

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 identified 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.