

**Appendix 11: Tettenhall Wood School – Summary of Meeting (Members of Tettenhall Wood School’s Governing Board)**

<b><u>Consultation – Governors Meeting Summary</u></b>	
Nature of Consultation:	Proposals to increase the capacity and extend the age range of pupils at Tettenhall Wood School
Date:	21 May 2018
Time:	09:00
Location:	Tettenhall Wood School
Officers in Attendance:	Tom Knott, SEND Commissioning Officer (TK) Nicola Harris, SEND Support Officer (NH) Robin Kalinowski, Building Surveyor (RK)
Number of Governors in attendance:	6

## Summary of Meeting

- TK circulated and presented a briefing paper to Governors providing the background to the proposal, the current school position, an outline of the proposal, and details of the consultation and decision-making process.
- RK provided an overview of the anticipated capital scheme.
- TK welcomed comments and queries from the Governors.
- Governors were advised that that they could either raise comments during this meeting, reply to the survey online or complete consultation response forms.

The following questions and comments were raised by Governors:

- Governors recognised the importance of ensuring adequate provision would be available within the City for children with ASD and felt it was important to support the LA.
- Governors suggested that the LA should have addressed these issues earlier but commended them for now taking action to alleviate the situation.
- Concerns were raised about the possible loss of facilities within the school but Governors welcomed conversations to mitigate the impact of any changes.
- Anxieties were highlighted regarding the impact on existing pupils such as the possible loss of break out space. Governors suggested that the current break out space would need to be retained along with additional space being introduced.
- Governors expressed concerns regarding the consultation with parents/carers and if they would fully understand the impact of the proposed changes particularly where there may be language barriers.
- Governors recognised the benefits to children of entering the school at the age of 4 and reducing transition arrangements.
- Governors sought clarity regarding the financial implications of the scheme and the use of potential savings made from reduced out of City placements.
- It was noted that there were minimal leavers due this academic year which could present sufficiency challenges moving forwards.
- Governors asked about the construction of the Eco-building and the benefits of this method i.e. quicker, cheaper.
- Governors sought clarification on the lifespan of Eco-buildings.
- Governors asked for further clarification on the criteria from Central Government on the Schools Capital Programme Funding and the scope of what these funds can be used for.
- Governors sought information on the procurement process that would be followed for the proposed capital scheme.
- The Headteacher provided clarity to the Governors regarding what the proposals would mean to curriculum pathways.