

Briefing notes on Issues included in the Forward Plan Issue 2005/06

Forward Plan Select Committee – 27th October 2005

SERVICE AREA: Children and Families

Report ref	Report title
	Alperton Community School : Application to Dispose of School Land (Executive 14 November 2005)
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Governing Body of Alperton Community School (Foundation) have sought the Secretary of State's consent (under Paragraph 1 (2) of Schedule 22 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for disposing of their land at Woodside Close (between Woodside Avenue, Woodside Close and Woodside Place) – see site plan enclosed as Appendix . In seeking her consent, the School have stated that they wish to use the proceeds of the disposal to fund the building of a new sixth form facility at the school. Before announcing her decision, the Secretary of State wishes to take into account the views of the Local Authority and to establish whether it requires part of or whole of the proceeds of disposal, in line with Schedule 22, 1(3), (b).</p> <p>The Report to Executive on 14 November 2005 sets out the Local Authority's position and seeks the approval of the Executive for the Council to confirm that it has no need for this site and that therefore it has no objection to the disposal of the land provided that the capital proceeds are invested back in the school.</p> <p>The land in question has limited value given the site restrictions in respect of site access (entry to and egress from the site).</p>	
<p>Nature of Decision to be taken/Intended Outcome</p> <p>The Executive will be requested to consider directing officers to confirm to the Secretary of State for Education and Skills that the Council has no need for the School site at Woodside Avenue, Alperton ("Site") and that therefore the Secretary of State may consider granting consent to the Governing Body of Alperton Community School (Foundation) for the disposal of the Site on the condition that the whole proceeds of the disposal are re-invested in the school.</p>	

Timescale for decision:

The DfES wrote to the Council on behalf of the Secretary of State in January 2005 seeking the Council's response by the end of February 2005. The Council has been exploring some of the other needs the Council has for accommodation testing this site against those needs.

The School await the Council's decision so as to enable it to dispose of the site and re-invest the proceeds.

A decision is therefore required on 14 November 2005.

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