



**Cumbria County Council
Consultation on proposed
changes to Captain Shaw's
and Waberthwaite schools**

Purpose of this event

- To explain:
 - Our proposals and the reasons for them
 - How the council will make the decision
- To listen and note your questions and concerns
- To ensure we understand your views so we can feedback to Councillors

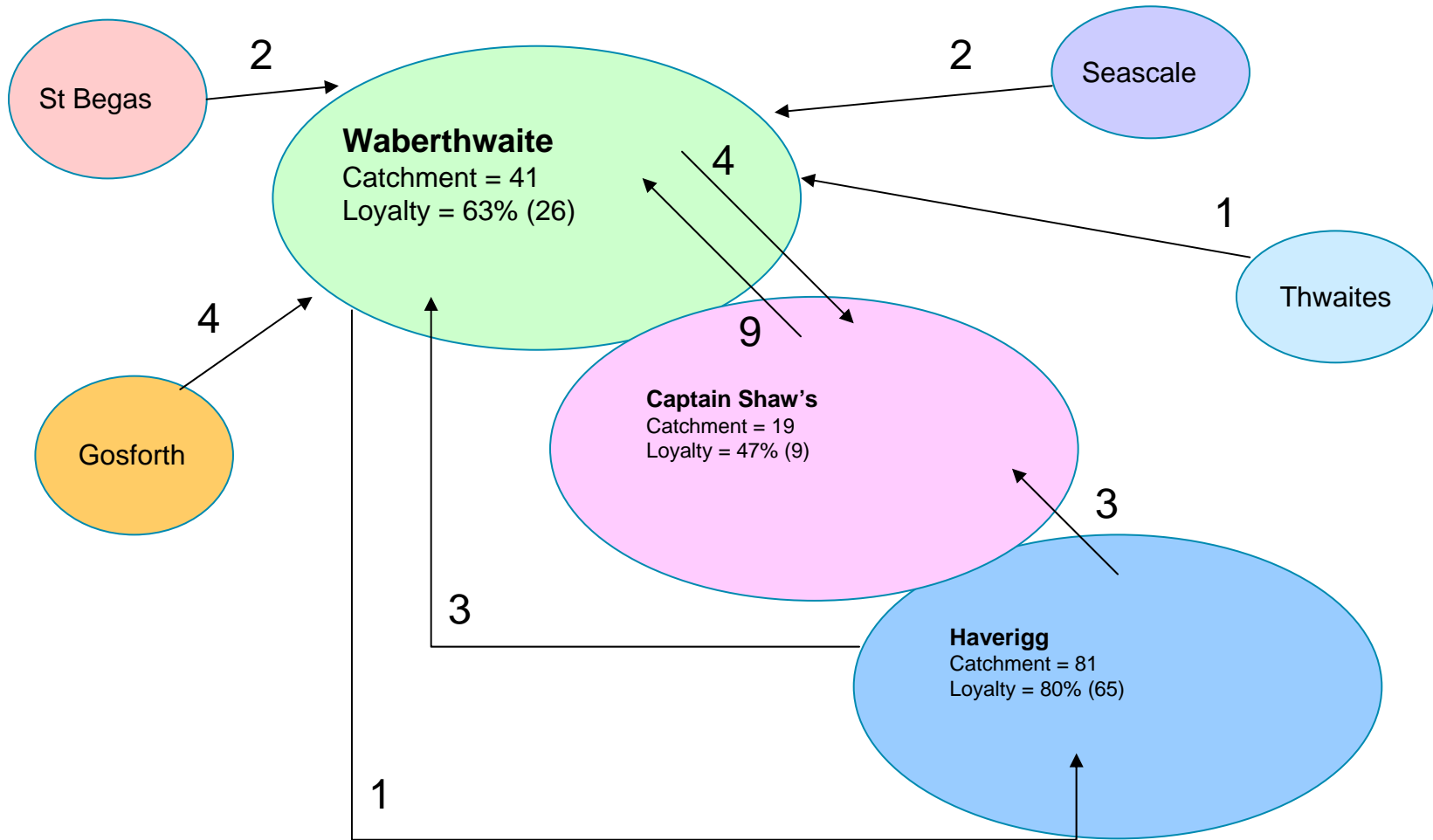
Format of this event

- Aim to cover several topics
 - Pupil numbers: impact of parental preference, birth rates, new housing
 - Impact on school finances
 - Impact on children's education
- Opportunity for discussion after each topic

Pupil numbers

- Reducing roll is the result of fewer children living in the area and parental preferences for other schools
- Potential housing development may increase numbers in Bootle in the future, but scale of development and timescale are not certain
- No planning permission granted and no guarantees yet that sites will be allocated for housing development

Waberthwaite School – Parental Choice



Your views

- Questions and comments

School finances

- School budget directly linked to pupil numbers
- Captain Shaw's has a balanced budget for this year
- Next year and beyond deficit in excess of legal limit
- Next year 94% of Captain Shaw's budget goes on staffing
- No budget line for text books, library books, PE and education equipment, visits or SEN spend

School finances

- Waberthwaite currently has a deficit, but a plan to come out within the next 3 years
- Average cost per pupil in Cumbria £3831
- Average cost per pupil at Captain Shaw's £7460
- Average cost per pupil at Waberthwaite £5552

Your views

- Questions and comments

Educational impact

- Local Authority has closer contact with schools than Ofsted, who inspect only once every 3 years
- Local Authority has expressed concerns around pupils' progress at Captain Shaw's in recent years and provided additional support through literacy consultant
- Opportunities for taking part in, e.g. team games are more limited in very small schools

Educational Impact – KS2

Average Point Score

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Captain Shaw's	27.0	No pupils in KS2	26.4	25.2
Waberthwaite	30.1	28.5	28.5	30.8
National Average	28.0	27.9	27.4	27.5

School Buildings

- Net Capacity at Waberthwaite currently 56
- Some space available within the school which could be used as class base
- Important to understand impacts on the school

Your views

- Questions and comments

Other issues

- Are there other issues that you think Councillors should be aware before they make their decisions?

Next steps

- Consultation ends 16 December
- Cabinet makes decision 12 January
- If agreement, publication of Statutory Notice 27 January 2012
- Final decision 15 March
- Implementation of any changes 31 August 2012

Thank you for coming

- Feedback from this meeting will be reported to Councillors
- Cabinet's decision will be reported in January