

Chairs and Vice Chairs School Governors School Place Planning

Investment in primary and secondary school places

- Paper approved by Cabinet in November on proposed investment programme in primary and secondary school places
- Already had agreement for £40m investment to create 2,520 primary school places (12 FE) – assuming a level of government grant funding
- Paper requested additional investment of c£20m for a further 840 primary places post 2015/16 (4FE) to be considered as part of the council's budget for next year
- Government announcement in Nov on in-year £500m additional funding.
- **However**, December announcement of Capital funding for 2012/13 disappointing for Barnet

Government in year announcement 2011/12

| | Add allocation | Original Basic need allocation |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Redbridge | £28.65m | £9.01m |
| Waltham Forest | £25.02m | £6.82m |
| Brent | £24.82m | £7.41m |
| Barking and Dagenham | £23.91m | £14.24m |
| Newham | £18.02m | £7.10m |
| Hammersmith and Fulham | £15.07m | £4.03m |
| Hounslow | £13.41m | £7.86m |
| Enfield | £10.44m | £5.56m |
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| Greenwich | £4.40m | £9.16m |
| Barnet | £3.31m | £9.47m |
| Haringey | £1.37m | £7.69m |

Capital funding for 2012/13

December announcement

In 2011/12, Barnet was given £9.47m for pupil growth

In 2012/13, this has been reduced £5.4m

No indication of future levels of funding for pupil growth.

Reviewing investment programme in the light of this announcement

Criteria for investment

- Schools have been prioritised for investment based on four criteria:
 - Demand
 - Site and value for money
 - Parental preference
 - Ambition and vision
- So far 6 primary schools have been indentified for permanent expansion: Broadfields, The Orion, Menorah Foundation, St Mary's and St John's, Blessed Dominic and Deansbrook
- Possible new primary school at Mill Hill East (to meet regeneration demand) and a possible primary school in the south of the borough
- All proposals are subject to statutory consultation and planning etc

Temporary bulge classes

- We will continue to need additional bulge classes throughout the entire investment period
- All space needs to be considered
- Pressure now being felt in most parts of the borough
- Pressure building in year 2 and year 3
- Please consider again whether there is any scope within your school

Investment in secondary schools

- Already have funds to expand up to 3 secondary schools. The paper requests a further £14m between 2014/15 to 2016/17 to provide more secondary places.
- Need to start planning for potential new secondary school
- Increasing demand for Special Educational Needs provision and the need to address this.
- Secondary school expansion programme being developed using same four criteria, and will respond to findings from Overview and Scrutiny Panel on Secondary School Places

Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Secondary Place Planning

- Scrutinising secondary school place planning
 - in light of an increasing population
 - concerns from some parents in the south of the borough about limited choice of schools, especially for girls
- Survey of Year 5 parents in Barnet schools to gain a better understanding about parental preferences for secondary school places
- Councillors have been scrutinising data including pupil projections, admissions data etc and hearing evidence from council officers, parents and primary school governors.

Key survey findings

- 255 responses
- Top four parental considerations were:
 - Ofsted rating;
 - Curriculum and facilities;
 - Proximity to home; and
 - Reputation within the community
- A large number of survey participants wanted to see more mixed sex schools, and more non religious schools.
- Also demand for faith schools with 8.2% preferring a Catholic school, 15% a Church of England school, and 13.7% a Jewish school.