | 159 | 876 | 941 | 969 | 1003 | 1038 |
| Dartford Rural South | 180 | 152 | 15.6 | 1195 | 964 | 19.3 | 143 | 153 | 144 | 160 | 152 | 980 | 996 | 1003 | 1021 | 1030 |
| Dartford West | 350 | 348 | 0.6 | 2315 | 2267 | 2.1 | 335 | 374 | 358 | 384 | 376 | 2308 | 2393 | 2445 | 2520 | 2569 |
| Joyden's Wood and Wilmington | 160 | 162 | -1.3 | 1002 | 1005 | -0.3 | 171 | 160 | 168 | 145 | 157 | 1053 | 1092 | 1136 | 1153 | 1162 |
| Swanscombe and Greenhithe | 180 | 178 | 1.1 | 1140 | 1114 | 2.3 | 197 | 182 | 226 | 235 | 223 | 1171 | 1213 | 1308 | 1382 | 1435 |
| Total | 1335 | 1300 | 2.6 | 8737 | 8254 | 5.5 | 1304 | 1377 | 1399 | 1459 | 1425 | 8482 | 8791 | 9070 | 9354 | 9577 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1425 | 1445 | 1455 | 1455 | 1455 | 8936 | 9176 | 9426 | 9689 | 9840 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | 121 | 68 | 56 | -4 | 30 | 454 | 385 | 356 | 335 | 263 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8.5 | 4.7 | 3.8 | -0.3 | 2.1 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 2.7 |

There are currently 27 schools in the Primary phase in the Dartford District and a total of 1425 places available in Reception Year in 2012-13. The total rolls are forecast to increase significantly, and will continue to do so throughout the forecast period. Currently the District as a whole has sufficient capacity to accommodate the forecast pupil numbers for the next intake of September 2014, although most of the surplus capacity is in Dartford Rural.

There is continuing localised pressure in all the urban planning areas (Dartford East, Dartford North, Dartford West, Joyden's Wood and Wilmington), and the need to maintain 5% parental preference necessitates commissioning 45-60 additional places.

Indigenous growth and new housing developments in Dartford North and Dartford East planning areas will require additional Primary provision. As the Northern Gateway housing development progresses, the Local Authority will commission a new 2FE Primary school. This new provision is expected for September 2017, but is dependent on the pace of the housing development. In the short term, 2 FE of additional Reception places will be commissioned for September 2016

Demand in the Swanscombe and Greenhithe planning area is forecast to increase steadily for the duration of the forecast period. A 1FE enlargement at Knockhall Primary School has been agreed for the September 2014 intake. Longer term, there is a new development planned for the quarry at St James Lane. This development will require a new 2FE Primary school, which is expected in September 2018, but is dependent on the pace of the housing development.

In the Dartford West planning area, demand will rise but less rapidly. 60 new Reception Year places were commissioned through the enlargements of Maypole Primary School and Oakfield Primary School and these enlargements accommodate the increasing demand. In the longer term, additional places will be commissioned in 2017 to accommodate this demand.

The most significant house building is underway in the Ebbsfleet Valley development, providing an additional 7,000 new dwellings in the Swanscombe and Greenhithe planning area. This will require the Local Authority to commission 4 x 2FE Primary schools to manage the demand for places as house occupancy progresses over the medium and long term.

The demand from Joyden's Wood and Wilmington planning area and Dartford Rural South planning area are forecast to increase slightly, however there is sufficient capacity for schools in the area to accommodate the increased demand.

The long term population forecast sees the Primary aged population increasing to 11200 by 2026. This would require 2700 additional places (13FE) to those available in 2011/12, if a 5% surplus is to be maintained (and assuming 95% of the cohort seek places in Dartford's schools).

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the school population for figures:

| Dartford Borough (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 1475 | 1445 | 1445 | 1445 | 1445 | 1445 | 1445 | 1445 | 1445 | 1445 | 1445 |
| Year 7 roll | 1402 | 1319 | 1408 | 1423 | 1480 | 1498 | 1517 | 1589 | 1616 | 1683 | 1688 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 73 | 126 | 37 | 22 | -35 | -53 | -72 | -144 | -171 | -238 | -243 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 4.9 | 8.7 | 2.6 | 1.5 | -2.4 | -3.6 | -5.0 | -9.9 | -11.8 | -16.5 | -16.8 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 7095 | 7135 | 7175 | 7215 | 7255 | 7225 | 7225 | 7225 | 7225 | 7225 | 7225 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 6898 | 6798 | 6813 | 6823 | 6940 | 7042 | 7239 | 7420 | 7613 | 7816 | 8007 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 197 | 337 | 362 | 392 | 315 | 183 | -14 | -195 | -388 | -591 | -782 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 2.8 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 2.5 | -0.2 | -2.7 | -5.4 | -8.2 | -10.8 |
| Post-16 roll | 1893 | 1933 | 1967 | 1953 | 1882 | 1847 | 1822 | 1814 | 1876 | 1915 | 1954 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 8791 | 8731 | 8779 | 8776 | 8822 | 8889 | 9061 | 9234 | 9489 | 9731 | 9960 |

The number of Year 7 places on offer in Dartford is 1475.

In the short term Secondary school rolls are forecast to rise steadily until 2015 at which time an additional form of entry will be required. After 2016, the rate of increase is faster, necessitating additional capacity.

In the medium to long term, the Local Authority will commission a new 8FE Secondary school on the Ebbsfleet Valley (Eastern Quarry) development. The pressure on Secondary PAN capacity is due to increasing Year 7 intakes which over the next nine years are forecast to see an increase of 330. In the long term, the Local Authority will need to consider commissioning 3-4 FE additional Secondary provision, over and above the 8FE being provided on the Ebbsfleet Valley development.

Dartford Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Dartford East | No change. | The Local Authority will commission an additional 1FE | The Local Authority will commission an additional 1FE | 2 FE in the St James Pit development |
| Dartford North | The Local Authority will commission an additional 0.5 - 1FE. | No change. | Expected housing development on the Northern Gateway site will require a new 2FE school to be commissioned. | No change. |
| Dartford Rural South and Joyden's Wood and Wilmington | Any additional demand can be met through the use of existing surplus capacity. Isolated incidents of demand over PAN can be managed through commissioning extra places in goods popular schools. | No change. | No change. | No change. |

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| Swanscombe and Greenhithe | The Local Authority has commissioned an enlargement of 1FE at Knockhall CE PS for September 2014. | No change unless the pace of development in Ebbsfleet Valley or North West Substation accelerates. | Dependent on the pace of planned housing development the Local Authority will commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Castle Hill) ▪ 1 FE in North West Sub Station ▪ 1 FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Station Qtr North) | Dependent on the pace of planned housing development the Local Authority will commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Castle Hill expansion) ▪ 1 FE in North West Sub Station expansion ▪ 1 FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Station Qtr North expansion) ▪ 2 FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Alkerden) ▪ 2 FE in Ebbsfleet Valley (Village 3) ▪ |
| Dartford West | No change. | No change. | The Local Authority will commission and additional 30 places for September 2017. | No change |

Dartford Secondary School Commissioning

| Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|--|--|--|---|
| No change | 1FE enlargement of Ebbsfleet Academy | An 8FE Secondary school will be commissioned on the Ebbsfleet Valley development. (Initially 4FE expanding to 8FE.) | Dependant on the pace of planned housing developments will be commissioned 3-4 FE additional provision, over and above the 8FE being provided on the Ebbsfleet Valley development |

13.6 GRAVESHAM

Overview:

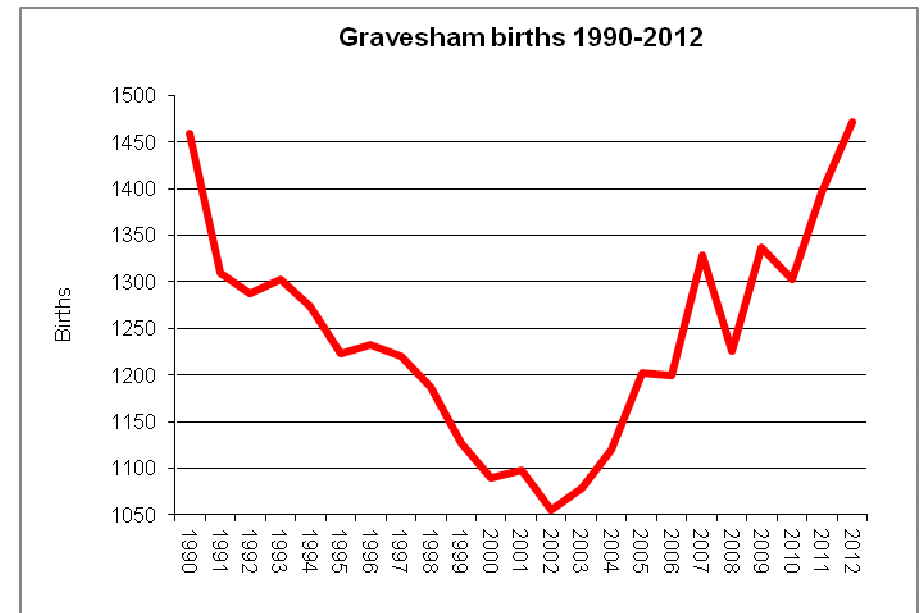
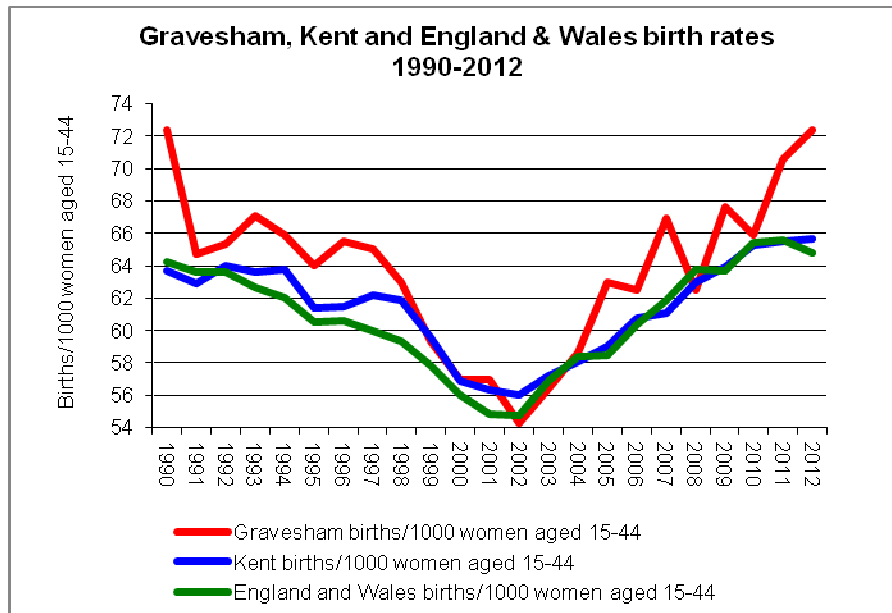
- Forecasts show a sharply rising birth rate, inward migration and indigenous growth resulting in continued demand for places in all year groups.
- Housing development proposals will increase demand in the medium to long term.
- There is pressure on Secondary school places in the medium term.

Review of 2012 -13

The 2012 Plan identified the need for up to 60 additional places in Year R for September 2013. This objective has been achieved for September 2013, with two schools permanently expanding. The schools were St Botolph's Church of England Primary School and Whitehill Primary School.

District Analysis – Primary

The charts below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures and forecasts:



| Gravesham Borough planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Cobham and Shorne | 60 | 60 | 0.0 | 420 | 419 | 0.2 | 59 | 62 | 54 | 60 | 59 | 413 | 410 | 402 | 398 | 398 |
| Gravesend East | 210 | 204 | 2.9 | 1450 | 1369 | 5.6 | 197 | 204 | 197 | 225 | 213 | 1375 | 1380 | 1384 | 1410 | 1414 |
| Gravesend North | 240 | 241 | -0.4 | 1681 | 1661 | 1.2 | 241 | 253 | 258 | 293 | 277 | 1649 | 1678 | 1695 | 1745 | 1784 |
| Gravesend South East | 180 | 154 | 14.4 | 1080 | 957 | 11.4 | 150 | 171 | 166 | 180 | 174 | 996 | 1074 | 1124 | 1174 | 1177 |
| Gravesend South West | 180 | 179 | 0.6 | 1260 | 1225 | 2.8 | 180 | 186 | 204 | 200 | 199 | 1216 | 1230 | 1251 | 1273 | 1292 |
| Higham | 30 | 32 | -6.7 | 218 | 211 | 3.2 | 33 | 32 | 33 | 35 | 32 | 205 | 210 | 212 | 215 | 218 |
| Istead Rise | 45 | 44 | 2.2 | 315 | 274 | 13.0 | 41 | 46 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 294 | 309 | 321 | 332 | 343 |
| Meopham and Vigo | 120 | 111 | 7.5 | 838 | 787 | 6.1 | 118 | 104 | 94 | 115 | 107 | 817 | 819 | 814 | 826 | 827 |
| Northfleet | 274 | 259 | 5.5 | 1606 | 1576 | 1.9 | 274 | 275 | 308 | 305 | 298 | 1645 | 1728 | 1836 | 1924 | 2003 |
| Total | 1339 | 1284 | 4.1 | 8868 | 8479 | 4.4 | 1293 | 1334 | 1358 | 1456 | 1402 | 8611 | 8839 | 9038 | 9297 | 9456 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1371 | 1301 | 1301 | 1301 | 1301 | 8942 | 9026 | 9110 | 9194 | 9233 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | 78 | -33 | -57 | -155 | -101 | 331 | 187 | 72 | -103 | -223 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5.7 | -2.5 | -4.4 | -11.9 | -7.8 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 0.8 | -1.1 | -2.4 |

The long term population forecast sees the Primary aged population increasing to 10,100 by 2026. This would require 1470 additional places (7FE) to those currently available if a 5% surplus is to be maintained (and assuming 95% of the cohort seeks places in Gravesham's state schools). However this is dependent upon housing development progressing as planned.

There are currently 27 schools in the Primary phase in the Gravesham District and there were a total of 1371 places available in Reception Year in 2013-14. The Reception Year intakes are forecast to increase over the next 5 years. The District as a whole has sufficient capacity to accommodate the forecast pupil numbers for September 2014, but 30 Reception year places will be needed for September 2015. Demand will then increase sharply for 2016 and an additional 3-4 FE of Reception year capacity will be commissioned.

Total roll forecasts will also increase throughout the forecast period, but this demand will be localised to Northfleet and Gravesend South West Planning Areas.

Demand in Gravesend South West and Northfleet planning areas remains high, and is slightly exceeding current capacity. Forecasts indicate that this trend will continue. This demand is being met by the expansion of St Botolph's Church of England Primary School to 2FE from September 2013.

Further enlargements are proposed for September 2014, including increasing Lawn Primary School to 1FE from a PAN of 20. A temporary 'bulge year' was put in place at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, taking their capacity to 2FE for September 2013. There is also a medium term proposal to enlarge and relocate Rosherville Church of England Primary School to a new site in the Gravesend South West planning area for 2015, that will increase the school intake from 20 to 60, an increase of 40 Reception year places.

Demand in Gravesend North is forecast to rise slightly. To accommodate this demand, the Local Authority will commission the permanent expansion of Chantry Primary School for September 2014.

Gravesend East forecasts indicate that there is enough capacity until September 2015, where there will be a spike in demand for two years. This will require commissioning an additional 1FE for two years to cater for the bulge.

The forecasts for Gravesend South East, Istead Rise, Meopham and Vigo and Cobham and Shorne planning areas, indicate that there will be enough places locally to accommodate the projected numbers.

The forecasts for Higham planning area indicate that demand exceeds capacity by a small amount, every year, over the forecast period. Dialogue with the relevant schools will take place to accommodate the extra demand for September 2015.

In addition to the long term population forecasts, Gravesham Borough Council is proposing new sites for housing development, and any additional demand on Primary provision would need to be addressed in the longer term. The Local Authority is working with Gravesham Borough Council to ensure that we have early notification of new developments, and an input into where new provision would need to be commissioned. Some of the housing is likely to be in East Gravesend and if so, additional provision may need to be commissioned in the longer term.

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the schools the population figures and forecasts:

| Gravesham Borough (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 1314 | 1284 | 1284 | 1284 | 1284 | 1284 | 1284 | 1284 | 1284 | 1284 | 1284 |
| Year 7 roll | 1138 | 1154 | 1133 | 1183 | 1233 | 1298 | 1310 | 1306 | 1324 | 1379 | 1410 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 176 | 130 | 151 | 101 | 51 | -14 | -26 | -22 | -40 | -95 | -126 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 13.4 | 10.1 | 11.7 | 7.9 | 4.0 | -1.1 | -2.0 | -1.7 | -3.1 | -7.4 | -9.8 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 6481 | 6450 | 6450 | 6450 | 6450 | 6420 | 6420 | 6420 | 6420 | 6420 | 6420 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 6049 | 5881 | 5760 | 5744 | 5819 | 5981 | 6137 | 6309 | 6450 | 6596 | 6708 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 432 | 569 | 690 | 706 | 631 | 439 | 283 | 111 | -30 | -176 | -288 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 6.7 | 8.8 | 10.7 | 11.0 | 9.8 | 6.8 | 4.4 | 1.7 | -0.5 | -2.7 | -4.5 |
| Post-16 roll | 1332 | 1365 | 1358 | 1314 | 1300 | 1271 | 1268 | 1263 | 1275 | 1326 | 1384 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 7381 | 7246 | 7118 | 7058 | 7119 | 7252 | 7404 | 7572 | 7725 | 7922 | 8092 |

The number of Year 7 places available in Gravesham is 1284. Forecast Year 7 intakes show a gradual but steady increase over the next 10 years. There is sufficient Year 7 capacity in Gravesham to manage this increase for four years, after which 1FE of additional provision will be needed for September 2017. By 2021, the demand is forecast to be 2FE rising to 3.5FE and 5FE in subsequent years

This steady increase in demand may be accelerated if Gravesham Borough Council approves new sites for housing development.

Gravesham Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| Gravesend North | Chantry Primary School is proposed to expand permanently from 1 FE to 2FE | No change | No change | No change |
| Gravesend East | No change | Commission two bulge years of 1FE for 2015 and 2016 | No change | The Local Authority may need to commission extra provision here dependant on housing development. |
| Gravesend South West and Northfleet | Forecasted increases in demand have been offset in the short term by commissioning 1FE of additional provision at St Joseph's Catholic PS and an additional 10 places at Lawn PS | The Local Authority expectation is to relocate Rosherville Church of England Primary School by 2014/2015, enlarging it the same time from a PAN of 20 to 60. | No change | The Local Authority will propose commissioning a new 2FE Primary school in the Springhead area |
| Gravesend South East, Istead Rise, Meopham and Vigo and Cobham and Shorne | Any additional demand can be met through the use of existing surplus capacity. Isolated incidents of demand over PAN can be managed through commissioning extra places in the more popular schools | No change | No change | No change |
| Higham | No change | Propose commissioning 10-15 Reception year places to accommodate increased demand in the Higham planning area | No change | No change |

Gravesham Secondary Commissioning

| Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|--|--|---|---|
| No commissioning change is expected. | No change | 1FE of additional capacity will be commissioned for September 2017. | Commissioning options are dependent on the pace of housing development. |

13.7 SEVENOAKS

Overview:

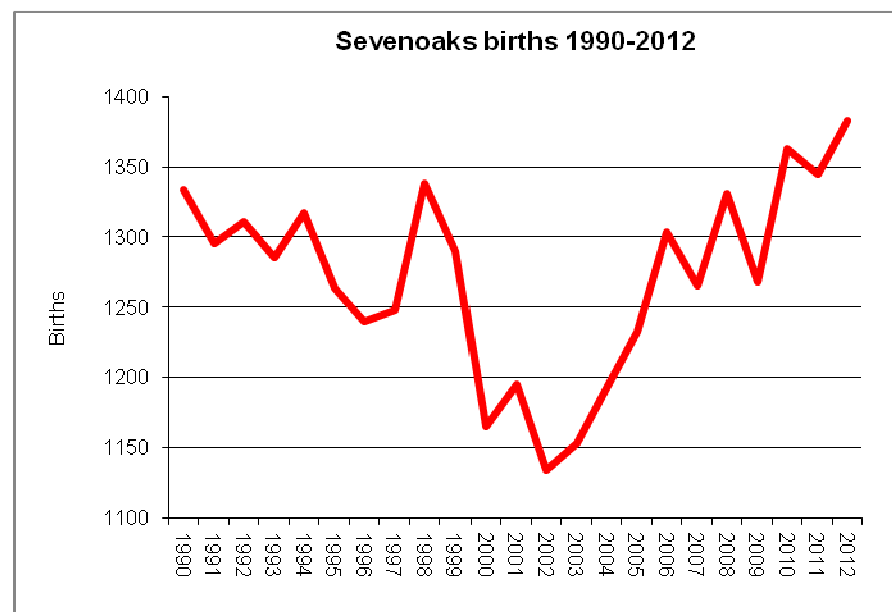
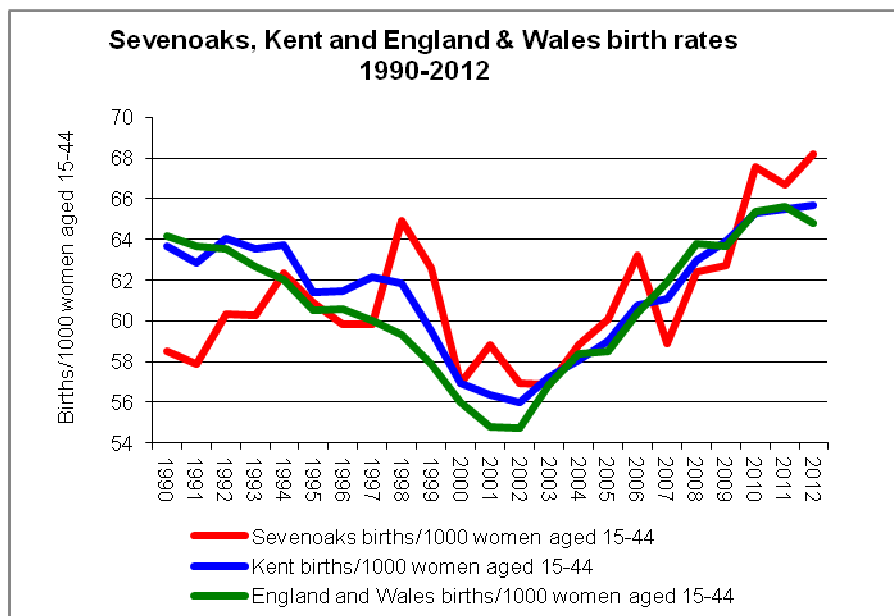
- The implementation of the commissioning plan in 2012-13 by expanding existing Primary schools has successfully created sufficient places to meet demand across the short, medium and long term.
- The demand for Secondary school places across the District masks a shortage of selective school places in Sevenoaks South from where a significant number of young people travel out of the District to Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

Review of 2012 – 13

The long term forecast is for the Primary aged population in Sevenoaks to increase to 10,400 in 2016 before falling to 9300 in 2026. The 2012 Plan identified the need for up to 85 additional places in Year R for September 2013. This objective has been achieved for September 2013, with four schools permanently expanded. The schools are Lady Boswell's Church of England Primary School, St John's Church of England Primary School, Otford Primary School and Sevenoaks Primary School.

District Analysis – Primary

The charts below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures and forecasts:



| Sevenoaks District planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Eynsford and Horton Kirby | 90 | 83 | 7.8 | 630 | 615 | 2.4 | 97 | 90 | 82 | 88 | 86 | 639 | 632 | 631 | 624 | 621 |
| Halstead and Knockholt | 55 | 38 | 30.9 | 326 | 250 | 23.3 | 43 | 47 | 45 | 36 | 40 | 257 | 271 | 281 | 278 | 281 |
| Otford and Shoreham | 85 | 81 | 4.7 | 466 | 442 | 5.2 | 70 | 81 | 73 | 73 | 74 | 463 | 494 | 507 | 519 | 519 |
| Sevenoaks | 320 | 331 | -3.4 | 2114 | 2117 | -0.1 | 273 | 338 | 327 | 319 | 320 | 2114 | 2174 | 2210 | 2242 | 2268 |
| Sevenoaks Rural East | 100 | 80 | 20.0 | 542 | 470 | 13.3 | 69 | 78 | 72 | 88 | 80 | 466 | 485 | 495 | 511 | 520 |
| Sevenoaks Rural South East | 80 | 77 | 3.8 | 512 | 558 | -9.0 | 70 | 71 | 67 | 69 | 69 | 555 | 544 | 531 | 517 | 503 |
| Sevenoaks Rural South West | 91 | 84 | 7.7 | 637 | 529 | 17.0 | 80 | 98 | 97 | 93 | 94 | 553 | 595 | 619 | 638 | 665 |
| Sevenoaks Rural West | 60 | 60 | 0.0 | 390 | 345 | 11.5 | 50 | 65 | 58 | 59 | 59 | 341 | 364 | 363 | 372 | 363 |
| Swanley and Hextable | 275 | 262 | 4.7 | 1905 | 1732 | 9.1 | 282 | 275 | 297 | 283 | 289 | 1805 | 1841 | 1881 | 1933 | 1978 |
| West Kingsdown, Hartley and New Ash Green | 210 | 170 | 19.0 | 1465 | 1152 | 21.4 | 167 | 193 | 173 | 179 | 179 | 1154 | 1181 | 1184 | 1204 | 1214 |
| Westerham | 70 | 70 | 0.0 | 450 | 418 | 7.1 | 53 | 70 | 71 | 57 | 63 | 405 | 416 | 425 | 429 | 422 |
| Total | 1436 | 1336 | 7.0 | 9437 | 8628 | 8.6 | 1255 | 1406 | 1362 | 1345 | 1351 | 8752 | 8997 | 9127 | 9267 | 9356 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1436 | 1431 | 1431 | 1431 | 1431 | 9559 | 9696 | 9841 | 9981 | 10046 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | 181 | 25 | 69 | 86 | 80 | 807 | 699 | 714 | 714 | 690 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12.6 | 1.7 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 8.4 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 6.9 |

There are currently 42 schools in the Primary phase in the Sevenoaks District and a total of 1436 places available in Reception Year in 2012-13. The Reception Year forecasts fluctuate over the next five years. However, this fluctuation is not reflected in total roll numbers which show an increase overall.

Sevenoaks District has sufficient capacity to accommodate the forecast increases although the geographical north/south split means that provision may not be local. Where there may be capacity, it is likely to be too distant from the demand to be effectively utilised.

The additional places commissioned for September 2013 have accommodated much of the demand in the Sevenoaks planning area, but forecasts indicate that demand will continue to increase, resulting in there being no surplus capacity across the planning area for September 2015.

An additional 15 - 30 places will be commissioned for September 2015.

Also in the Sevenoaks planning area, the Ryedale development in Dunton Green is underway and this will create a demand in the Dunton Green/Riverhead area that will be in addition to the forecasted numbers. Dialogue with the relevant schools will take place to accommodate the extra demand.

Forecasts for Sevenoaks Rural South West indicate a three year period from 2014 – 2016, where demand exceeds capacity by a small margin. In addition the demand in these forecasts will be augmented by several small housing developments, particularly in the Edenbridge area. The Local Authority will increase capacity in Sevenoaks Rural SW planning area by between 0.5 – 1FE as necessary to meet the demand as it arises.

The forecast for Sevenoaks Rural West planning area indicate that the demand is manageable within existing capacity, with only 2014 exceeding capacity. Local temporary solutions will be considered and implemented, as necessary.

The Swanley and Hextable planning area has experienced a long period where there has been sufficient capacity. Forecasts indicate that for September 2014, demand will start to exceed capacity. The Local Authority will commission an additional 30 Reception year places for September 2015.

The Westerham planning area appears to have sufficient capacity for the forecasted demand although for September 2014 and 2015, the projected demand exceeds capacity slightly. The Local Authority will continue to assess the demand with a view to commissioning an additional 10 places if it becomes necessary.

The planning areas of Eynsford and Horton Kirby, Otford and Shoreham, Sevenoaks Rural East, Sevenoaks Rural South East, West Kingsdown, Hartley and New Ash Green all are forecasted to have sufficient capacity for the forecasted demand and no action is needed.

The Fort Halstead site has been the subject of applications for housing development and is situated in the Halstead and Knockholt planning area. The number of dwellings has not been decided yet, but understood to be in excess of 600. This development is likely to be in the long, rather than medium term. When the development receives planning permission, the Local Authority will consider the options.

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the school population figures and forecasts:

| Sevenoaks District (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 510 | 510 | 510 | 510 | 510 | 510 | 510 | 510 | 510 | 510 | 510 |
| Year 7 roll | 361 | 339 | 368 | 398 | 378 | 398 | 421 | 424 | 422 | 448 | 452 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 149 | 171 | 142 | 112 | 132 | 112 | 89 | 86 | 88 | 62 | 58 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 29.2 | 33.5 | 27.8 | 21.9 | 25.9 | 21.9 | 17.5 | 16.9 | 17.2 | 12.1 | 11.4 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 2550 | 2550 | 2550 | 2550 | 2550 | 2550 | 2550 | 2550 | 2550 | 2550 | 2550 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 1947 | 1843 | 1792 | 1787 | 1790 | 1828 | 1910 | 1965 | 1989 | 2059 | 2113 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 603 | 707 | 758 | 763 | 760 | 722 | 640 | 585 | 561 | 491 | 437 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 23.6 | 27.7 | 29.7 | 29.9 | 29.8 | 28.3 | 25.1 | 22.9 | 22.0 | 19.3 | 17.1 |
| Post-16 roll | 225 | 220 | 228 | 234 | 228 | 224 | 218 | 220 | 234 | 238 | 242 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 2172 | 2062 | 2020 | 2021 | 2018 | 2052 | 2127 | 2185 | 2223 | 2297 | 2354 |

The number of Year 7 places on offer in Sevenoaks is 510. Forecasts indicate an increase in Year 7 intakes for the next seven years. The increase is exacerbated by corresponding increases in the forecasts for Year 7 students in Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge, where 1150 of Sevenoaks children travel to receive their education. As demand increases in these areas, we will need to increase the provision.

In 2012 at a meeting of the full Council, Kent County Council took a decision to pursue proposals for expanded grammar school provision in Sevenoaks. The Council's decision was the result of a very well supported petition from parents expressing a clear view that they wanted Kent to establish grammar provision in Sevenoaks.

In response to local demand, Kent County Council has been pursuing proposals to provide grammar provision for boys and girls in the Sevenoaks area. A number of options were considered and the County Council believes the best and most straightforward option is for one existing grammar school to expand to manage satellite co-educational provision. The Secretary of State is currently considering expansion applications from two schools.

If approved new provision in Sevenoaks will provide a significant part of the solution for the Secondary capacity issues in Tonbridge town and Tunbridge Wells town

The Sevenoaks Trinity Free School will provide 120 non-selective Secondary places with a total capacity of 600. It is expected to open in September 2013 on a temporary site.

Longer term, District numbers are forecast to fluctuate, but the trend is rising slightly. The forecasts themselves are masked by two issues. Firstly, significant numbers of Secondary age students travel out of Sevenoaks to school. Secondly, there is considerable surplus capacity in the north, but migration from southern to northern parts of the District is negligible.

Sevenoaks Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Sevenoaks | No change | The Local Authority will commission an additional 0.5 - 1FE by 2015 | The Local Authority will propose commissioning an additional 0.5 - 1FE by 2016 as a consequence of housing developments. | No change |
| Sevenoaks Rural South West | No change | No change | The Local Authority will increase capacity in Sevenoaks Rural SW planning area by between 0.5 – 1FE. | No change |
| Sevenoaks Rural West | The Local Authority will commission an additional 0.5FE | No change | No change | No change |

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|---|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| Swanley and Hextable | No change | The Local Authority will identify options for commissioning 1 FE by 2015. | No change | No change |
| Westerham | No change | No change | No change | No change |
| Eynsford and Horton Kirby, Otford and Shoreham, Sevenoaks Rural East, Sevenoaks Rural South East, West Kingsdown, Hartley and New Ash Green | No change | No change | No change | No change |
| Halstead and Knockholt | No change | No change | No change | Dependant on the pace of housing development at Fort Halstead, the Local Authority will consider commissioning between 1 – 2 FE of Primary capacity |

Sevenoaks Secondary Commissioning

| Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014-15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015 -16) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2016- 17) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2017- and After 18) |
|---|--|--|---|
| The Sevenoaks Christian Free School will provide 120 year 7, non-selective Secondary places with a total capacity of 600, from September 2013 | No change | The Local Authority will commission 6FE of selective Secondary provision in the southern part of the District. | No change |

13.8 ASHFORD

Overview

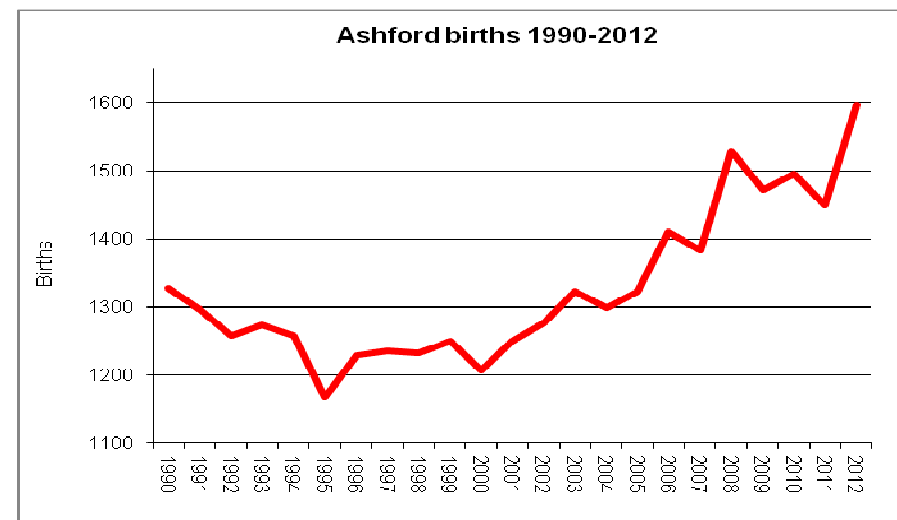
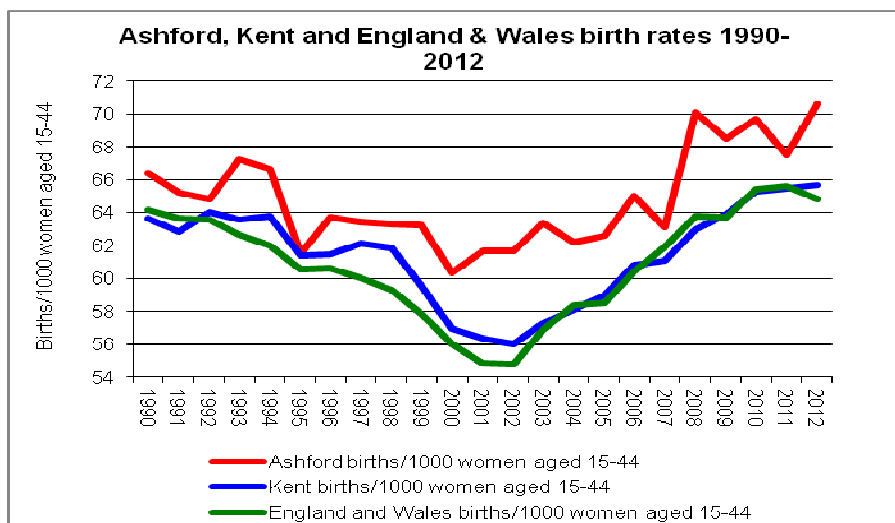
- Demand for school places in Ashford is, in the main, caused by inward migration connected to house-building and the birth rate which is higher than both the Kent and National birth rates. Ashford is designated as a major growth area for the South East of England with 21,000 houses planned to be built in the period up to 2031. If this volume of housing is realised we will need up to an additional 22 forms of entry in the Primary school phase by 2026.
- Even with expansions at three schools in recent years together with the opening of Repton Manor Primary School in 2013, and Goat Lees Primary School in 2013 demand is continuing to increase.

Review of 2012–13

The Plan identified the need for up to 90 additional Reception Year places for September 2013, and the formalisation of Repton Manor Primary School to 2FE. The latter has been achieved for September 2013. In respect of the former, 60 additional places have been created via bulge classes at Furley Park and Great Chart schools. The level of applications received by 16 January 2013 did not warrant further places being created.

District Analysis – Primary

The charts below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures and forecasts:



| Ashford Borough planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Ashford Central | 210 | 205 | 2.4 | 1215 | 1207 | 0.7 | 201 | 197 | 206 | 208 | 204 | 1221 | 1252 | 1288 | 1332 | 1374 |
| Ashford North | 180 | 179 | 0.6 | 1260 | 1242 | 1.4 | 180 | 180 | 182 | 173 | 178 | 1250 | 1254 | 1257 | 1253 | 1246 |
| Ashford Rural East | 80 | 73 | 8.8 | 505 | 473 | 6.3 | 73 | 67 | 74 | 75 | 74 | 477 | 481 | 485 | 498 | 502 |
| Ashford Rural West | 100 | 85 | 15.0 | 700 | 634 | 9.4 | 91 | 87 | 79 | 93 | 88 | 637 | 629 | 616 | 628 | 624 |
| Ashford South | 390 | 378 | 3.1 | 2400 | 2335 | 2.7 | 377 | 369 | 348 | 376 | 358 | 2345 | 2400 | 2447 | 2502 | 2555 |
| Ashford South East | 180 | 179 | 0.6 | 1080 | 1074 | 0.6 | 178 | 155 | 166 | 187 | 174 | 1096 | 1104 | 1122 | 1157 | 1187 |
| Biddenden | 20 | 16 | 20.0 | 140 | 120 | 14.3 | 14 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 20 | 112 | 112 | 106 | 110 | 107 |
| Charing and Challock | 50 | 50 | 0.0 | 320 | 305 | 4.7 | 39 | 38 | 36 | 39 | 37 | 306 | 318 | 322 | 331 | 331 |
| Chilham | 15 | 15 | 0.0 | 105 | 97 | 7.6 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 95 | 98 | 101 | 102 | 101 |
| Hamstreet and Woodchurch | 65 | 67 | -3.1 | 455 | 447 | 1.8 | 69 | 68 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 443 | 437 | 439 | 438 | 432 |
| Tenterden | 124 | 110 | 11.3 | 868 | 736 | 15.2 | 107 | 112 | 121 | 109 | 111 | 731 | 724 | 738 | 735 | 751 |
| Willesborough | 180 | 180 | 0.0 | 1260 | 1216 | 3.5 | 177 | 186 | 195 | 194 | 190 | 1203 | 1223 | 1239 | 1255 | 1286 |
| Total | 1594 | 1537 | 3.6 | 10308 | 9886 | 4.1 | 1518 | 1494 | 1499 | 1549 | 1507 | 9916 | 10031 | 10159 | 10342 | 10496 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1624 | 1564 | 1564 | 1564 | 1564 | 10623 | 10733 | 10843 | 10953 | 11033 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | 106 | 70 | 65 | 15 | 57 | 707 | 702 | 684 | 611 | 537 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6.6 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 1.0 | 3.6 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 4.9 |

There are currently 42 Primary schools in the Ashford District and a total of 1624 places available in Reception Year in 2013-14. However, this reduces to 1564 from 2014-15 as Furley Park and Great Chart Primary Schools revert to their normal admissions pattern of 2FE schools. The pressures in Ashford are in Reception Year as larger cohorts enter the school system. This will continue to be the case for some years to come.

From 2013 demand rises by between 2% and 5.6%, with 1549 Reception Year children expected to be seeking places by 2016/17. However, these District wide figures mask the fact that places are likely to remain vacant in the Tenterden area of the District, while demand matches current capacity in Ashford Town. Shortfalls of Reception Year places are forecast in the South and South East of Ashford (Singleton, Park Farm and Willesborough).

Neighbouring planning areas are expected to be able to accommodate much of these pressures and we are now proposing to make the previous bulge expansion at Furley Park PS a permanent expansion, taking the school to 3FE from September 2014.

House-building in the area is set to continue as Ashford has proposed the provision of 21,000 new houses by 2031. The provision of new schools is being factored into the planning for the Borough, with up to 15 schools and sites potentially being requested via developer contributions. As these schools are built to serve these new communities, the timings are linked to those of the housing developments. We anticipate new school provision in Cheeseman's Green opening in September 2017, and new provision being commissioned for Chilmington Green by this date.

The long term forecast suggests the Primary school aged population will increase to 14,473 in 2021 before dropping thereafter. This would require 4574 additional places (22FE) to those available in 2013/14 if a 5% surplus is to be maintained.

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the school population figures and forecasts:

| Ashford Borough (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 1357 | 1412 | 1422 | 1422 | 1422 | 1422 | 1422 | 1422 | 1422 | 1422 | 1422 |
| Year 7 roll | 1243 | 1259 | 1276 | 1250 | 1261 | 1233 | 1296 | 1368 | 1384 | 1354 | 1369 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 114 | 153 | 146 | 172 | 161 | 189 | 126 | 54 | 38 | 68 | 53 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 8.4 | 10.8 | 10.3 | 12.1 | 11.3 | 13.3 | 8.9 | 3.8 | 2.7 | 4.8 | 3.7 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 6722 | 6807 | 6893 | 6964 | 7035 | 7100 | 7110 | 7110 | 7110 | 7110 | 7110 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 6360 | 6272 | 6241 | 6204 | 6209 | 6213 | 6250 | 6343 | 6476 | 6568 | 6704 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 362 | 535 | 652 | 760 | 826 | 887 | 860 | 767 | 634 | 542 | 406 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 5.4 | 7.9 | 9.5 | 10.9 | 11.7 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 10.8 | 8.9 | 7.6 | 5.7 |
| Post-16 roll | 1595 | 1587 | 1608 | 1606 | 1560 | 1510 | 1507 | 1537 | 1526 | 1515 | 1502 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 7955 | 7859 | 7849 | 7811 | 7769 | 7723 | 7757 | 7880 | 8002 | 8084 | 8207 |

The number of Year 7 Secondary school places in Ashford is 1412 with a planned increase to 1422 by 2014/15. In addition to these places The Wye Free School opened in September 2013 providing an additional 90 Year 7 places. Thus, by 2014 there will be 1512 Year 7 places available in the District. Currently, 8.4% of Year 7 places are vacant in Ashford, with 5.4% of all Secondary school places vacant. The Year 7 cohort fluctuates over the coming years, ranging from its current actual number of 1243 to 1369 in 2022/23.

Highworth, Homewood, Norton Knatchbull and The Towers Schools have more sixth form pupils than capacity to accommodate them. Sixth form numbers across Ashford (currently 1595) are forecast to rise until 2014 and 2015, before dropping back down to 1502 by 2022-23. The sixth form at The John Wallis Academy is now in its third year and currently has spare capacity.

The Wye Free School opened with a Year 7 intake. It will, over the coming years, provide 90 places per year group in Years 7 to 11, plus a sixth form of 150 places.

It is possible that the housing development at Chilmington Green will start in early 2014 and, if this is the case, we will commission a new Secondary school after 2017.

Ashford Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Ashford Central | | | | Commission a new 2FE Primary. |
| Ashford South East | 1FE expansion of Furley Park PS is being commissioned for September 2014. | | Subject to commencement of Cheeseman's Green housing development commission the first form of entry of a new 2FE Primary school. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake significant enlargement of the new Primary school at Cheeseman's Green by 1FE. Commission two further 2FE and one further 1FE schools in Cheeseman's Green. |

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| Ashford South | | | Subject to commencement of Chilmington Green's housing development, commission the first form of entry of a new 2FE Primary school. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake significant enlargement of the new Primary school at Chilmington Green by 1FE. • Commission two further 2FE and one further 1FE schools on Chilmington Green. |
| Willesborough | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission a new 2FE school and a new 1FE school |

Ashford Secondary School Commissioning

| Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|--|--|--|--|
| | | | Subject to commencement of Chilmington Green development, commission the first 4 forms of entry of a new 8FE Secondary school. We will propose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8FE school in Cheeseman's Green |

13.9 SHEPWAY

Overview

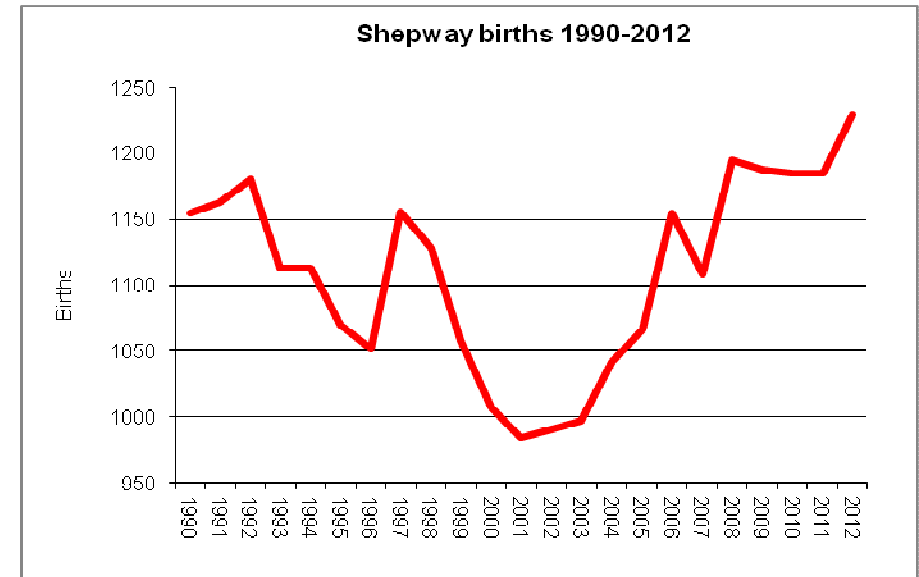
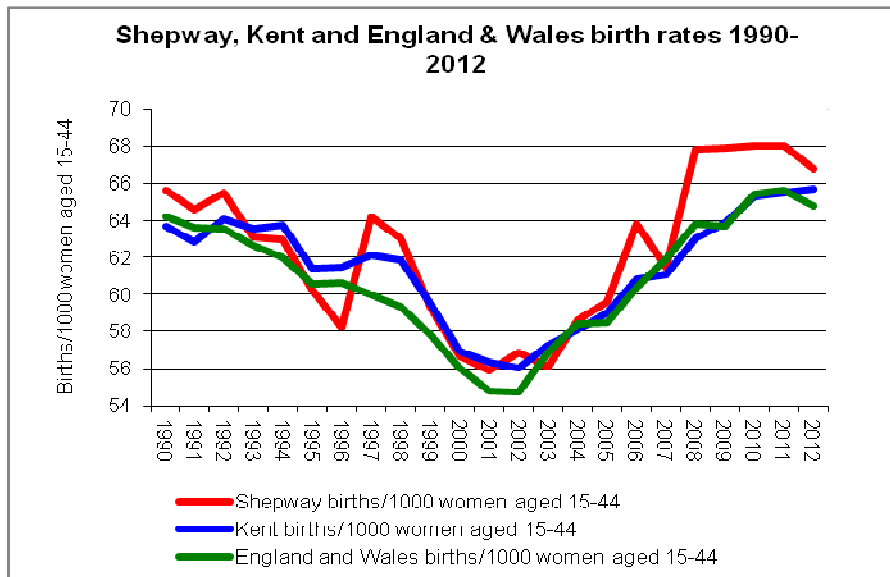
- The pressure on school places in Shepway is centred on Folkestone Town and Hawkinge. Pressures in East Folkestone have led to children needing to travel across the town in order to access school places.
- We have successfully bid for additional capital funding to create a new Primary school for 2015 in East Folkestone. The proposed school would also provide up to 15 places for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder needs.

Review of 2012-13

Hawkinge Primary School from has been expanded to 2FE. Feasibility studies on schools in East Folkestone have shown these cannot be expanded, but work continues to secure 30 additional temporary places for September 2014 prior to opening a new school in 2015. Increasing capacity in Hawkinge has eased pressures on East Folkestone.

District Analysis – Primary

The charts below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures forecasts:



| Shepway District planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Brenzett and Brookland | 35 | 27 | 22.9 | 245 | 199 | 18.8 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 23 | 25 | 187 | 176 | 166 | 160 | 153 |
| Dymchurch | 30 | 25 | 16.7 | 210 | 171 | 18.6 | 26 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 165 | 161 | 158 | 154 | 150 |
| Folkestone East | 345 | 349 | -1.2 | 2405 | 2239 | 6.9 | 342 | 373 | 358 | 382 | 375 | 2236 | 2312 | 2373 | 2420 | 2458 |
| Folkestone West | 250 | 248 | 0.8 | 1726 | 1589 | 7.9 | 241 | 260 | 281 | 266 | 266 | 1630 | 1680 | 1750 | 1803 | 1835 |
| Hawkinge | 135 | 137 | -1.5 | 859 | 817 | 4.9 | 140 | 115 | 147 | 142 | 137 | 846 | 850 | 883 | 914 | 932 |
| Hythe | 150 | 151 | -0.7 | 1031 | 975 | 5.4 | 133 | 138 | 143 | 130 | 133 | 996 | 1005 | 1010 | 1012 | 1002 |
| Lympne and Sellindge | 45 | 45 | 0.0 | 319 | 330 | -3.4 | 51 | 46 | 47 | 50 | 48 | 337 | 337 | 338 | 339 | 343 |
| Romney Marsh | 146 | 115 | 21.2 | 1027 | 852 | 17.0 | 122 | 120 | 119 | 112 | 117 | 861 | 854 | 842 | 840 | 825 |
| Shepway Rural North | 93 | 78 | 16.1 | 614 | 605 | 1.5 | 92 | 81 | 84 | 80 | 81 | 617 | 618 | 624 | 616 | 619 |
| Total | 1229 | 1175 | 4.4 | 8436 | 7777 | 7.8 | 1173 | 1180 | 1227 | 1206 | 1203 | 7876 | 7992 | 8144 | 8257 | 8316 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1225 | 1227 | 1227 | 1227 | 1227 | 8451 | 8479 | 8511 | 8537 | 8563 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | 52 | 47 | 0 | 21 | 24 | 575 | 487 | 367 | 280 | 247 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4.2 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 6.8 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 |

There are currently 35 Primary schools in the Shepway District and a total of 1225 places available in Reception Year in 2013-14. Reception Year forecasts indicate surplus places across the District will generally fluctuate between 1.7% and 4.2% up to 2017/18. The exception to this is in 2015 when a forecast spike of up to 50 children shows no available Reception places in the District. However, these figures mask pressure points in Folkestone Town, Hawkinge and Sellindge and do not show vacant places available in Romney Marsh and Hythe.

Folkestone Town will continue to need more places during the next few years. In the East of the Town, the Reception Year forecasts indicate that there will be between 20 and 40 more pupils than places available during the forecast period, with the peak in 2016/17. This will require 1FE of additional provision throughout the forecast period and we are commissioning a new 1FE school for September 2015. A similar increase of numbers is forecast for the West of the Town with the peak in 2015/16.

Proposals for approximately 250 homes in Sellindge will require additional capacity of 0.5FE to be created in the village school by 2015.

Surplus capacity across all year groups is set to reduce by 2017/18, as larger cohorts enter Reception Year than those leaving Year 6, particularly in Folkestone Town. This is forecast to reduce to 2.9% and will be addressed by the establishment of the new school in 2015.

The long term forecast is for the Primary school numbers in Shepway to increase to over 8900 in 2021 before falling thereafter. At the peak, this will require an additional 900 places (4.5FE) compared to those available in 2013/14, if a 5% surplus is to be maintained. Some of this pressure is related to new housing. The Local Development Framework has identified land for 7500 houses and these will require local provision in the form of new or expanded schools (1FE at Palmmarsh, 2.5FE in Folkestone, 1FE in the rural hubs).

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the school population figures and forecasts:

| Shepway District (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 1210 | 1210 | 1165 | 1165 | 1165 | 1165 | 1165 | 1165 | 1165 | 1165 | 1165 |
| Year 7 roll | 956 | 939 | 942 | 955 | 962 | 1021 | 1007 | 1049 | 1043 | 1054 | 1092 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 254 | 271 | 223 | 210 | 203 | 144 | 158 | 116 | 122 | 111 | 73 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 21.0 | 22.4 | 19.1 | 18.0 | 17.4 | 12.3 | 13.5 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 9.5 | 6.2 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 6050 | 6050 | 6005 | 5960 | 5915 | 5870 | 5825 | 5825 | 5825 | 5825 | 5825 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 5205 | 5007 | 4875 | 4770 | 4700 | 4767 | 4835 | 4943 | 5031 | 5123 | 5194 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 845 | 1043 | 1130 | 1190 | 1215 | 1103 | 990 | 882 | 794 | 702 | 631 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 14.0 | 17.2 | 18.8 | 20.0 | 20.5 | 18.8 | 17.0 | 15.1 | 13.6 | 12.1 | 10.8 |
| Post-16 roll | 1212 | 1223 | 1233 | 1180 | 1153 | 1112 | 1074 | 1067 | 1075 | 1087 | 1131 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 6417 | 6230 | 6108 | 5949 | 5853 | 5878 | 5909 | 6010 | 6106 | 6210 | 6326 |

The number of Year 7 Secondary school places in Shepway is 1210 with a planned decrease to 1165 by 2014/15. Currently, 22.4% of Year 7 places are vacant in Shepway, with 17.2% of all Secondary school places vacant. The Year 7 cohort fluctuates over the coming years, but shows an overall increase of 153 pupils over the forecast period.

The rising Year 7 roll and reduced capacity brings the surplus capacity down to 6.2% by 2022. The increased number of pupils can be accommodated within existing provision.

Total Secondary school numbers continue to fall until 2016 – 17, when 20.5% of places will be vacant. As rolls rise in the subsequent years and capacity is reduced at Pent Valley School, surplus capacity will reduce to 10.8% by 2022.

Shepway Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| Folkestone East | 30 Bulge Reception Year places will be needed in 2014/15 (school to be identified). | We are commissioning a new 1FE school for September 2015. | | |
| Hythe | | | Undertake statutory proposals to enlarge Palmarsh Primary School, from 1.5FE to 1FE subject to commencement of Nickolls Quarry development. | |
| Folkestone West | 30 Bulge Reception Year places will be commissioned in 2014/15 (school to be identified). | 30 Bulge Reception Year places will be commissioned in 2015/16 (school to be identified). | | We propose commissioning a new Primary school in Shorncliffe Garrison (initially 1FE, expanding to 2FE as demand grows). |
| Sellindge | | Subject to planned housing development commencing, expand Sellindge PS from 0.5FE to 1FE | | |

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Romney Marsh | | | | Subject to housing development, expansion of St Nicholas and Greatstone Schools to 2FE each. (42 places at St Nicholas CEPS and 56 places at Greatstone PS) |

Shepway Secondary School Commissioning

| Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
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| 2FE of capacity has been de-commissioned at Pent Valley School with effect from September 2014. | | | |

13.10 DOVER

Overview

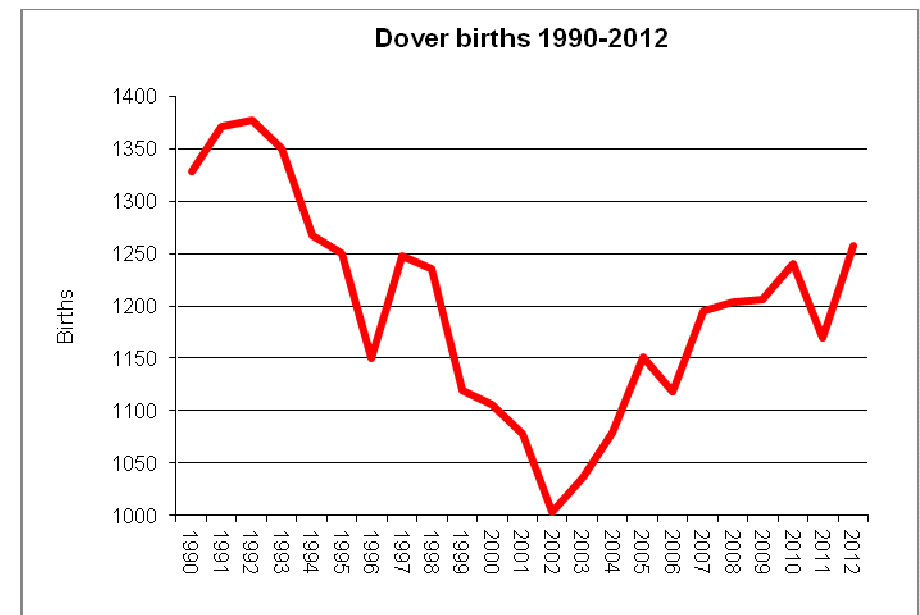
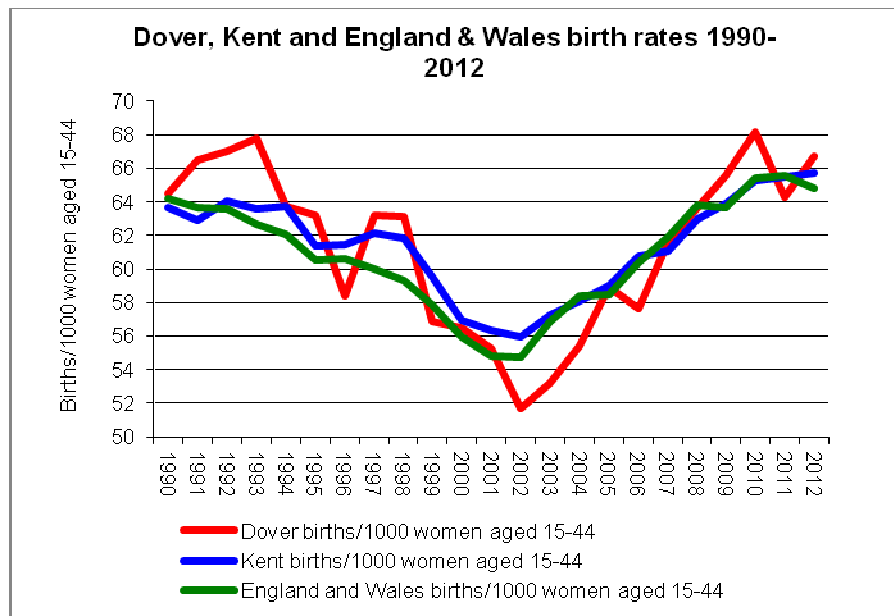
- The pressure points in Dover District are for Primary school places in Dover Town and Whitfield.
- 3,240 new homes are planned for Whitfield by 2031 with a further 2510 in the following decade. Ultimately these new homes will generate the need for at least three new 2FE Primary schools to serve the Whitfield community.

Review of 2012-13

The 2012 Plan did not identify any Basic Need requirement for either Primary or Secondary schools in Dover District in 2012-13. The amalgamation of Walmer Science College and Castle Community College, to ensure one strong, and viable school for the Walmer and Deal area, has proceeded as planned for September 2013

District Analysis – Primary

The charts below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures and forecasts:



| Dover District planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Ash and Wingham | 90 | 88 | 2.2 | 627 | 585 | 6.7 | 83 | 69 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 587 | 568 | 555 | 538 | 521 |
| Aylesham | 87 | 49 | 43.7 | 642 | 357 | 44.4 | 54 | 56 | 56 | 63 | 59 | 366 | 379 | 388 | 395 | 400 |
| Capel-le-Ferne | 30 | 30 | 0.0 | 208 | 197 | 5.3 | 27 | 30 | 31 | 26 | 29 | 199 | 203 | 204 | 210 | 209 |
| Deal | 335 | 311 | 7.2 | 2423 | 2106 | 13.1 | 334 | 314 | 305 | 324 | 316 | 2161 | 2179 | 2212 | 2226 | 2270 |
| Dover | 430 | 404 | 6.0 | 3081 | 2701 | 12.3 | 458 | 466 | 454 | 486 | 464 | 2800 | 2924 | 3021 | 3129 | 3185 |
| Eythorne and Shepherdswell | 50 | 43 | 14.0 | 370 | 282 | 23.8 | 40 | 45 | 45 | 42 | 43 | 277 | 280 | 282 | 284 | 288 |
| Sandwich and Eastry | 96 | 81 | 15.6 | 688 | 604 | 12.2 | 91 | 70 | 68 | 65 | 65 | 591 | 572 | 549 | 521 | 497 |
| St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe | 62 | 54 | 12.9 | 426 | 395 | 7.3 | 64 | 66 | 67 | 69 | 68 | 407 | 416 | 412 | 426 | 439 |
| Whitfield | 89 | 89 | 0.0 | 623 | 604 | 3.0 | 94 | 105 | 100 | 97 | 97 | 603 | 622 | 636 | 633 | 637 |
| Total | 1269 | 1149 | 9.5 | 9088 | 7831 | 13.8 | 1244 | 1222 | 1193 | 1240 | 1210 | 7990 | 8142 | 8261 | 8363 | 8445 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1260 | 1260 | 1260 | 1260 | 1260 | 9032 | 8977 | 8937 | 8913 | 8902 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | 16 | 38 | 67 | 20 | 50 | 1042 | 835 | 676 | 550 | 457 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1.2 | 3.0 | 5.3 | 1.6 | 4.0 | 11.5 | 9.3 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 5.1 |

There are currently 41 Primary schools in the Dover District and a total of 1260 places available in Reception Year in 2013-14.

Major new housing is projected for Dover in the period up to 2031 with up to 14000 new houses predicted over that period of which over 3,000 will be in Whitfield.

Reception Year forecasts in Dover District show surplus places fluctuating between 1.6% and 5.3% during the forecast period, which suggests that some temporary enlargements will be needed. However, District figures mask pressure points and areas of significant surplus. There are pressures in Dover Town, Whitfield and St Margaret at Cliffe, whereas in Aylesham, where the planned new house building has not so far impacted on demand for Primary school places, these are high levels of surplus capacity.

Additional Reception Year places are needed for September 2014 in Dover Town (30 places) and Whitfield (15 places) with up to 90 Reception Year places in total needing to be available for 2016 onwards. In Dover 2FE of permanent provision will need to be commissioned for 2017. We are proposing a 1FE expansion of White Cliffs Primary College for the Arts by September 2015. Whitfield is expected to have 6000 homes built over the next 27 years. The development is expected to provide education provision for its residents, thus a bespoke pupil forecast based on the housing trajectory for the site exists. This shows a need for a 1FE school (with the potential to expand to 2FE) to be commissioned by 2016. A further two 2FE schools will be needed in the longer term.

In St Margaret at Cliife, forecasts indicate a need for a further 10 Reception Year places throughout the forecast period. Discussions with local schools indicate that these will be able to ensure that all local children are placed within existing accommodation.

The long term District forecast sees the Primary school aged population increasing to about 9700 by 2021. This would require 1153 additional places (5.5FE) to those available in 2013/14 if a 5% surplus is to be maintained. A significant amount of this provision will be required to support the Whitfield development.

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the school population figures and forecasts:

| Dover District (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 1393 | 1310 | 1310 | 1310 | 1310 | 1310 | 1310 | 1310 | 1310 | 1310 | 1310 |
| Year 7 roll | 1187 | 1162 | 1167 | 1181 | 1244 | 1238 | 1326 | 1243 | 1351 | 1318 | 1295 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 206 | 148 | 143 | 129 | 66 | 72 | -16 | 67 | -41 | -8 | 15 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 14.8 | 11.3 | 10.9 | 9.9 | 5.0 | 5.5 | -1.2 | 5.1 | -3.1 | -0.6 | 1.2 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 7040 | 6730 | 6655 | 6575 | 6550 | 6550 | 6550 | 6550 | 6550 | 6550 | 6550 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 6203 | 5998 | 5855 | 5814 | 5872 | 5935 | 6100 | 6177 | 6347 | 6420 | 6476 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 837 | 732 | 800 | 761 | 678 | 615 | 450 | 373 | 203 | 130 | 74 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 11.9 | 10.9 | 12.0 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 9.4 | 6.9 | 5.7 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 1.1 |
| Post-16 roll | 1394 | 1428 | 1399 | 1328 | 1276 | 1244 | 1226 | 1218 | 1228 | 1268 | 1287 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 7597 | 7427 | 7254 | 7143 | 7148 | 7178 | 7326 | 7395 | 7575 | 7688 | 7763 |

The number of Year 7 Secondary school places in Dover decreased from September 2013 when Walmer Science College and Castle Community College amalgamated. Currently, 11.3% of Year 7 places are vacant in Dover District, with 10.9% of all Secondary school places vacant. Therefore we will not need to commission additional places. The Year 7 cohort fluctuates slightly over the coming years, ranging from its current actual number of 1162 to 1351 in 2020/21 when the rolls begin to fall. Historically, Dover District has experienced net migration into its Secondary schools (for example from Thanet into Sandwich). As rolls rise, we would anticipate this migration reducing. As rolls rise in Year 7 in 2018/19 and again in 2021/22 onwards we may be required to commission some additional temporary places to create bulge year groups.

Dover Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Dover Town | In Dover Town we will commission 30 bulge Reception Year places for September 2014. | We are proposing a 1FE expansion of White Cliffs Primary College of the Arts for September 2015. | In Dover Town we will commission 30 bulge Reception Year places for September 2016. | |
| Whitfield | Commission 15 bulge Reception Year places for September 2014. | Commission 15 bulge Reception Year places for September 2015. | A 1FE Primary school will need to be commissioned by 2016 with the potential for expansion to 2FE. | Two further 2FE Primary schools will be needed in the longer term. |
| St Margarets at Cliffe | Work with local schools to ensure all local pupils are placed. | | | |

Dover Secondary School Commissioning

| Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|--|--|--|--|
| | | | The Local Authority will commission additional capacity in the District for bulge year groups in 2018/19 and 2021/22 dependent on the pace of housing development and inward migration of pupils from adjoining Districts. |

13.11 CANTERBURY

Overview

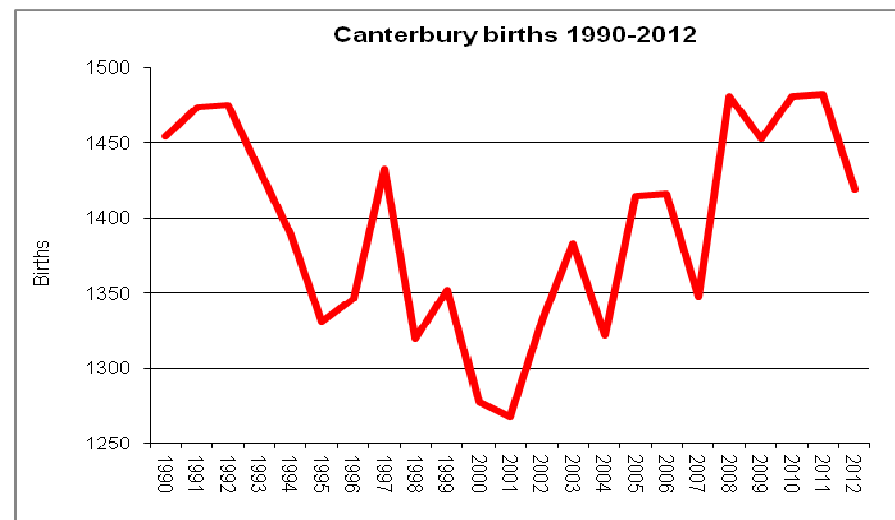
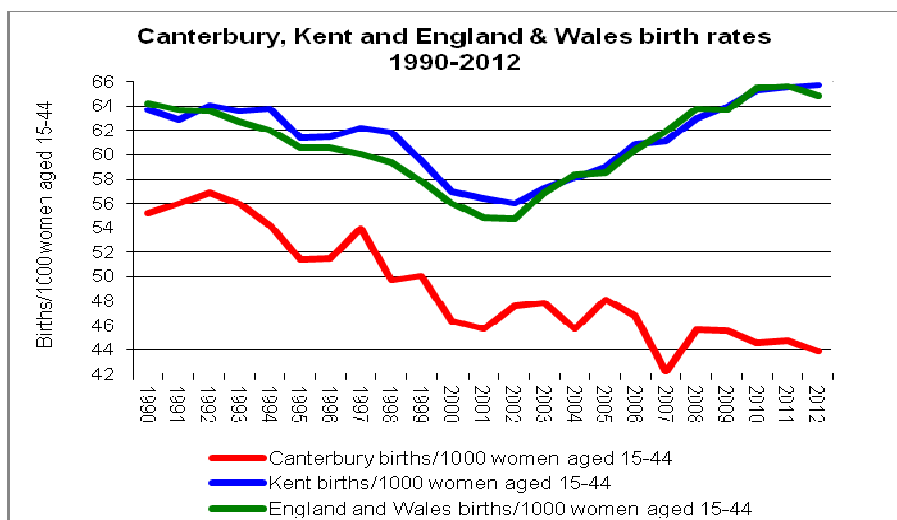
- The Canterbury birth rate differs to Kent and the national picture, as it is falling overall. There are however, specific localities within the Canterbury District where there is pressure due to inward migration and without the action proposed in this Commissioning Plan we would be facing a deficit of places in 2015 of 1.9%.
- As the larger numbers of Primary pupils feed through to the Secondary phase, the current surplus capacity will reduce and in the longer term (2022) new housing will necessitate additional Secondary capacity.

Review 2012 – 13

The 2012 Plan did not identify a need for additional Primary or Secondary School places but did identify a need to keep Primary School places in Herne Bay under review. The closure of St. Philip Howard School in Herne Bay was implemented following a Public Consultation with effect from August 2013. A temporary expansion of Joy Lane Primary School in Whitstable by 1 form of entry for September 2013 was agreed due to a number of children in Whitstable who could otherwise not have been offered a Whitstable school.

District Analysis – Primary

The chart below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures and forecasts:



| Canterbury District planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Barham and Bridge | 106 | 88 | 17.0 | 727 | 679 | 6.6 | 92 | 88 | 99 | 102 | 99 | 678 | 661 | 659 | 653 | 647 |
| Canterbury | 435 | 408 | 6.2 | 3185 | 2755 | 13.5 | 423 | 433 | 456 | 434 | 444 | 2784 | 2843 | 2923 | 2955 | 3007 |
| Chartham and Petham | 60 | 60 | 0.0 | 445 | 407 | 8.5 | 58 | 53 | 60 | 59 | 59 | 410 | 400 | 401 | 400 | 401 |
| Herne | 90 | 90 | 0.0 | 630 | 604 | 4.1 | 102 | 90 | 100 | 90 | 93 | 615 | 618 | 625 | 626 | 628 |
| Herne Bay | 370 | 327 | 11.6 | 2639 | 2251 | 14.7 | 326 | 325 | 353 | 350 | 348 | 2193 | 2176 | 2212 | 2253 | 2258 |
| Littlebourne and Wickhambreaux | 30 | 29 | 3.3 | 217 | 199 | 8.3 | 24 | 35 | 31 | 25 | 28 | 192 | 196 | 200 | 192 | 196 |
| Sturry and Marshside | 96 | 92 | 4.2 | 662 | 576 | 13.0 | 92 | 90 | 95 | 85 | 89 | 580 | 592 | 620 | 609 | 616 |
| Whitstable | 330 | 327 | 0.9 | 2337 | 2209 | 5.5 | 344 | 319 | 327 | 331 | 327 | 2259 | 2262 | 2283 | 2282 | 2285 |
| Total | 1517 | 1421 | 6.3 | 10842 | 9680 | 10.7 | 1460 | 1432 | 1521 | 1478 | 1487 | 9711 | 9749 | 9923 | 9969 | 10037 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1524 | 1492 | 1492 | 1492 | 1492 | 10579 | 10560 | 10535 | 10527 | 10526 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | 64 | 60 | -29 | 14 | 5 | 868 | 811 | 612 | 558 | 489 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4.2 | 4.0 | -1.9 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 4.6 |

There are currently 35 Primary schools in the Canterbury District and a total of 1524 places available in Reception Year in 2013-14, reducing to 1492 in 2014. The number of Reception Year pupils is expected to peak in 2015/16 at 1521 places with an expected deficit of 1.9%. The number of surplus places across the whole Primary age range will reduce to 4.6% by 2017. In order to meet demand in Canterbury City and Whitstable, two forms of entry will be commissioned. Pressure on places in rural areas will be managed through discussions with schools to ascertain pressure points and explore ways of ensuring that all local children are placed.

For entry in September 2013, Joy Lane Primary School agreed a temporary expansion to take a bulge year (30 places for Reception Year). However, local knowledge demonstrates that pressure on admissions in the locality is growing and therefore we will commission a permanent form of entry from September 2014.

New housing development included in Canterbury City Council's Draft Local Plan, which is still under consultation, indicates that there will be up to 15,600 new dwellings during the period to 2031, with a build rate of 780 dwellings per annum across the District, with large developments planned in Canterbury, Herne Bay and the Sturry/Hersden locality.

The long term forecast of Primary pupils indicates numbers peaking between 2016 and 2021, beyond this point the pupil population begins to decline. In the longer term, beyond 2017/18, new Primary school provision will be required to meet the demand from new housing, with the timing and location of additional school places dependant on the pace of the new housing developments.

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the school population figures and forecasts:

| Canterbury District (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 1718 | 1648 | 1633 | 1633 | 1633 | 1633 | 1633 | 1633 | 1633 | 1633 | 1633 |
| Year 7 roll | 1446 | 1445 | 1504 | 1452 | 1541 | 1545 | 1506 | 1534 | 1590 | 1572 | 1648 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 272 | 203 | 129 | 181 | 92 | 88 | 127 | 99 | 43 | 61 | -15 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 15.8 | 12.3 | 7.9 | 11.1 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 7.8 | 6.1 | 2.6 | 3.8 | -0.9 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 8590 | 8520 | 8435 | 8350 | 8265 | 8180 | 8165 | 8165 | 8165 | 8165 | 8165 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 7668 | 7394 | 7334 | 7231 | 7276 | 7389 | 7450 | 7479 | 7618 | 7648 | 7751 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 922 | 1126 | 1101 | 1119 | 989 | 791 | 715 | 686 | 547 | 517 | 414 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 10.7 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 12.0 | 9.7 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 5.1 |
| Post-16 roll | 2053 | 2090 | 2050 | 1995 | 1950 | 1883 | 1866 | 1904 | 1906 | 1934 | 1981 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 9721 | 9483 | 9383 | 9226 | 9226 | 9272 | 9317 | 9383 | 9524 | 9582 | 9733 |

The number of Secondary school Year 7 places in Canterbury is 1648 in 2013. The number of places available exceeds the projected demand for places over the coming 9 year period and is expected to peak in 2015 with 11.1% surplus Year 7 places and 13.4% overall.

No change in provision is expected to be required in the short or medium term, depending on progress rates of new housing. In the longer term, from 2020 onwards, as new housing developments proceed, the Local Authority need to commission additional provision.

Canterbury Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Canterbury | No change | An additional form of entry is being commissioned for Canterbury City at The Canterbury Primary School. | | We will commission up to six forms of entry in this area, dependent on the rate of housing development set out in Canterbury City Council's strategic plan. |
| Sturry and Marshside | No change | No change | | We will commission up to one form of entry in this area, dependent on the rate of housing development set out in Canterbury City Council's strategic plan |
| Herne Bay | No change | Increasing numbers will require additional places to be commissioned in existing schools | No change | We will commission up to three forms of entry in this area, dependent on the rate of housing development set out in Canterbury City Council's strategic plan |
| Whitstable | For entry September 2013, 30 additional Reception Year places have been commissioned at Joy Lane Primary School for a bulge year. | We will commission one form of entry in Whitstable. | No change | As new housing developments proceed, KCC commission capacity in Whitstable, which is likely to be expansion of existing schools. |

Canterbury Secondary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| | | | Should new housing come forward at an earlier date, additional capacity will need to be commissioned in existing schools. | As new housing developments proceed, we will commission additional Secondary provision across the Canterbury District. This may be through expansion of existing schools in Canterbury and Herne Bay/and or new provision |

13.12 SWALE

Overview

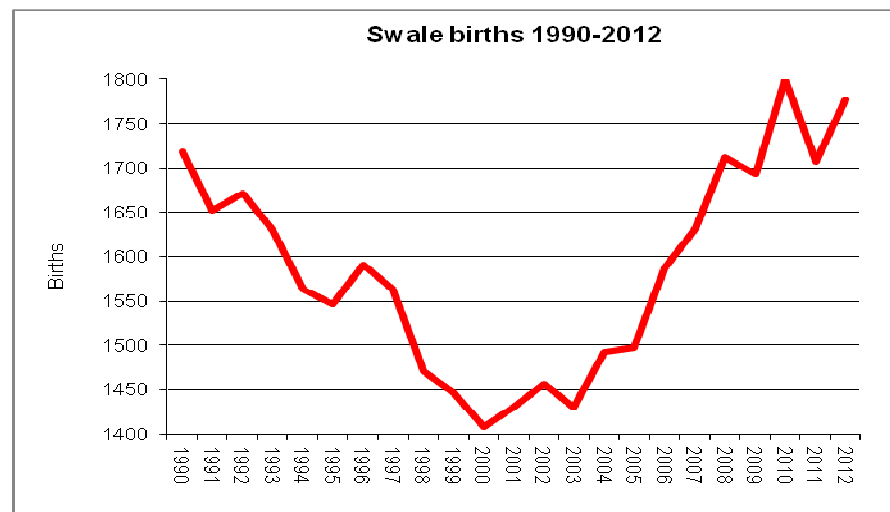
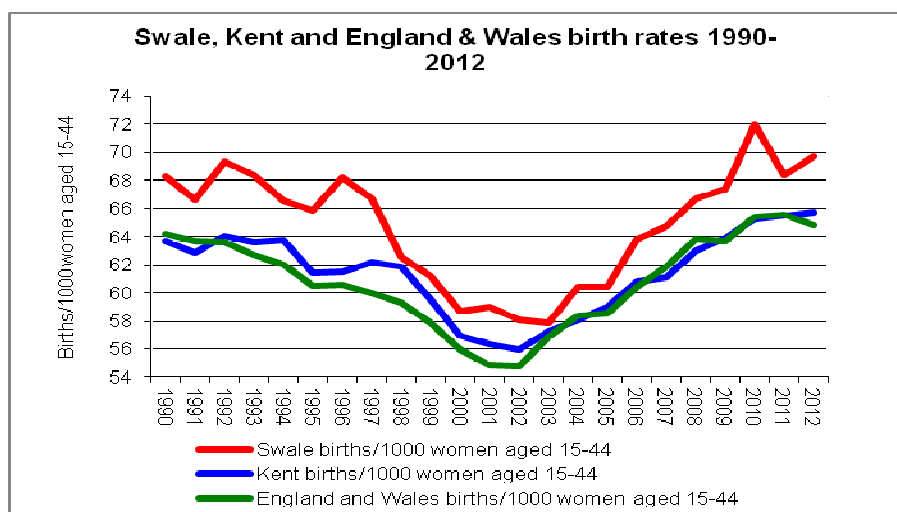
- Inward migration, in particular on the Isle of Sheppey, in recent months has created a significant pressure resulting in a need to commission urgent additional provision. This pressure is affecting both Key Stages 1 and 2.
- Successful bids for Targeted Basic Need funding will provide a new two form entry Primary school at Thistle Hill for September 2015.
- In addition, the successful bids for Targeted Basic Need funding for the Sittingbourne area will provide a one form entry expansion at Iwade Primary School from September 2015 and a one form entry expansion of Tunstall CE Primary School, which will relocate to a new site from September 2015.

Review 2012 – 13

Kent's 2012 Plan indicated a need to add a significant number of Primary school places to manage the predicted increase in numbers of children. This pressure on places was managed through temporary expansions for September 2012, adding 110 Year R places across Swale. Additional temporary expansion of one form of entry for September 2013 at Eastchurch Primary School is due to local population growth arising from inward migration.

District Analysis – Primary

The charts below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures and forecasts:



| Swale Borough planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Eastchurch and Warden Bay | 60 | 57 | 5.0 | 420 | 399 | 5.0 | 79 | 70 | 73 | 87 | 80 | 424 | 442 | 468 | 496 | 520 |
| Faversham | 235 | 231 | 1.7 | 1535 | 1387 | 9.6 | 215 | 231 | 202 | 222 | 218 | 1400 | 1433 | 1462 | 1512 | 1530 |
| Faversham Rural East | 60 | 56 | 6.7 | 420 | 413 | 1.7 | 64 | 70 | 64 | 59 | 63 | 413 | 432 | 433 | 436 | 438 |
| Faversham Rural South | 71 | 79 | -11.3 | 452 | 505 | -11.7 | 69 | 72 | 70 | 69 | 70 | 502 | 505 | 505 | 506 | 507 |
| Halfway and Minster | 210 | 198 | 5.7 | 1320 | 1266 | 4.1 | 217 | 255 | 237 | 253 | 247 | 1302 | 1399 | 1480 | 1565 | 1639 |
| Iwade | 60 | 60 | 0.0 | 420 | 418 | 0.5 | 56 | 64 | 50 | 64 | 59 | 407 | 410 | 402 | 407 | 407 |
| Queenborough and Rushenden | 60 | 51 | 15.0 | 420 | 366 | 12.9 | 62 | 69 | 65 | 71 | 68 | 391 | 412 | 434 | 460 | 472 |
| Sheerness | 180 | 180 | 0.0 | 1260 | 1191 | 5.5 | 173 | 214 | 208 | 197 | 202 | 1218 | 1263 | 1322 | 1346 | 1372 |
| Sittingbourne East | 195 | 181 | 7.2 | 1365 | 1234 | 9.6 | 196 | 220 | 209 | 222 | 219 | 1220 | 1269 | 1300 | 1315 | 1347 |
| Sittingbourne North | 210 | 210 | 0.0 | 1530 | 1398 | 8.6 | 208 | 221 | 192 | 209 | 201 | 1412 | 1448 | 1441 | 1452 | 1449 |
| Sittingbourne South | 293 | 303 | -3.4 | 1871 | 1937 | -3.5 | 296 | 322 | 299 | 317 | 311 | 1956 | 2027 | 2048 | 2095 | 2143 |
| Swale Rural West | 95 | 84 | 11.6 | 665 | 582 | 12.5 | 68 | 70 | 58 | 65 | 65 | 571 | 572 | 544 | 520 | 502 |
| Teynham | 50 | 51 | -2.0 | 320 | 293 | 8.4 | 41 | 42 | 48 | 46 | 46 | 312 | 322 | 330 | 340 | 337 |
| Total | 1779 | 1741 | 2.1 | 11998 | 11389 | 5.1 | 1742 | 1922 | 1775 | 1881 | 1849 | 11527 | 11936 | 12167 | 12449 | 12663 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1869 | 1824 | 1794 | 1794 | 1794 | 12115 | 12259 | 12373 | 12484 | 12595 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | 127 | -98 | 19 | -87 | -55 | 588 | 323 | 206 | 35 | -68 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6.8 | -5.4 | 1.1 | -4.8 | -3.1 | 4.9 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 0.3 | -0.5 |

There are 49 Primary schools in the Swale District, providing 1869 Reception Year places in 2013-14. Even with this increase in the number of places available, a deficit of 98 Reception Year places (5.4%) is predicted in 2014, when Reception Year rolls are forecast to peak at 1922 pupils. More than two forms of entry of this deficit are on the Isle of Sheppey and this means urgent action is needed to increase capacity.

Up to 14000 new housing units are anticipated across Swale during the period to 2031. Sittingbourne is a growth area and school rolls are forecast to increase over the next five year period. An additional two to three forms of entry will be needed to meet demand on top of the 2.3 FE already commissioned (Westland Primary School, Lansdowne Primary School and Lower Halstow Primary School).

By September 2015 we will expand both Iwade Primary School (which is situated in an area of housing development) and Tunstall CE Primary School by one form of entry each. Tunstall CE Primary School will relocate to a new site.

In the longer term, from 2017/18 and beyond, new housing development is proposed for the Grovehurst Farm/Kemsley area and a site is included for a new 2FE Primary school.

On the Isle of Sheppey school rolls are forecast to increase over the next three years across the island. Action is therefore planned for expansion of Primary school capacity in Sheppey in response to the rising birth rate, inward migration and proposed housing development at Thistle Hill. Reception Year forecasts show a continual increase. Discussions with the schools on Sheppey are underway regarding temporary expansions, which will lead to permanent expansion in some cases. This includes the temporary expansion of Halfway Houses Primary School becoming permanent alongside the re-building of the school. It is anticipated that a further four forms of entry will be required across the island. This includes the new two form entry Primary school which will be built at Thistle Hill, with a planned opening date of 1 September 2015. Kent County Council will also commission one form of entry in Sheerness and one of entry to serve the Warden Bay community. In the longer term, from 2017/18 and beyond, a new Primary school will be required for the Rushenden development.

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the school population figures forecasts:

| Swale Borough (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 1657 | 1660 | 1685 | 1685 | 1685 | 1685 | 1685 | 1685 | 1685 | 1685 | 1685 |
| Year 7 roll | 1504 | 1542 | 1527 | 1570 | 1624 | 1654 | 1715 | 1750 | 1771 | 1941 | 1804 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 153 | 118 | 158 | 115 | 61 | 31 | -30 | -65 | -86 | -256 | -119 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 9.2 | 7.1 | 9.4 | 6.8 | 3.6 | 1.8 | -1.8 | -3.9 | -5.1 | -15.2 | -7.1 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 8247 | 8258 | 8294 | 8329 | 8372 | 8400 | 8425 | 8425 | 8425 | 8425 | 8425 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 7883 | 7741 | 7658 | 7659 | 7708 | 7865 | 8039 | 8262 | 8463 | 8780 | 8930 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 364 | 517 | 636 | 670 | 664 | 535 | 386 | 163 | -38 | -355 | -505 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 4.4 | 6.3 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 6.4 | 4.6 | 1.9 | -0.4 | -4.2 | -6.0 |
| Post-16 roll | 1795 | 1951 | 1951 | 1903 | 1871 | 1806 | 1789 | 1801 | 1817 | 1871 | 1910 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 9678 | 9692 | 9609 | 9563 | 9579 | 9671 | 9828 | 10063 | 10280 | 10651 | 10840 |

There are currently 1660 places in Year 7 in Secondary schools in Swale and this will increase to 1685 in 2014 with additional places provided at Fulston Manor School. This exceeds the demand for Secondary school places in the District until 2018 when a deficit of 30 places (-1.8%) is expected. Surplus capacity in Faversham and the Isle of Sheppey masks the pressure on Secondary places in Sittingbourne. Due to the increasing numbers of Isle of Sheppey students travelling to Sittingbourne Secondary schools, the pressure will become acute in Sittingbourne from 2015, resulting in a need for up to three forms of entry. This will involve consultation with providers to consider the expansion of existing provision. In the longer term, 2017/18 and beyond, new housing development is planned for the Grovehurst Farm/Kemsley area and includes a site for a new Secondary school

Swale Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| Sittingbourne (East, North and South) | Permanent expansion of The Westlands Primary School, Lansdowne Primary School and Lower Halstow School will provide an additional 2.3 forms of entry | Two forms of entry will be provided through the expansion of Iwade Primary School and Tunstall CE Primary School. | | We will commission 2FE of new provision to meet the demand for places, especially in the Kemsley locality. |
| Sheerness, Queenborough and Rushenden, Halfway and Minster, Eastchurch and Warden Bay | The forecast Reception Year increase will be managed through temporary arrangements with schools until permanent solutions are agreed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halfway Houses – 30 places • Eastchurch – 30 places Discussions are taking place with Sheppey | Up to five forms of entry will be required on a permanent basis to meet demand. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent expansion of Halfway Houses Primary School (2FE to 3FE) when it is rebuilt under the Government's Priority Schools Building Programme. • The commissioning of | | A new one form entry school will be commissioned for the proposed Rushenden development with the infrastructure to allow expansion to two forms of entry as the housing progresses. |

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Primary schools to identify further options for temporary expansion. | a new two form entry Primary school at Thistle Hill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will commission one form of entry in Sheerness • We will commission one form of entry to serve the Warden Bay community. | | |
| Faversham | Permanent expansion of Bysing Wood Primary School, Ethelbert Road Primary School and Ospringe CE Primary School will provide an additional 1.5 FE. | No change | | |

Swale Secondary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Sittingbourne | An additional 25 Year 7 places have been commissioned on a permanent basis at Fulston Manor School. | We will commission one form of entry Secondary provision. | We will commission two forms of entry Secondary provision. | Increasing numbers and proposed new housing development will require new Secondary provision in Sittingbourne in the Kemsley locality. |

13.13 THANET

Overview

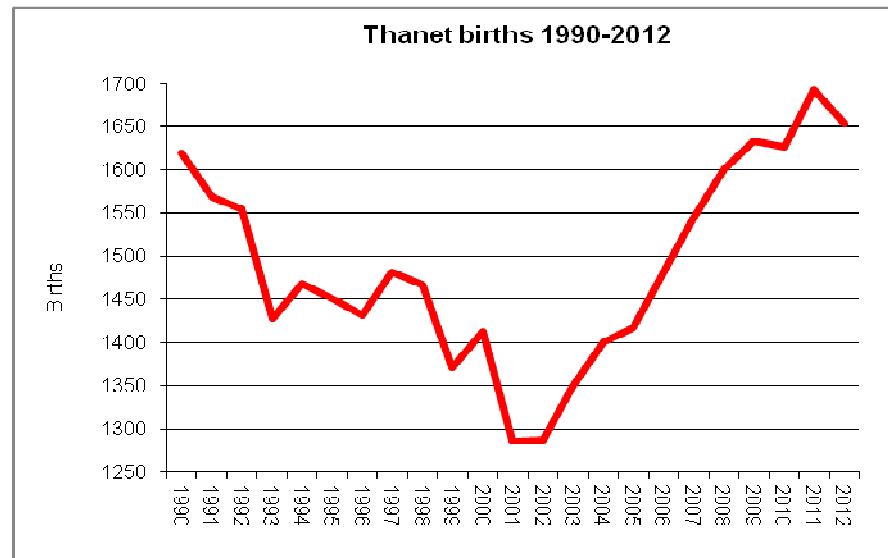
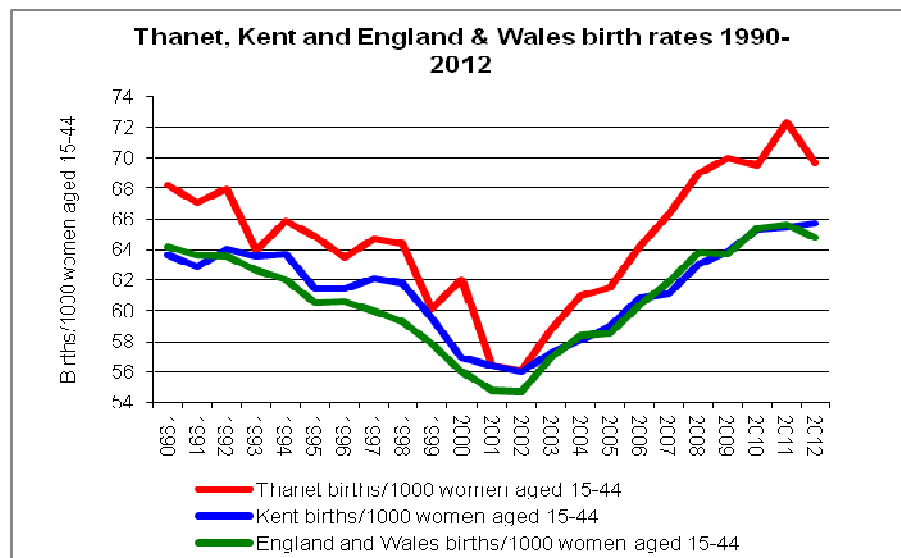
- Thanet has both a very high birth rate and high levels of inward migration which has increased further over the last 12 months. This has resulted in immediate and significant pressure across all Year Groups in the Primary Phase.
- The capacity for existing schools to expand is limited due to site constraints and the availability of sites to establish new schools in Thanet
- Maintaining sufficiently of provision in volatile due to high levels of pupil mobility.
- Additional Special School places have been commissioned at Laleham Gap School (18 places) and The Foreland School (40 places). It is proposed that both schools will relocate to new sites.

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An additional three forms of entry was established as planned (Drapers Mills, Garlinge, Palm Bay and Northdown) and due to increased pressure arising from a high level of inward migration, an additional form of entry has been established at Bromstone Primary School in Broadstairs and Newington Community Primary School and Nursery in Ramsgate from September 2013.

District Analysis – Primary

The charts below set out the birth rates and the table sets out the school population figures and forecasts:



| Thanet District planning groups (Primary schools) | Year R capacity 2012-13 | Year R roll 2012-13 | Year R surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Total capacity 2012-13 | Total roll 2012-13 | Total surplus / deficit capacity (%) 2012-13 | Year R roll 2013-14 (F) | Year R roll 2014-15 (F) | Year R roll 2015-16 (F) | Year R roll 2016-17 (F) | Year R roll 2017-18 (F) | Total roll 2013-14 (F) | Total roll 2014-15 (F) | Total roll 2015-16 (F) | Total roll 2016-17 (F) | Total roll 2017-18 (F) |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Birchington and Garlinge | 240 | 233 | 2.9 | 1530 | 1505 | 1.6 | 240 | 256 | 226 | 291 | 266 | 1531 | 1582 | 1595 | 1682 | 1745 |
| Broadstairs | 300 | 303 | -1.0 | 2102 | 2072 | 1.4 | 273 | 261 | 252 | 267 | 260 | 2081 | 2087 | 2044 | 2019 | 1981 |
| Margate | 465 | 433 | 6.9 | 3021 | 2849 | 5.7 | 474 | 487 | 536 | 512 | 515 | 2925 | 3021 | 3159 | 3282 | 3371 |
| Ramsgate | 510 | 522 | -2.4 | 3346 | 3119 | 6.8 | 520 | 509 | 516 | 483 | 495 | 3191 | 3278 | 3353 | 3376 | 3401 |
| Thanet Rural | 105 | 106 | -1.0 | 721 | 718 | 0.4 | 115 | 101 | 101 | 109 | 107 | 725 | 732 | 729 | 734 | 738 |
| Total | 1620 | 1597 | 1.4 | 10720 | 10263 | 4.3 | 1623 | 1613 | 1631 | 1662 | 1643 | 10453 | 10701 | 10881 | 11093 | 11236 |
| Forecast Year R capacity / total capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1620 | 1620 | 1620 | 1620 | 1620 | 10874 | 10974 | 11076 | 11228 | 11306 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit places | - | - | - | - | - | - | -3 | 7 | -11 | -42 | -23 | 421 | 273 | 195 | 135 | 70 |
| Forecast surplus / deficit capacity (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | -0.2 | 0.4 | -0.7 | -2.6 | -1.4 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 0.6 |

There are 30 Primary schools in Thanet District, providing 1620 Reception Year places in 2013-14. This includes the temporary and proposed permanent expansion of Newington Community Primary School and Nursery and Bromstone Primary School, providing an additional 60 places.

Forecast data indicates the number of places required in Reception Year from September 2016 will exceed the number of places available resulting in a 2.6% deficit. Up to an additional five forms of entry will be required by September 2015 in order to maintain sufficient places and we will commission two forms of entry for September 2014 and three forms of entry for September 2015. Further discussions are underway to identify how this additional capacity can be added, especially in Ramsgate (1FE), Margate (3FE), Birchington and Garlinge (1FE). Although the forecast numbers for the Ramsgate area appear to be reducing, these numbers reflect the current trend of children having to travel unacceptable distances for their Primary education. A new one form entry Primary school in the Ramsgate town area would provide places locally for children.

There will be major new housing in the Westwood Cross area and a new two form of entry Primary school will be commissioned in the medium term to meet additional demand from the new housing. During the period up to 2031, new housing units are expected to total 8200 across Thanet.

District Analysis – Secondary

The table below sets out the school population figures and forecasts:

| Thanet District (Secondary schools) | 2012-13 (A) | 2013-14 (F) | 2014-15 (F) | 2015-16 (F) | 2016-17 (F) | 2017-18 (F) | 2018-19 (F) | 2019-20 (F) | 2020-21 (F) | 2021-22 (F) | 2022-23 (F) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year 7 capacity | 1544 | 1562 | 1544 | 1544 | 1544 | 1544 | 1544 | 1544 | 1544 | 1544 | 1544 |
| Year 7 roll | 1351 | 1355 | 1341 | 1428 | 1424 | 1458 | 1467 | 1549 | 1581 | 1575 | 1600 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit places | 193 | 207 | 203 | 116 | 120 | 86 | 77 | -5 | -37 | -31 | -56 |
| Year 7 surplus / deficit capacity (%) | 12.5 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 5.5 | 5.0 | -0.3 | -2.4 | -2.0 | -3.6 |
| Total capacity (Years 7-11) | 7912 | 7834 | 7738 | 7738 | 7738 | 7738 | 7720 | 7720 | 7720 | 7720 | 7720 |
| Total roll (Years 7-11) | 7406 | 7099 | 6869 | 6826 | 6786 | 6896 | 7008 | 7216 | 7369 | 7520 | 7662 |
| Total surplus / deficit places (Years 7-11) | 506 | 735 | 869 | 912 | 952 | 842 | 712 | 504 | 351 | 200 | 58 |
| Total surplus / deficit capacity (Years 7-11) (%) | 6.4 | 9.4 | 11.2 | 11.8 | 12.3 | 10.9 | 9.2 | 6.5 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 0.8 |
| Post-16 roll | 1335 | 1432 | 1467 | 1380 | 1330 | 1283 | 1253 | 1237 | 1268 | 1308 | 1321 |
| Total roll (including Post-16) | 8741 | 8531 | 8336 | 8206 | 8116 | 8179 | 8260 | 8453 | 8637 | 8829 | 8982 |

Thanet has a capacity of 1562 places in Year 7 and a projected need for 1467 places by 2018. Numbers then begin to increase and demand for places exceeds supply in 2020 by 37 places resulting in a deficit of 2.4%. We will commission four forms of entry from 2019 onwards.

Thanet Primary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Ramsgate | The commissioning of permanent expansion of Newington Community Primary School and Nursery to provide an additional 1 FE. | We will commission a new one form entry Primary provision to provide places for local children. | No change | |
| Broadstairs | The commissioning of permanent expansion of Bromstone Primary School to provide an additional 1 FE. | | A new two form entry Primary school will be commissioned for the proposed new developments at the Westwood Cross and East Kent Opportunities sites. | |
| Margate | We will commission an additional one form of entry at Cliftonville Primary School. | We will commission a new two form entry Primary provision. | | |
| Birchington and Garlinge | We will commission an additional one form of entry at Garlinge Primary School. | | We will commission an addition one form of entry provision if demand for places continues to increase. | |

Thanet Secondary School Commissioning

| Planning Group or set of Planning Groups | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2014 -15) | Short Term Commissioning Position (by 2015- 16) | Medium Term Commissioning Position (by 2016-17) | Longer Term Commissioning Position (by 2017-18 and After) |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| | No change | | | There will be a need to commission an additional 4 FE provision from 2019 onwards. |