

	<p align="center">London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham</p> <p align="center">CABINET</p> <p align="center">30 MARCH 2015</p>
<p>SCHOOL ORGANISATION AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY</p>	
<p>Report of the Executive Director of Children’s Services</p>	
<p>Open Report</p>	
<p>Classification – For approval</p> <p>Key Decision: Yes</p>	
<p>Wards Affected: All</p>	
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. Cabinet is invited to consider the School Organisation and Investment Strategy 2015.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. That the School Organisation and Investment Strategy 2015 be approved.

3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The School Organisation Strategy was last updated in February 2014. The Strategy outlined the programme of capital investment projects which are necessary to meet the need for additional school places.
- 3.2. Significant progress has been made during the year in delivering this programme. In addition, the Council has agreed in principle the development of a new Bi-Borough Alternative Provision Hub School at the

existing site in Finlay Street, Fulham. The new Fulham Boys free school (secondary) opened in September 2014.

3.3 The current projections indicate that this investment is sufficient to comply with the Council's statutory duty to provide school places until 2022 in the primary sector and until 2019 in the secondary sector.

3.4 The Council is currently consulting on the new draft Local Plan which envisages major new housing investment in five regeneration areas. These have a capacity to deliver up to 37,800 new homes during the plan period of 20 years. The revised School Organisation Strategy notes the scale of new school provision likely to be required as a result of these plans, with provisional plans for delivery in the earlier phases.

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, Bi-Borough Head of Legal Services, 0207361 2211)

6. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The Council has not been allocated Basic Need grant for the period 2015 to 2018. This reflects the success of the significant investment from previous allocations, and the contribution to delivery of new school places by new free schools.

8.2 Any potential future schemes are expected to arise as a result of large regeneration projects. These will be eligible for s106 planning contributions, or the Community Infrastructure Levy.

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

9. IMPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS

- 9.1 The proposals will contribute to business sustainability within the Borough by preparing pupils with good levels of educational attainment including secondary schools with a business or technology specialism. This will enable pupils to enter the working environment or further and higher education. The Council is making good progress in reducing the number of young people Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEET), and is also seeking to enhance work experience opportunities for all pupils.

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

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of holder of file/copy	Department/ Location
1.	School Organisation Strategy 2014	Alan Wharton, 020 7641 2911	Children's Services, Kensington Town Hall

LIST OF APPENDICES:

School Organisation and Investment Strategy 2015