

## Children & Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Report from the Director of Children & Families and The Director of Regeneration & Major Projects

For Action

Wards Affected: ALL

## Report Title: Strategy to provide school places in Brent up to 2014/15

## 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The attached report, prepared jointly by the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects and the Director of Children and Families was taken to the Council's Executive Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2011. The recommendations were agreed by Executive.
- 1.2 The report describes the severe shortage of primary school places and the limited resources currently available to the Council to address the shortfall. The report sets out the options for dealing with the increased demand for places in both the short and medium term.

## 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to
  - 2.1.1 Note the ongoing pressure in providing sufficient primary school places.
  - 2.1.2 Note the resources available through government capital grant funding.
  - 2.1.3 Endorse the need for a co-ordinated lobbying campaign to highlight the nature and scale of the challenge faced.
  - 2.1.4 Note the short-term and medium term action proposed in responding to the increasing demand for school places.
- 3.0 Detail
- 3.1 The detail is set out in the attached Executive report dated 17.8.11.

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