Council, 8 September 2009

Motion 3.3: Councillor Daniel Webb

School Building

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.

Council notes that excellent progress has been made on the Primary School Capital Investment Programme (PSCIP).

Council congratulates the Major Projects Team on their management of the programme which has ensured that the new Whitings 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 welcomes the government's acknowledgment that Barnet has the skills and expertise to deliver major education projects, demonstrated by the recent, if belated, award of some funding for the redevelopment of six secondary schools.

Council calls on Cabinet to continue to develop the PSCIP programme and to continue to explore innovative ways of redeveloping Barnet's primary 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.