

DELEGATED POWERS REPORT NO.

1681

SUBJECT: Applications for 16-19 Demographic Growth Capital Fund

Control sheet

**All of the following actions MUST be completed at each stage of the process and the signed and dated report MUST be passed to the Governance Service for publishing**

<b>All reports</b>		
1. Governance Service receive draft report	Name of GSO Date	Andrew Charlwood 24/05/2012
2. Governance Service cleared draft report as being constitutionally appropriate	Name of GSO Date	Andrew Charlwood 24/05/2012
3. Finance clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of Finance officer Date	Kerry-Anne Smith 29/05/12
4. Staff and other resources issues clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of Resource officer Date	Rena Abraham 01/06/12
5. Strategic Procurement clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of SPO Date	Lesley Meeks 06/06/12
6. Legal clearance obtained from ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of Legal officer Date	Phillipa Dieobi 30/05/12
7. Policy & Partnerships clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of P&P officer Date	Andrew Nathan 24/05/12
8. Equalities & Diversity clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of officer Date	Andrew Nathan 24/05/12
9. The above process has been checked and verified by Director, Head of Service or Deputy	Name Date	Jay Mercer 06/06/12
10. Signed & dated report, <u>scanned or hard copy</u> received by Governance Service for publishing	Name of GSO Date	Andrew Charlwood 07/06/2012
11. Report published by Governance Service to website	Name of GSO Date	Andrew Charlwood 07/06/2012
12. Head of Service informed report is published	Name of GSO Date	Andrew Charlwood 07/06/2012
<b>Key decisions only:</b>		
13. Expiry of call-in period	Date	N/A
14. Report circulated for call-in purposes to Business Management OSC members & copied to Cabinet Members & Head of Service	Name of GSO Date	

**ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS BY OFFICER  
(EXECUTIVE FUNCTION)**

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**Subject** Applications for 16-19 Demographic Growth Capital Fund

**Officer taking decision** Deputy Director of Children's Services

**Date of decision** 6 June 2012

Summary	This report seeks authority to submit three applications to the Department of Education (DfE) capital fund (the 16-19 year olds Demographic Growth Capital Fund (DGCF)) on behalf of: (i) The North London Partnership; (ii) Finchley Catholic High School; and (iii) The Compton
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**Status (public or exempt)** Public

**Wards affected** None

**Enclosures** None

**Reason for exemption from call-in (if appropriate)** Not applicable

**Key decision** No

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## **1. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

1.1 None

## **2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

2.1 If successful, the three bids would increase the education facilities available to young people in Barnet, supporting the strategic objective 'ensuring every school is a good school for every child, and targeting support at young people at risk of not achieving their potential'. One of the applications is to provide a new facility to cater for young people aged 16-25 years with high level Learning Difficulties and Disabilities (LDD), which would help 'support residents to live healthy and independent lives'. The proposals would also contribute towards the corporate priority better services with less money, especially the strategic objective 'an efficient council; with services designed to meet the changing needs of residents'.

2.2 The bids will support the 14 to 19 Partnership's priorities as set out in the Barnet Children and Young People Plan 2012-13:

- Embed the multi-agency approach to broadening learning opportunities for 14 to 19 year olds, especially at foundation level, and up to age 25 for LDD
- Continue to support learner progression to apprenticeships and vocational courses through pre-apprenticeships and transition programmes
- Facilitate the development of sufficient and suitable education and training opportunities that will support the raising of the participation age to 17 in 2013 and 18 in 2015

## **3. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

3.1 If the Council and partner agencies do not proactively seek out opportunities to attract investment in local provision for young people with complex needs there is a risk that dependence on costly out of borough placements will increase.

3.2 I do not consider the issues involved are likely to raise levels of public concern

## **4. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

4.1 The bid to address population growth in LDD complex needs seeks to address the gaps in local service provision for this cohort, which currently has to travel out of the borough to Hertfordshire and other counties to gain access to specialist provision including work-related and independent living skills. The proposal seeks to address this inequality and provide a purpose built local, accessible facility for this group.

## **5. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

### **Finance and Value for Money**

5.1 Submitting these bids does not commit the Council to any capital or revenue funding. The bid regarding sixth form provision at The Compton is in addition to a

project currently funded by the Council using £4.8m and included within the Children's Capital Programme. The bid does not commit the Council to any additional funding in relation to this project.

5.2 Submitting these bids and any further work required should any of them be successful, will be minimal, and will be carried out using existing Children's Service resources.

5.3 If the bids are successful and the works carried out, revenue budget for additional pupil places would be funded by the EFA.

#### **Staffing**

5.4 The schools and further education providers will be responsible for any increase in staffing required as a consequence of a successful bid.

#### **Property**

5.5 Submitting these bids does not commit any Council-owned property. The bids for funding to develop sixth form provision at Finchley Catholic High School and at the Compton do not commit the Council to providing any additional land. The bid regarding complex needs does not commit any Council-owned land or property.

### **6. LEGAL ISSUES**

6.1 Under Section 41 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, a local education authority in England must secure that enough suitable education and training is provided to meet the reasonable needs of (a) persons in their area who are over compulsory school age but under 19, and (b) persons in their area who are aged 19 or over but under 25 and are subject to learning difficulty assessment.

6.2 From 2013 there is a duty on young people to take up a reasonable offer of education and training at age 17 (and at age 18 from 2015) and a duty on the local authority to provide sufficient places for all those who require them.

### **7. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS**

7.1 Council Constitution, Part 3, Responsibility for Functions, Section 6 (Powers Delegated to Officers) – Section 6.1 provides that Chief Officers can take decisions without consultation with the Cabinet Member concerned where it is in respect of matters within the Chief Officers sphere of managerial or professional responsibility.

### **8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

8.1 The local authority determines if and where Demographic Growth Capital Fund (DGCF) investment is needed. The initiative may be taken either by the local authority or local institutions, and following discussions, the local authority has the key role in deciding which proposals it considers would meet the needs of young people in its area. The decisions will be made by the Education Funding Agency on 15 June 2012. Any successful bids must complete the projects and ensure all

payments are made by 31 March 2012.

8.2 In order to be eligible for DGCF the proposal(s) have to address at least one of the following situations:

- I. The population of young people aged 16 to 19 in the area served by the nominated institution is estimated to increase from 2011-12 to 2013-14;
- II. The number of learners aged 16-19 years old will increase as a result of a reduction in the number of young people aged 16-19 years old not in education, employment or training (NEET);
- III. The number of learners aged 16 to 25 years old with LDD requiring provision in the area will increase.

8.3 Relevant Barnet data for the DGCF is

Population Growth 16-19 years

- Since 2001 there has been an 11.2% increase in Barnet's 16 to 19 population. The number of 16 to 19 year olds in the borough is projected to increase by a further 8.8% (1,410 young people) by 2021. 1.6% of this increase (260 young people) is projected to take place in the next three years

*GLA single year of age population projections, 2011 (using borough-supplied housing data)*

Year	2001	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>16 to 19</b>	14396	16002	16152	16207	16262	16378	16270	16335	16625	16890	17412

Between 2004 and 2010 there has been a 22.6% increase in births in Barnet, which will feed through into significantly increased demand for provision for young people aged 16 to 19.

Young people Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET)

In the current economic climate and the context of the population growth being experienced, we aim to prevent the number of young people NEET from increasing, and ensure that the number always remains below statistical neighbours. This will result in an increase in the number of young people requiring education, employment and training opportunities. The Raising of the Participation Age will also result in increased numbers of learners. As at March 2012 there were 293 NEET young people (347 adjusted NEET) in Barnet – 3.7% of the AY12 to AY14 cohort.

16-26 years learners with LDD requiring provision increase

Data on projections for young people with LDD was obtained through London Councils who did a forecasting exercise<sup>1</sup> to support local authorities applying for the DGCF. In Barnet, although the forecasting data shows a slight dip in the numbers of the relevant LDD young people from 2011/12 through to 2013/14, it shows a rise the next year and thereafter. As Barnet shows a projected increase in 16-19

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> "All the projections included in this proposal are based on analysis carried out in early 2012, using historical school census data from 2004/05 to 2010/11 to produce baseline analysis for 11 to 15 year olds in state-funded schools. Various modelling techniques were employed to produce approximate forecasts of the numbers post-16 LLDD (those with a Statement of SEN and School Action Plus) likely to require post -16 provision over the coming years. The projection work was undertaken by London Councils and Mime Consulting for the entire London region."

population in the next three years we expect there to be a concomitant growth in the number of young people with LDD (complex needs).

- 8.4 Information on the DGCF was nationally publicised and made available to schools on the Department for Education website. Finchley Catholic High and The Compton were the only Barnet schools that expressed an interest to the Council in having a bid submitted on their behalf. The 14 to 19 Partnership Group also put forward a proposal.
- 8.5 The proposal to provide a new facility to cater for young people aged 16-25 years with LDD complex needs addresses the most pressing need identified by Barnet's post-16 multi-agency partnership group responsible for planning provision. Local Authorities are allowed to submit more than one bid, and the other two bids, in relation to sixth form provision, also align with the key priorities for Barnet's 14 to 19 partnership group as set out in 2.2.
- 8.6 The three proposals for which we are seeking approval to submit are:

**(i) North London Partnership – Farbey Building**

This partnership is led by LBB 14-19 group and comprises London Borough of Barnet, London Borough of Enfield, Barnet and Southgate College, Mapledown and Oak Lodge special schools. The proposal is to remodel an existing building, which was due to be sold, on the Southgate College site, to provide a new facility to cater for young people aged 16-25 years with LDD complex needs (BESD, ASD, PMLD). They seek £804,000.

**(ii) Finchley Catholic High School**

FCHS's proposal is to extend their current sixth form to help meet pressure on places in their current sixth form. They propose to demolish their current sixth form building and relocate with a new building on the school site. They seek £1,900,000.

**(iii) The Compton**

The Compton's proposal is to create and build a sixth form to provide 360 places over two years. To do this they will build a second floor on a current school building. They seek £2 million.

**9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

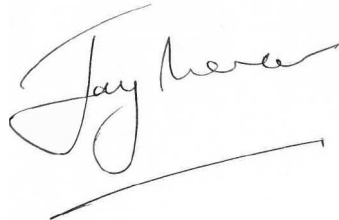
- 9.1 DGCF guidance note - <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/toolsandinitiatives/efaebulletins/b00206179/efaebulletin/article2>

**10. OFFICER'S DECISION**

**I authorise the following action:**

- 10.1 Submission of three bids for the 16-19 Demographic Growth Capital Fund in relation to the North London Partnership, Finchley Catholic High School, The Compton.**

**Signed**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Meera", written over a horizontal line.

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**Deputy Director Children's Service**  
**6 June 2012**

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**Date**