

Council, Tuesday 8 September 2009

Motion 3.3 – School Building: Councillor Daniel Webb

(i) Amendment: Councillor Ansuya Sodha

Delete all and replace with:

“Council welcomes the continued investment in Barnet schools from this Labour government and notes that excellent progress has been made on the Primary School Capital Investment Programme (PSCIP).

Barnet primary schools have received the following government funding included in the PSCIP programme:

Targeted DCSF capital grant (£34.5m),
Primary Capital Programme (PCP) (£11m)
Basic Need (£6m), and modernisation funding (£0.5m)

Council congratulates the Major Projects Team on their management of the programme which has ensured that the new Whittings Hill School is delivered on time and on budget. The new school has the latest environmentally friendly design, a swimming pool, outstanding educational facilities and has already become a local landmark.

Council also welcomes the recently announced £80 million government funding for the redevelopment of six secondary schools in the Borough from Labour’s Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme, and regrets that the Conservative party is committed to cutting £4.5 billion from that funding programme.

Council calls on Cabinet to continue to develop the PSCIP programme and to continue to explore innovative ways of redeveloping Barnet’s primary and secondary schools. Council further asks Cabinet to work with the DCFS (Department for Children, Schools and Families) to ensure that Barnet has the freedom to apply its proven and successful approach to school building to the redevelopment of local secondary schools.”

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.