

## PROFORMA

### REFERRAL OF A KEY DECISION TO THE SCRUTINY AND STRATEGIC OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

For the attention of: Trevor Harness & Julie Belvir,  
Democratic & Legal Services Division

Meeting: **Cabinet Meeting**

Meeting Date: **17<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

Agenda Item No: **AGENDA ITEM 7: EDUCATION ESTATES STRATEGY UPDATE**

The Cabinet **RESOLVED**:

- 1.1 To note the demand update and the Council's success in securing £63M over two years from the DfE towards the estates programme.
- 1.2 To note the outcomes of the consultations regarding proposals to establish by September 2014, ~~a new primary school in South Croydon, (Haling Road)~~; and a new secondary school in South Norwood – Arena/CALAT- sites and agree to proceed to the feasibility stage – application for planning permission and development of detailed design plans to establish those schools.
- 1.3 To agree to the proposed supply strategies for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 education years and proceed with a statutory consultation for permanent expansions and new schools as follows:
  - ~~Permanent expansions at Kingsley~~
    - New schools on the following sites: site adjacent to Spices Yard, Westways House, 843 London Road, Victoria House, SeGAS House, and a site near to West Thornton Primary Academy\*.
- ~~1.4 To delegate to the Cabinet member for Children, Families and Learning (CFL) and the Executive Director for CFL the decision, in the light of the first stage of statutory consultation, on whether to publish statutory notice for the permanent school expansion and the final number and placing of bulge classes needed.~~
- ~~1.5 To note that the Leader has delegated the decision to the Lead Member to proceed with the consultation on establishing a resource base for pupils with aspergers syndrome at Courtwood Primary School for Sept-2014, and depending on the results, to proceed to statutory notice (one of the provisions agreed in principle through the July 2011 Cabinet report on provision for pupils with special educational needs).~~

The undersigned are only calling in those parts of the recommendations that are not struck through. The part of the recommendations that are being called in are:

- 1.6 To note the demand update and the Council's success in securing £63M over two years from the DfE towards the estates programme.
- 1.7 To note the outcomes of the consultations regarding proposals to establish by September 2014, a new secondary school in South Norwood – Arena/CALAT- sites and agree to proceed to the feasibility stage – application

for planning permission and development of detailed design plans to establish those schools.

1.8 To agree to the proposed supply strategies for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 education years and proceed with a statutory consultation for permanent expansions and new schools as follows:

- New schools on the following sites: site adjacent to Spices Yard, Westways House, 843 London Road, Victoria House, SeGAS House, and a site near to West Thornton Primary Academy\*.

**Reasons for referral:**

- i) The decision is outside of the Policy Framework: Yes
- ii) The decision is inconsistent with the budget: Yes
- iii) The decision is inconsistent with another Council Policy: Yes
- iv) Other: Please specify:

- Lack of detailed information provided at the Cabinet Meeting to justify the decisions made.
- Public concern in the South Norwood area over the Calat/Arena Secondary School Proposals.
- Implication of recommendation on Ryelands Primary School
- Lack of certainty that Schools are being provided in the in the areas of Croydon with the greatest needs
- Concerns about the financial impact of provision of new schools

**The outcome desired:**

- To understand the underlying causes of increase in pupil numbers.
- To understand where in Croydon school places are needed at both primary school level and secondary school level.
- To understand the justifications why each proposed site was chosen.
- To understand the implications for Council's capital and revenue budgets
- To give local communities a voice the setting up if proposed new schools
- To assess whether the proposed sites are the best sites available for new school places

**Information required to assist the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee to consider the referral:**

- 1) Information on where in Croydon is the greatest demand for primary and secondary school places
- 2) Explanation for the growth in pupil numbers
- 3) Information on all possible school sites, both council and non-council owned, and why they weren't considered
- 4) List of all Council owned land which are of a size to hold either a primary or secondary school
- 5) Update from a planning officer on the planning issues regarding Arena/CALAT, site adjacent to Spices Yard, Westways House, 843 London Road, Victoria House, SeGAS House, and a site near to West Thornton Primary Academy\*.
- 6) Review of the accuracy of the forecasts made in the Education Estates Needs Analysis reported to Transforming Croydon Schools (TCS) Sept 2010

<http://www.croydon.gov.uk/contents/documents/meetings/806358/809905/919094/2010-09-21/tcs20100921educationstatesneedsanalysis.pdf> and the current proposed supply strategies for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 education years

- 7) Financial briefing on capital and revenue implications of new build programme
- 8) Information on staffing implications on growth in number of teachers needed to meet growth in pupil numbers and increase in schools.
- 9)

Signed: Sean Fitzsimons,

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013

Member of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Children & Young People Sub-Committee