

COUNCIL, 23 NOVEMBER 2016

REPORT OF CABINET

OUTLINE PROPOSALS TO ADDRESS EARLY YEARS, PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND SEN RISING ROLLS – UPDATE TO PHASE 3 AND PHASE 4 EXPANSION PROGRAMME

Cabinet, at its meeting on 12 October 2016, considered the above report (attached). Members were informed that there had been an increase of over 45% in the number of births between 2002 and 2015 and whilst the Office for National Statistics (ONS) indicated that across London the high growth in the birth-rate was plateauing, this was not the case in Havering where the birth-rate between 2013 and 2014 had increased by around 5%.

This increase required action to ensure that sufficient places will be available for children during early years, when they start school and when they transfer from the Primary to the Secondary phase. In addition, further places will be needed to accommodate an anticipated rise in the need for Special Education Needs (SEN) provision.

Given the Council's statutory duty to ensure adequate provision of school places for all children of school-age the report before Members sought to set out the various options which could be pursued to achieve this (subject to statutory processes such as consultation & planning). The report identified for Council approval a programme of expenditure and related funding sources to deliver the recommended options.

This report includes an appendix which is exempt from publication. The reason for this is that it contains information which concerns the financial and business affairs of the council and publication of that information could detrimentally affect the council's tender processes and negotiations for works.

Cabinet accordingly RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL that in respect of the Capital Programme, the following items of funding be added to the budget:

- i. £2.5m of unallocated S106 developer contributions for Education purposes
- ii. £1.4m early years grant referred to in recommendation 7 of the Cabinet report (subject to bid being successful)
- iii. £5m estimated 19/20 basic need grant (to be adjusted to final grant allocation once announced). Note, tenders would not be awarded to commit expenditure against this grant prior to confirmation of the grant. The inclusion within the capital programme at an earlier stage will however enable schemes to be developed.

In addition,

Cabinet RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL that the detailed schemes outlined in the exempt Appendix 3 to the report to Cabinet on 12 October 2016 are approved

for inclusion in the Capital Programme (subject to any revisions following confirmation of any grant funding).