

## **Full Proposal**

### **Proposal to remove Todmorden High School's Sixth Form**

#### **(alteration of upper age range)**

The Borough Council of Calderdale, The Town Hall, Halifax, HX1 1UJ proposes to discontinue Todmorden High School's Sixth Form Provision, Ewood Lane, Todmorden OL14 7DG on 31 August 2018.

#### **Reason for Closure**

The school governing body has considered detailed financial costs and income for their sixth form. On the basis of those figures the school sixth form is no longer financially sustainable.

#### **Description of alteration and evidence of demand;**

In view of falling pupil numbers

#### **Objectives (including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice);**

Pupils will have an opportunity to express interests in alternative sixth form provision throughout the Borough (or outside of the Borough should this be parental/pupil preference). This will effectively consolidate provision within the area and will make other sixth form provision more sustainable and facilitate greater curriculum choices.

#### **The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area;**

This proposal should have a positive effect for neighbouring providers and should see surplus capacity in other sixth forms filled bringing more financial security to those provisions and facilitating economies of scale and allowing broader curriculum choices for those pupils who might otherwise have chosen Todmorden High School.

#### **Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved;**

The closure would remove the current and projected financial deficits of continuing to run a sixth form with numbers well below 200 pupils that is generally recognised as needed to ensure financial sustainability. Affected staff will be supported by HR to find alternative employment with any final redundancy costs being met by the Local Authority.

**Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation; and**

Implementation of these proposals, should they be adopted, will follow no intake from September 2017 with final closure of Todmorden's Sixth Form following in August 2018 once all current sixth form pupils have completed their education.

**A statement explaining the procedure for responses: support; objections and comments.**

A four-week period for representations will follow the publication of this statutory notice containing this full proposal. Anybody wishing to make representations, either in support or in opposition to these proposals is able to do so by e-mailing:

[cyps.admisssion@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:cyps.admisssion@calderdale.gov.uk)

All submissions will be compiled and presented to Calderdale's Cabinet for consideration. Responses will be considered and a decision on implementation of these proposals will be reached at a future meeting of the Council's Cabinet.