

**Meeting of the Executive
Monday 13 November 2006 at 7.00 pm
LIST OF DECISIONS**

PRESENT: Councillor Lorber (Chair), Councillor Blackman (Vice Chair), and Councillors Allie, D Brown, V Brown, Castle, Colwill, O'Sullivan, Van Colle and Wharton.

Councillors Ahmed, Clues, Dunwell, Farrell, Hashmi, Hirani, Jones, Malik and Sneddon also attended the meeting.

ITEM 19

A Strategy for the Development of Primary and Secondary Schools – Options for Delivering Additional School Places

Summary:	This report sets out a summary review of the case for additional primary and secondary school places, and invites Members to agree to consult on a strategy for developing schools particularly with the aim of increasing the supply of school places in the longer term while recommending that for the short to medium term the negotiations with the DfES continue on the development and siting of a proposed second Academy in Brent. It also explores the place of the Building Schools for the Future programme, the Primary Capital Programme (longer term), options for a second Academy (available in the shorter term) and the financing of the development of schools using other DfES, Council and wider resources for example through partnering. While this report does not address the outcomes of the recent review of the Special Education Needs (SEN) sector, Members will be brought up-to-date with the SEN review and also opportunities will be sought for incorporating any needs for SEN in the development of primary and secondary school places.
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the findings the findings set out in the report on the need for additional school places in the Borough be noted; (ii) that the advice in the report on the availability and appropriateness of sites, the affordability of purchasing the sites and the availability of resources in the short term (to 2009) to build new secondary (6FE) and primary (2FE) schools be noted; (iii) that the Director of Children and Families review the forecast need for school places of for 16FE additional primary school places and 6FE additional secondary places by 2009 rising to a total of 16FE additional secondary places by 2016.taking account of the report of the independent review of forecasts already commissioned from a demographics specialist; (iv) that, in light of (iii), the Director of Children and Families review the estimates in para 3.2.3 of his report and the order of investment level required, along with other plans for capital investment across the Council and bring forward proposals for the Council's Capital Programme.; (v) that the £500,000 remaining in the Council's Capital Budget

	<p>for CFD for the expansion of school places (paragraphs 3.5 relates) be allocated as priority as a preliminary resource for full feasibility studies to be carried out as part of an overall business case to produce delivery plan for the expansion of school places across the Borough necessary to meet the projected shortfall; this will be the subject of a further report;</p> <p>(vi) that it be noted that a renewed approach will be made to the DfES with a view to securing capital allocation to fund the business case as it develops;</p> <p>(vii) that it be noted that a further report will be prepared on proposals for an interim arrangement and, subject to resources being identified, for the provision of temporary classroom across a number of schools in order to increase the supply of school places in the short or immediate term particularly where demand is immediately acute;</p> <p>(viii) that a further report be submitted on the matter of consultation with all appropriate stakeholders on the overall strategy for the development of schools with particular emphasis on the relevant school organisation implications contained in this report;</p> <p>(ix) that approval be given to the establishment of a Member/officer Project Board to oversee the development and, subsequently, the delivery of the Development Strategy;</p> <p>(x) that officers be requested to examine the feasibility of developing the Gwenneth Rickus Building as a secondary school by relocating the Teachers' Centre and amalgamating adjacent land holdings;</p> <p>(xi) that the Director of Children and Families reports further on options for scheduling the provision of capacity to meet the forecast of demand for both primary and secondary places;</p> <p>(xii) that the Director of Children and Families report on the prioritisation of options for expanding the capacity of existing primary schools, taking account of the scale of work required and their location in relation to demand.</p>
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