

<p align="center">London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham</p> <p align="center">CHILDREN AND EDUCATION POLICY & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">24 April 2017</p>	
<p align="center">SCHOOL ORGANISATION AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY</p>	
<p align="center">Report of the Executive Director of Children’s Services</p>	
<p>Open Report</p>	
<p>Classification: For review and comment Key Decision: No</p>	
<p>Wards Affected: All</p>	
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The draft School Organisation and Investment Strategy 2017 has now been prepared and is submitted for the Committee’s consideration. It is due to be approved by Cabinet on 8 May.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to review and comment on the draft School Organisation and Investment Strategy 2017.

3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

3.1. Background

The School Organisation Strategy was last updated in April 2016. The projections available then indicated that there would be a sufficiency of primary school places for a 10 year period but further secondary school places will be required by 2021. Planned regeneration would absorb surplus primary places over time. The capital programme continued to deliver a number of school expansions originating from earlier strategies.

3.2 Projections

Projections are revised annually, but the overall position noted in 2016 remains the same.

The Council's Local Plan envisages major new housing investment in five regeneration areas, including the Old Oak area which is now under Mayoral control. These have a capacity to deliver up to 37,800 during the plan period of 20 years. The Strategy notes the scale of new school provision likely to be required as a result of these plans. Existing schools will be able to absorb the demand arising from earlier phases and will be reviewed as later phases come on stream.

3.3 School Investment

Schemes to expand primary schools are now mostly complete and no new schemes are planned. Due to demographic changes coinciding with the new additional primary school places becoming available, there is now a surplus of 11% in the North and 15% in the South. In the secondary sector there is a surplus of 13%. However secondary rolls are slowly increasing and demand will match supply in 2021. With several secondary schools being undersubscribed, there are currently no new schemes planned. As the strategy is revised every year, the Council will have sufficient time to plan new provision if required.

The Council has already made a provisional assessment of the number of new places likely to be required as a result of the Old Oak regeneration. New schools will be required as part of the planning process, and will be free schools which are funded by the Education Funding Agency.

The Council is proceeding with the development of a new Alternative Provision academy in collaboration with TBAP at its existing site in Finlay Street, Fulham, together with a free school for post 16 pupils at the adjoining Greswell Street site. This is due for completion at the end of 2019.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Key stakeholders including the Diocesan Authorities, the Education Funding Agency, Tri-Borough forums, and individual schools, are consulted on the development of strategy and on individual proposals.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from these proposals.

- 5.2 *Implications verified/completed by: (David Walker, Head of Legal Services, 020 7361 2211)*

6. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Council has invested the Basic Need grant allocation for the period 2015 to 2017. The Council has been allocated further grant of £568,592 for 2017-2018.

The Council will seek financial contributions from developers of new residential schemes towards the cost of expanding schools. New schools will by law be free schools and funded directly by the Education Funding Agency.

- 6.2 *Implications verified/completed by: (Dave McNamara, Director of Finance, Children's Services, 020 8753 3404)*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT**

None.

LIST OF APPENDICES:

School Organisation and Investment Strategy 2017