

# Overview & Scrutiny Board

24 November 2014

## REPORT

**Subject Heading:**

Requisition of a Cabinet decision regarding Outline Proposals to address Early Years, Primary, Secondary and SEN rising rolls – Phases 3 and 4 Expansion Programme

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**Policy context:**

**Financial summary:**

As shown in Cabinet report attached at Appendix A.

**The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives**

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for	<input type="checkbox"/>
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residents will be proud to live in Havering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>SUMMARY</b>
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In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee Rules, a requisition signed by two Members representing more than one Group (Councillors Keith Darvill & David Durant) have called in the Cabinet decision of 4 November 2015.

## RECOMMENDATION

**That the Board considers the requisition of the decision of the Cabinet Decision and determines whether to uphold it.**

## REPORT DETAIL

At its meeting on 4 November 2015 Cabinet:

1. **Agreed** that Phases 3 and 4 of the school expansion programme should be developed based on the following approach in line with consultation responses:
  - a. To have a preference for expanding existing popular and high-performing schools and inclusion of nursery provision and Additional Resource Provisions (ARPs) where appropriate and practicable.
  - b. To consider the expansion of existing schools, but only to a maximum size of 4FE (forms of entry) in the primary phase, ensuring at all times that agreed standards of education was paramount; to consider the possible establishment of primary phase provision on secondary school sites as all-through provision and the encouragement of Free Schools where needed and they provided best value.
  - c. To begin to rationalise Published Admission Numbers (PANs) for secondary schools so that they were in multiples of 30.
2. **Agreed** the **PERMANENT** expansion - subject to consultation and statutory processes - including planning processes and consultation of the following schools:
  - a. Parsonage Farm
  - b. Crownfield Infants & Junior Schools
  - c. St Peter's Catholic School
  - d. Broadford Primary
  - e. James Oglethorpe Primary

To note that a further 1FE expansion would be required in each of the Romford and Upminster & Cranham planning areas but that work was still on-going to select those schools.

3. **Delegated** the power to take further decisions regarding the approval of which settings/schools should be expanded (subject to the appropriate statutory processes) for the remainder of the Phase 3 of the Expansion Programme to the Cabinet Member for

Children & Learning and the Cabinet Member for Value, following consideration of the above, subject to budgetary provision being confirmed.

4. **Delegated** to the Director of Asset Management authority to submit planning applications, commission all associated surveys/ investigations (including transport assessment, soils survey, environmental checks etc.) and commence tender processes as required to support the development of options appraisals to deliver the phase 3 expansions required – noting that tender awards would remain the subject of separate Executive Decision(s).
5. **Recommended to Council** that the following items be added to the 2015/16 capital programme for phase 3 expansion:  

£16,756,152 16/17 Basic Need Grant and;  
£282,078 interest on existing S106 education contributions
6. **Authorised** feasibility studies to be carried out to facilitate the development of a secondary high quality and value for money expansion programme to take place in Phase 4 (2018/19) at a number of secondary schools.
7. **Authorised** £1m funding to be transferred from the phase 3 expansion programme to the phase 4 expansion programme to allow the most appropriate schemes to be developed to design & planning stage, noting that there was a risk that any schemes not progressed would not be eligible for capital funding, requiring alternative revenue funding to be identified.
8. **Noted** that plans to address Phase 4 of the Council's Expansion Programme would be the subject of future reports and that where possible the financial implications would be addressed as part of the 2016/17 and future years budget setting processes.
9. **Noted** that transport, parking and traffic was a key issue of concern for local residents when schools were built or expanded and that future expansion plans would incorporate an action plan to address those issues.

#### **Increasing SEN places**

10. **Approved** the SEN Strategy – Appendix 1 to the report - and the proposals outlined in the Strategy.
11. **Agreed** to open a new 16-25 SEN provision based at Avelon Road by September 2016.
12. **Recommended to Council** that the following items be added to the 2015/16 capital programme re; post 16 SEN: £927,000 interest on existing S106 education contributions

13. **Agreed** to increasing the number of Early Education and Childcare Places based on the following approach:
- a) Support the set-up of new businesses, particularly in areas of place pressure.
  - b) Engaging with maintained schools, academies and free schools to support the establishment of nursery provision to deliver the Early Education Entitlement as part of the whole school rather than engaging with a Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) provider especially where these were in areas of place pressure.
  - c) Encouraging and supporting schools to offer full time education and childcare (this might include Breakfast and After School Clubs) from 8am to 6pm, enabling school nurseries to deliver a more flexible offer including blocks of hours, rather than just morning or afternoon.
  - d) Engagement with both school and PVI settings to develop or expand more of these, to deliver the increased 2 year old entitlement.
  - e) Building capacity to support the delivery of the new 30 hours funded entitlement due to come into force in September 2017.
14. **Recommended to Council** that the following items be added to the 2015/16 current Early Years capital programme: £1,900,000 DSG Top-sliced from Early Years Capital.

#### **Reasons for the requisition:**

A requisition was received on 11 November 2015, signed by Councillors Darvill and Durant. The reasons for the requisition were as follows:

- 1) to give further consideration of the impact on educational attainment of pupils and the adverse environmental consequences on residents of larger, particularly 4 Form Entry Primary Schools;
- 2) to consider whether the mitigation measures proposed to address highways and parking difficulties set out in the report will be successful; and,
- 3) to review the list of Primary Schools proposed for permanent expansion.

#### **Background Papers List**

Appendix A – Cabinet Report 4 November 2015

