



**Children and Families
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

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Report from the Director of Children and Families

For information

Wards Affected: All

Transforming Learning in Brent (BSF)

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Building Schools for the Future (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.
- 1.2 BSF has one primary focus which is to achieve 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. Although the expectation from central government departments is that BSF will now deliver more than just transforming learning but also play an important part in transforming communities.
- 1.3 Partnership for Schools (PfS) officially launched Brent into the BSF programme on 2nd March 2010. Their strategy for change needs to be submitted to PfS by 14 September 2010.

2.0 Next Steps

- 2.1 Discussions regarding a Joint LEP procurement with Barnet and Enfield have been undertaken. These have resulted in the Joint LEP with Barnet and Enfield not being taken forward- further detail can be provided on the background if required. A paper is to be presented to Executive in June on the possibility of undertaking a joint procurement with other authorities in the BSF programme.

2.2 External advisers are being procured to support Brents BSF programme in relation to: technical advice (including FM and ICT), finance, partnering and legal. These appointments will be along the line of the scope of service set by PfS for the national BSF programme.

2.3 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

This is to be ratified by the external adviser team once in place.

3.2 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. There is a strategy in place to fund the £14m gap and this will be reviewed and ratified by the external advisers once appointed.

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