



**Forward Plan Select Committee  
6 January 2010**

**Report from the Director of Children and  
Families**

For Action

Wards Affected: All

**Report Title: Transforming Learning in Brent (BSF)**

## **1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 The Council has been engaged with the entry process for BSF for over a year now and on the 30 November 2009 it received the very welcome news that Brent is now successfully on programme and will be formally starting before 1 April 2010.
- 1.2 BSF is an ambitious and far-reaching long-term change programme. It offers local authorities in England a once in a generation opportunity to transform educational provision and significantly improve educational outcomes and life chances of children, young people and families.
- 1.3 BSF has the primary focus of achieving a step change transformation in educational outcomes for children. Although BSF must deliver state of the art buildings and link into regeneration, sports and community strategies it is first and foremost a catalyst for delivering transformational learning.

## **2.0 Next Steps**

- 2.1 Partnership for Schools, the government agency responsible for delivering BSF, met with the Council on the 18 December 2009. This included a review of our submission document (Readiness to Deliver) and set out actions we need to undertake in preparation of the important Remit Meeting which will take place sometime in January.
- 2.2 The Remit meeting is expected to involve Partnership for Schools and the Council's Chief executive and results in a formal agreement being reached between PfS and the Council setting out PfS expectations regarding outputs and outcomes from our BSF programme. The Council will have to

sign up to certain expected outcomes which are influenced by ministerial priorities around attainment, inclusion and community engagement amongst other areas.

- 2.3 Following on from the Remit meeting the council will have to develop its next submission setting out its Strategy for Change. This is expected to be required during the spring of 2010 and once approved would allow the Council to develop its Outline Business case. Appendix A sets out a provisional timetable for Brent's BSF programme.
- 2.4 All secondary schools are currently working on developing their school Strategy for Change documents with support from the Council and from the National College for School Leadership.

### **3.0 Brent's First Phase**

- 3.1 BSF is delivered in phases and the Council's agreed first phase is as follows:
- **Alperton:** 100% rebuild with an expansion of 1FE on a single site as an all through school with a 2FE primary school
  - **Cardinal Hinsley:** 100% rebuild with an extra 1FE
  - **Queens Park:** Refurbishment and remodelling with an expansion of 2FE
  - **Copland:** 100% rebuild
- 3.2 The phasing and prioritisation of schools followed PfS guidance and expectations and was based on a transparent and objective basis. The basis was consulted on with all secondary schools and was based on need as measured by attainment levels and deprivation.
- 3.3 Funding of around £80m will be provided by the Government to deliver phase 1. The anticipated cost of phase 1 is currently expected to be around £94m and the Council has a robust strategy in place to fund the £14m gap primarily from asset sales from the first phase schools.
- 3.4 At this stage it is not certain when funding for the next phases will become available.

### **4.0 Project Initiation Document (PID)**

- 4.1 The PID sets out the key elements of our BSF Programme including the following details:
- Project Scope
  - Governance details
  - Timelines and programme plan
  - Resource requirements

- Objectives
- Outcomes and targets

4.2 The report to Executive is aimed at providing an update on the latest stage reached and the details of the programme as set out in the PID.

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