

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide to the Scrutiny Committee the outcomes of further tests on the projections of school rolls recently submitted to the Executive on the 13th of November 2006.
- 1.2 This paper concentrates on roll projections in the primary sector. The outcomes of these tests do not undermine the projected shortfall at secondary level reported as a shortfall of 6FE for 2009.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The tests confirm broadly that, including level of planning margin at between 5-10%, there is a projected shortfall of between 7FE and 13FE by 2016.

ROLL PROJECTIONS IN PRIMARY SECTOR

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Year – January	Reception school roll projections 2006	Revised population figures	Revised reception rolls	Shortfall in Capacity	Shortfall in Capacity
2003	3005	3,374	3,005		
2004	2862	3,429	2,862		
2005	3023	3,464	3,023		
2006	2954	3,417	2,954		
2007	3005	3,583	3,005		
2008	3573	3,753	3,200	5.3	11.5
2009	3560	3,790	3,232	6.4	12.7
2010	3544	3,815	3,253	7.1	13.5
2011	3538	3,815	3,253	7.1	13.5
2012	3518	3,815	3,253	7.1	13.5
2013	3502	3,815	3,253	7.1	13.5
2014	3492	3,815	3,253	7.1	13.5
2015	3477	3,815	3,253	7.1	13.5
2016	3463	3,815	3,253	7.1	13.5
				5%	10%

Notes

- The population figures used for the 2006 roll projections have been revised to meet a deficiency identified in the ONS population projections i.e. the step change between 2006 and 2007. Health warning -this revision has yet to be checked with the ONS.
- This leads to a revision downwards in the Year R reception figures (Column D).

3. In the time available it has not been possible to check future birth rates etc hence constant figures from 2010.
4. Column ~~A~~^E estimates the shortfall in capacity in FE working on a 5% surplus (assumes current YR capacity is 3210 as provided by KMc)
5. Column ~~F~~^E estimates the shortfall in capacity in FE working on a 10% surplus.
6. My 2005 report on primary provision estimated using previous GLA figures that there would be a shortfall of 8.9FE in 2015 which took into account the extra 1FE at Wembley Primary.
7. It is noted that there were 3438 applications for the 3210 Year R places in Brent in September 2006. This needs further analysis. Would more of those pupils have entered Brent schools if places were available in schools of their choice?

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