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 <b>Walsall Council</b>	<b>REPORT OF THE Education and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>DATE: 23.02.16</b>  <b>REF.NO: NP/E&amp;CSOSC</b>
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**TITLE OF THE MATTER CALLED-IN:**

Proposed expansion of Beacon, King's Hill, Greenfield and St. Giles CE Primary Schools.

**DATE CONSIDERED BY CABINET:** 3 February, 2016

**CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER:** Councillor C. Towe

**DATE OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:** 23 February, 2016

**Grounds under which the matter was called in for scrutiny:**

1. Concerns over use of consultation policy;
2. Use of data;
3. Policy opposition;
4. Council standards

**Record here the Overview and Scrutiny Committees conclusions and proposals:**

The Committee, having considered the matter in detail and hearing from witnesses including Headteachers and Chairs of Governors, concluded that the consultation process did not seem to have been applied evenly across the Borough.

Further, the committee suggest that future proposals for additional forms of entry (school enlargements) in Walsall Schools be consulted on with all school cluster groups, through the chair of each cluster.

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**Record here the specific recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

That the Committee wishes to express its concerns regarding the consultation process followed with the proposed school expansion programme and ask that any future proposals for additional forms of entry (school enlargements) in Walsall Schools be consulted on with all school cluster groups, through the Chair of each cluster.

**Explain here how the proposals/recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee differ from those of Cabinet:**

The recommendations above do not suggest any changes to the proposed decision of Cabinet.

In light of the concerns raised the Committee recommend that future consultation arrangements are amended to ensure that any future proposals for additional forms of entry (school enlargements) in Walsall Schools be consulted on with all school cluster groups, through the Chair of each cluster.

**This form provides an accurate record of the meeting of the above named Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Signature:** *Rose Burley*

**Date:** 24 February 2016

**Chair of Scrutiny and Performance Panel - Councillor Rose Burley**

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