

Supply of Secondary School Places, Cabinet, 20 February 2012			
Recommendation to Cabinet (accepted)	Status (RAG)	Information	Contact Officers
<p>Key:  Green – fully implemented  Amber – partially implemented  Red – no progress or significant delay in implementation</p>			
<p><u>Recommendation One</u>  Increasing demand for secondary school places be addressed initially by seeking to permanently expand successful and popular schools that are able to provide additional places.</p>	<p><b>Green</b></p>	<p><u>Cabinet resolution:</u>  Agree the recommendations made by the Supply of Secondary School Places Overview and Scrutiny Panel, as referred to Cabinet by the Business Management Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p><u>Update October 2012</u>  As set out in recommendation two, Compton, Christ's College and Cophall are, in partnership with the Council, proposing to permanently expand to provide additional secondary school places. In addition, the Council has worked closely with the Church of England Diocese on plans to close St Mary's High School and to expand the popular St Mary's and St John's primary school into an all-through school. A report on investment in school places going to Cabinet in November 2012 confirms the Council's on-going commitment to seek to permanently expand successful and popular schools able to provide additional places.</p> <p>In addition, the council has worked closely with the Church of England Diocese on plans to close St Mary's High School and to expand the popular St Mary's and St John's primary into an all-through school, which is scheduled to open in Sept 2014 to provide an additional 120 places.</p> <p>A report in investment in school places went to Cabinet in November 2012 confirming the Council's on-going commitment to seek to permanently expand successful and popular schools able to provide</p>	<p>Chris Kiernan /  Caylin Joski-Jethi –  Children's Service</p>

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	<p>additional places.</p> <p><u>Update April 2013</u> As part of the permanent expansion of The Compton, Christ's College and Copthall, Christ's College has accepted applications for an additional 30 students to start in Sept 2013 while Copthall is scheduled to provide an additional 30 places in Sept 2014. Planning Permission has been granted for the proposals at The Compton and Christ's College. The planning application for proposals at Copthall has recently been submitted.</p> <p><u>Update December 2013</u> The building work required to permanently expand The Compton and Christ College have begun, with both schools taking an additional 30 students (60 students in total) ahead of the completion of the works.</p> <p>As part of the permanent expansion of The Compton, Christ's College and Copthall, The Compton has taken an additional 30 students in September 2012 and September 2013; Christ's College has accepted applications for an additional 30 students to start in September 2013.</p> <p>Planning Permission has been granted for the expansions at The Compton, Christ's College and Copthall. The planning application to permanently expand Copthall resulted in a challenge from Transport for London (TfL) concerning the way in which the additional pupils would travel to school. A financial contribution has been agreed with TfL and planning permission has now been granted. The building work of the Copthall expansion will continue as planned. However, the first intake of additional 30 students is expected to be delayed to September 2015 due to the existing surplus capacity at secondary across the Borough.</p>	
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<p><u>Recommendation</u> <u>Two</u> Cabinet to recognise the need to meet the demand for non-denominational and co-educational school places in the East Finchley and Garden Suburb areas and instruct the Children's Service to develop potential solutions to meet this demand. The details of these potential solutions will be reported to the Scrutiny panel.</p>	<p><b>Green</b></p>	<p><u>Cabinet resolution:</u> Agree the recommendations made by the Supply of Secondary School Places Overview and Scrutiny Panel, as referred to Cabinet by the Business Management Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p><u>Update October 2012</u> The Compton, Christ's College and Copthall are, in partnership with the Council, proposing to permanently expand. The aim is for each school to permanently expand by 30 places each year, starting with The Compton in September 2012, Christ's College in 2013 and Copthall in 2014. The (now expanded) Compton has allocated a fixed number of places to named feeder primary schools in the N2 and N3 postcode areas. Christ's College and Copthall (single sex schools) are working together to offer places to siblings from each other's school. This will help to provide additional non-denominational places for pupils of both sexes in the East Finchley area.</p> <p>A free school proposal for a new non-denominational and coeducational secondary school (the Archer Academy) has been agreed by Government to open in September 2013. Barnet Council is supportive of the development of free schools to meet local requirements where there is evidence of demand, a robust business case and available property, and is working with the proposers as they prepare to join the Barnet family of schools.</p> <p><u>Update April 2013</u> Christ's College has accepted an additional 30 students for September 2013 and Copthall is expected to admit an additional 30 students for 2014. The Compton has allocated a fixed number of places to named feeder primary schools in the N2 and N3 postcode areas. Christ's College and Copthall (single-sex schools) are working together to offer places to siblings from each other's school to help provide additional non-</p>	<p>Chris Kiernan / Caylin Joski-Jethi – Children's Service</p>
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		<p>denominational places for pupils of both sexes in the East Finchley area.</p> <p>The Archer Academy, a new non-denominational and co-educational secondary free school, has a site located in East Finchley and has appointed a head teacher. They have received 314 applications for Sept 2013, with 150 places on offer. Barnet Council is supportive of the development of free schools to meet local requirements where there is evidence of demand, a robust business case and available property.</p> <p><u>Update December 2013</u> Christ's College has accepted an additional 30 students for September 2013 and Copthall is expected to admit an additional 30 students for 2015. The Compton has allocated a fixed number of places to named feeder primary schools in the N2 and N3 postcode areas. Christ's College and Copthall (single-sex schools) are working together to offer places to siblings from each other's school to help provide additional non-denominational places for pupils of both sexes in the East Finchley area.</p> <p>The Archer Academy, a new non-denominational and co-educational secondary free school, opened in September 2013 in a site in East Finchley. The majority of students are Barnet residents and the school is currently full. Barnet Council is supportive of the development of free schools to meet local requirements where there is evidence of demand, a robust business case and available property.</p>	
<p><u>Recommendation</u> <u>Three</u> Cabinet remains committed to developing a new relationship with schools to ensure that</p>	<p><b>Green</b></p>	<p><u>Cabinet resolution:</u> Agree the recommendations made by the Supply of Secondary School Places Overview and Scrutiny Panel, as referred to Cabinet by the Business Management Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p><u>Update October 2012</u> To strengthen the engagement of heads in place planning and ensure</p>	<p>Chris Kiernan / Caylin Joski-Jethi – Children's Service</p>

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<p>there is a continued dialogue with Barnet's family of schools and faith bodies, enabling the council to continue to influence school place planning and continually raise standards across the schools community.</p>		<p>continued dialogue on strategic issues, two groups have been set up. A Capital and Place Planning Group to act as a consultation forum on capital investment, school catchment changes and strategic admissions issues; and the Barnet Education Forum to discuss the implications of national developments for the Barnet partnership of schools and, through mutual challenge and support, develop a shared framework/education strategy within which schools, colleges and the local authority can continue to improve outcomes for children and young people. School place planning also continues to be a regular agenda item at meetings with heads and governors.</p> <p><u>Update April 2013</u> The Capital and Place Planning group and the Barnet Education Forum continue to run on a regular basis and receive positive feedback. School place planning continues to be a regular agenda item at meetings with heads and governors. A pilot 'Local Headteacher Planning Group' was trialled in January 2013 offering head teachers in a defined area the opportunity to discuss school place planning on a local level. Due to the positive response, the council is running an all-day session in April 2013 offering an opportunity for local heads to meet in planning area groups to discuss local school planning issues.</p> <p><u>Update December 2013</u> The Capital and Place Planning Group and the Barnet Education Forum continue to run on a regular basis and receive positive feedback. School place planning continues to be a regular agenda item at meetings with heads and governors. From these meetings a number of schools suggested school sites that may be suitable for temporary/permanent expansions. Site visits are currently under way to inform site suitability and value for money. The results of these visits will be combined with the application data to identify the most appropriate sites for temporary</p>	
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		<p>expansions for 2014 and inform the next round of permanent expansions for the Primary Phase.</p> <p>An expansion of the pilot 'Local Head Teacher Planning Groups' took place for all planning areas on 5 November 2013, specifically to understand the issues schools faced locally with bulge classes, and address the need for primary bulge classes in 2014/15. Feedback from the meeting was positive and a number of potential solutions identified at this meeting are being investigated.</p>	
<p><u>Recommendation</u> <u>Four</u></p> <p>Cabinet are requested to consider developing opportunities to improve facilities for vocational education and training to strengthen the diversity of provision in Barnet.</p>	<p><b>Amber</b></p>	<p><u>Cabinet Resolution:</u> Agree the recommendations made by the Supply of Secondary School Places Overview and Scrutiny Panel, as referred to Cabinet by the Business Management Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p><u>Update October 2012</u> The council is continuing to explore the potential to develop a studio school to widen the breadth of provision in Barnet. Identifying an appropriate and suitable site within the borough remains a challenge. A partnership with Barnet and Southgate College and Dimensions has led to a new Employment pathways programme for young people with Learning Difficulties.</p> <p>Meanwhile the council has launched a new service to offer 16-24 year olds who are not in education, training or employment careers support, training, internships, paid placements and apprenticeships.</p> <p><u>Update April 2013</u> A partnership with Barnet and Southgate College and Dimensions has created a new Employment pathways programme for young people with learning difficulties.</p>	<p>Chris Kiernan / Elaine Runswick – Children's Service</p>

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	<p>In June 2012, the council launched the 'Platforms' service to offer 16-24 year olds who are not in education, training or employment careers support, training, internships, paid placements and apprenticeships. £200,000 has been invested to continue the most successful elements into 2013/14.</p> <p>A new collaborative programme with six schools and Barnet and Southgate has been developed for non A Level learners who would want to make a transition to a Further Education College at the end of year 12.</p> <p>An Apprenticeship Club has been established in four schools to help prepare young people for the world of work.</p> <p>Further work is underway in order to submit a bid to open a Studio School although finding suitable accommodation remains a challenge</p> <p><u>Update December 2013</u> The Employment Pathways Programme with Barnet and Southgate College and Dimensions has had good outcomes. A workshop has been arranged to evaluate the programme and to embed the provision using core funding.</p> <p>The Collaborative Sixth Form between Barnet and Southgate College and four secondary schools opened in September with 15 young people from Hendon, Mill Hill, East Barnet and St. James Secondary School. The areas of specialism are plumbing and media. It is the intention to extend the programme for 2014/15 and five additional schools attended the first planning session held in November.</p> <p>A post-16 options event for young people and parents with a special focus on Apprenticeships was held in November. A range of employers, training providers and FE Colleges provided information and workshops covering</p>	
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<p><u>Recommendation Five</u> Cabinet instruct the local authority to undertake work on finding more suitable accommodation for the Pupil Referral Unit.</p>	<p><b>Amber</b></p>	<p><u>Cabinet Resolution:</u> Agree the recommendations made by the Supply of Secondary School Places Overview and Scrutiny Panel, as referred to Cabinet by the Business Management Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p><u>Update October 2012</u> The search for an appropriate site for the relocation of the Pupil Referral Unit has not yet yielded any viable options. The search is continuing.</p> <p><u>Update April 2013</u> DfE have accepted all of the recommendations from the Taylor report concerning alternative provision. The council is consulting secondary headteachers about future provision including the future of the pupil referral unit.</p> <p><u>Update December 2013</u> Council Officers have been working with Secondary Headteachers and the Headteachers and Governors of the borough's 3 PRU's, towards their forming an Alternative Provision Multi-Academy Trust. The existing site of the Pavilion Study Centre is currently being explored to assess its suitability to provide space for the newly built provision.</p>	<p>Chris Kiernan – Children's Service</p>