



Liverpool
City Council

CONSULTATION

ON PROPOSALS FOR THE REORGANISATION OF LIVERPOOL'S
PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT PROVISION



Liverpool City Council is consulting on proposals to:

Re-organise New Heights Pupil Referral Unit Provision
with effect from 1st September 2021

Background

The reorganisation of Liverpool City Council's Pupil Referral Unit provision entails three related statutory proposals as set out below.

Reasons for the proposal

The increase in capacity of the Pupil Referral Unit KS4 is proposed to allow for the amalgamation of the PRU provision across Key Stages 2 to 4, which will be managed by a single Management Committee.

The proposals will result in the following benefits:

- Formalise management arrangements already informally operated across Key Stage 2, 3 and 4 provisions
- Facilitate increased sharing of resources, management efficiencies and shared practice between Key Stage 2 provision and Key Stage 3 and 4 provisions
- Facilitate the strengthening of existing Management Committee arrangements, with representation and expertise to be offered across all key stages
- Facilitate the establishment of a new PRU management structure, offering consistent leadership across all key stages
- Ensure the long-term sustainability, through shared commissioning and resources, of all elements of the City's PRU provision.

Effect on other Schools, Academies and Educational Institutions in the Area

The proposal to amalgamate the City's PRU provision is anticipated to have positive implications for other schools, academies and educational institutions in the area.

- Pupils on roll at mainstream schools who take up placements within the PRU provision will have access to resources and provision that is consistent with their substantive mainstream placements while out of school
- Greater resource for PRU attendees will lead to a higher quality and more varied educational delivery which may facilitate more efficient transition for pupils who are to be re-integrated into their substantive mainstream school places post placement
- Key Stage 4 pupils will have the opportunity to access the increased academic resources at the LEEP site

The Proposal

The City Council is consulting on three related proposals:

1. ALTERATION OF THE LOWER AND UPPER AGE LIMIT

New Heights High School is currently legally allowed to make provision for 11 to 16 year olds.

It is now proposed that New Heights High Schools broadens its age range from 11 to 16 year olds to 7 to 16 year olds – thereby encompassing Key Stage 2 provision

2. INCREASE IN CAPACITY

NHHS current offers 66 places across key stages 3 and 4. The proposal is to increase the numbers of places available to 210 : 24 key stage 2 places, 66 key stage 3 places and 120 key stage 4 places.

What happens next?

Feedback from the consultation will be considered by Liverpool City Council's Cabinet. If the Cabinet decides to continue with the proposal after considering the comments received, Liverpool City Council will begin the procedure to implement the proposal.

Any comments or objections received during this period will be reported to Liverpool City Council's Cabinet which will then decide whether or not to approve the proposal.

Timetable

The expected timetable for progress of the proposal is:

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| Consultation Period | Monday 28 th June |
| Liverpool City Council Cabinet decision whether to proceed. | Monday 12 th July |
| If approved, Liverpool City Council will inform the Department for Education as required. | |
| Implementation date | 1 st September 2021 |

How to respond

You can submit views in writing about the proposal to:

School Organisation Team
Re-organisation of PRU Provision
Children & Young People's Service
5th Floor, Cunard Building
Pier Head, Water Street
Liverpool
L3 1AH

Any comments received, by letter or e-mail, will be reported to the City Council when it comes to take a decision on the proposal.

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Any comments you make, therefore, will be made public, but the papers will be edited before publication, as appropriate, to preserve anonymity in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and to prevent copying of

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