

School Places Planning Task and Finish Group – Cabinet, 3 February 2010

Recommendation to Cabinet (accepted)	Status	Information	Contact Officer
<p>Whilst recognising the necessity of temporary expansions on occasion, that the authority commit to deliver School expansions on a permanent basis when possible.</p>	<p>Green</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Resolution</u>: “That, whilst recognising the necessity of temporary expansions on occasion, the authority commit to deliver school expansions on a permanent basis when possible.”</p> <p><u>Update October 2010</u>: A report was taken to Cabinet in September 2010 setting out the medium-term strategy for meeting the demand for primary school places, primarily through permanent expansions, where funding allows. The government is currently reviewing.</p> <p><u>Update February 2011</u>: A statutory proposal to permanently expand Broadfields Primary School was agreed by Cabinet in November 2010. Barnet has been allocated £9.5m of Basic Need funding for 2011/12 for all state funded schools as part of the Government’s capital funding allocation. Plans are being developed to permanently increase primary school capacity in line with the investment strategy agreed by Cabinet in September 2010.</p> <p><u>Update August 2011</u>: A presentation was given to primary heads about the four criteria which will be used to identify the most appropriate schools to expand, and heads were asked to indicate whether expansion fits with the vision for their schools. The next tranche of activity is likely to commence in the autumn.</p> <p><u>Update July 2012</u>: Permanent expansion of primary school provision in the Colindale area was agreed in September 2011. This included resources for the permanent expansion of The Orion from 2 to 4FE on a new site at Grahame Park Way, which, following consultation, was agreed in January 2012, and to expand Blessed Dominic.</p>	<p>Elaine Tuck, Strategy and Planning Manager, Children’s Services</p>

		<p>The proposed phasing of primary school expansions and investment strategy to meet demand for secondary school places was agreed at Cabinet in November 2011, and resources have been committed in the Medium Term Financial Strategy to finance this. Statutory consultation has now been carried out on proposed expansions at Moss Hall Infant and Junior schools, Brunswick Park, Martin, Menorah Foundation and St Mary's and St John's schools. A new school is proposed at Mill Hill East to meet the needs of the new community, and a local process for this has been agreed at Cabinet Resources Committee.</p>	
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<p>That the authority seek to support the expansion of oversubscribed voluntary aided schools where possible, and subject to planning consent. The Group wishes to state its support for the expansion of Akiva School in particular, subject to planning consent.</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Resolution</u>: “That the authority seek to support the expansion of oversubscribed voluntary aided schools where possible, and subject to planning consent.”</p> <p><u>Additional Cabinet Comment</u>: “Cabinet generally endorsed the recommendations of the Group, but whilst supporting expansion of oversubscribed voluntary aided schools in principle, did not agree that specific schools should be singled out for support as any individual proposal would need to undergo appraisal against a range of relevant criteria.”</p> <p><u>Update October 2010</u>: Voluntary aided schools are being considered alongside community schools for potential expansion, and discussions will be held with relevant diocesan boards when more information has been received as to the funding that will be available to Barnet for school expansions. The LA had earmarked funding for the expansion of Akiva School, but Governors subsequently decided not to proceed with the expansion. A number of Free Schools are planning to open in or near Barnet, including two Jewish schools, which will contribute to the number of faith school places available to Barnet residents.</p> <p><u>Update February 2011</u>: A statutory proposal to permanently expand Broadfields Primary School was agreed by Cabinet in November 2010. Barnet has been allocated £9.5m of Basic Need funding for 2011/12 for all state funded schools as part of the Government’s capital funding allocation. Plans are being developed to permanently increase primary school capacity in line with the investment strategy agreed by Cabinet in September 2010.</p> <p><u>Update August 2011</u>: A new Free School Etz Chaim is on track to open in</p>	<p>Elaine Tuck, Strategy and Planning Manager, Children’s Services</p>

		<p>September 2011. Plans are to further permanently expand primary capacity in the borough are being progressed.</p> <p><u>Update July 2012:</u> As set out in the November 2011 paper to Cabinet, parental preference is one of the four key criteria taken into account when deciding which schools to permanently expand. To help meet demand for voluntary aided schools it is proposed to expand St Mary's and St John's (Church of England) and Blessed Dominic (Catholic). It is also proposed to permanently expand Menorah Foundation (Jewish).</p>	
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<p>That the authority continues to monitor closely the efficacy of the GLA model for demand projection, with this information reported to Members.</p>	<p>Green</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Resolution</u>: “That the authority continues to monitor closely the efficacy of the GLA model for demand projection, with this information reported to members.”</p> <p><u>Update October 2010</u>: Updated GLA roll projections are monitored frequently and it is proposed to take an update paper to Children’s Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2010 to examine the accuracy of the latest projections.</p> <p><u>Update February 2011</u>: A paper on the accuracy of school roll projections went to Children’s Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2010. The accuracy of school roll projections continues to be monitored, and is currently being analysed against the latest January Census of pupil numbers in Barnet.</p> <p><u>Update August 2011</u>: Several boroughs and the GLA met to develop further improvements to the projection model. GLA officers also came to Barnet to understand how projections are applied to school place planning in the borough.</p> <p><u>Update July 2012</u>: LBB Officers continue to monitor the accuracy of GLA projections and sense check this against birth projections and other data. As a result of working with the GLA last autumn, projections have been refined to include high and low fertility options and a zero development option. This allows for a greater range of scenarios to be planned for.</p>	<p>Elaine Tuck, Strategy and Planning Manager, Children’s Services</p>