

REPORT TO:	CABINET 14 JULY 2014
AGENDA ITEM:	
SUBJECT:	Investing in the future of our young people: School places and admissions
LEAD OFFICER:	Paul Greenhalgh, Executive Director/Chief Executive for Children, Families and Learning
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Alisa Flemming, Lead Member for Children, Families and Learning
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: Statutory duty to provide school places.	

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- The changes to the school places capital programme as set out in the report will result in a reduction of £27.1m in the capital programme over the period 2014/17.

FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: 1286. This is a Key Decision as defined in the Council's Constitution. The decision may be implemented from 1300 hours on the expiry of 5 working days after it is made, unless the decision is referred to the Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee by the requisite number of Councillors.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1.1 Approve the proposed programmes for delivering school places and the necessary funding required for the supply of school places for September 2016/17; a revised selection of projects approved in principle by November 2013 Cabinet.
- 1.2 Agree to the development of provision to expand provision for children with special educational needs, in order to meet increases in demand.
- 1.3 Delegate the details on the acquisition of Segas House to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury.
- 1.4 Delegate to the Lead Member for Children the ability to approve an amendment to the scheme for a new school to be delivered by Oasis Community Trust using the Arena site.
- 1.5 Agree to the publication of statutory notice to the proposal to permanently expand St Joseph's Catholic Junior, Infants and Nursery Schools

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| 1.6 | Note the outcomes from consultations on proposals to permanently expand the following schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ark Oval Primary Academy- West Thornton Primary Academy |
| 1.7 | Note proposal by Parish Church schools to change its status and name |
| 1.8 | Agree supplementary advice to parents' regarding school admissions. |

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 Demand for school places continues to grow, particularly in the North West, centre and, over the next few years, in the South West. The Administration is committed to securing sufficient good quality school places for the growing numbers of children and young people of Croydon and to ensuring that every school is a school of choice for parents and children.

2.2 This report seeks to:

- provide an update on progress in delivering places for the 2014/15 and 2015/16 education years;
- provide an overview of performance in getting children into preference schools;
- provide an overview of the impact on the Free Schools Programme on school places in Croydon;
- provide an update on changes to the patterns in demand for pupil places;
- secure agreement to fund a set of proposals using the procurement routes indicated, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury, for expansion of the primary and secondary estate including SEN provision, aligned with the supply of school places from approved Free Schools;
- provide an update on recent consultations and secure agreement to the publication of statutory notices for the expansion of St Joseph's Infants and Junior schools;
- secure agreement to make the Council's admissions arrangements more accessible to parents and carers through supplementary guidance.

2.3 In determining the strategy for school expansion in 2016-17 the report is seeking to provide an update from the position reported in November 2013 and secure agreement to fund the programme for this education year. A report detailing the proposed approach to the procurement strategy to support the programme will be presented at Cabinet in September 2014.

3. Update on proposed supply strategy 2014/15

3.1 The Council is making good progress towards the delivery of 9 bulge classes for delivery of places for September 2014 to support permanent expansion of the school estate through a new primary school at Haling Road and the expansion of ARK Oval primary school. Priory Special School moved into its new premises in Hermitage Road in April this year and Hazelglen primary PRU is due for completion at the end of August 2014.

- 3.2 Of the three Free Schools approved by the Secretary of State to open in September 2014, the Department for Education has announced that the Advance Academy (intended site Highbury Avenue Playing Fields), will now not proceed. Both the other Free Schools are due to open as planned, although neither will open in its permanent school buildings in September.
- 3.3 As part of the SEN proposals set out in the paper it is proposed to expand Beckmead special school by 40 primary places by using the Alverston Gardens site that has been used for decant purposes.

Update on delivery of supply strategy for the 2014-15

Delivery for 2014-15 education year						
School Name	School Age Range	Forms of entry to be provided	Type of project	Site Ownership	DfE Planning Area	Status
Primary						
New School – Haling Road	5 – 11	2 FE	New build	Local Authority	South	On Programme
ARK Oval Primary Academy	Academy 5 – 11	1 FE	Expansion	Local Authority	Central	Design Meetings in progress
Free Schools (these projects are funded by DfE)						
Paxton Academy	Academy 5-11	3FE	New Free School	South London and Maudsley Foundation Trust	North West	EFA Delivery – interim accommodation to be provided on sports ground. Permanent accommodation due 2016 at 843 London Road.
Total permanent		6 FE				
Bulge classes		Chipstead Valley Christchurch Kingsley Heavers Farm Margaret Roper Gonville Ark Oval Winterbourne Infants Rockmount			S West South N West East S West N West East N West N West	On Programme

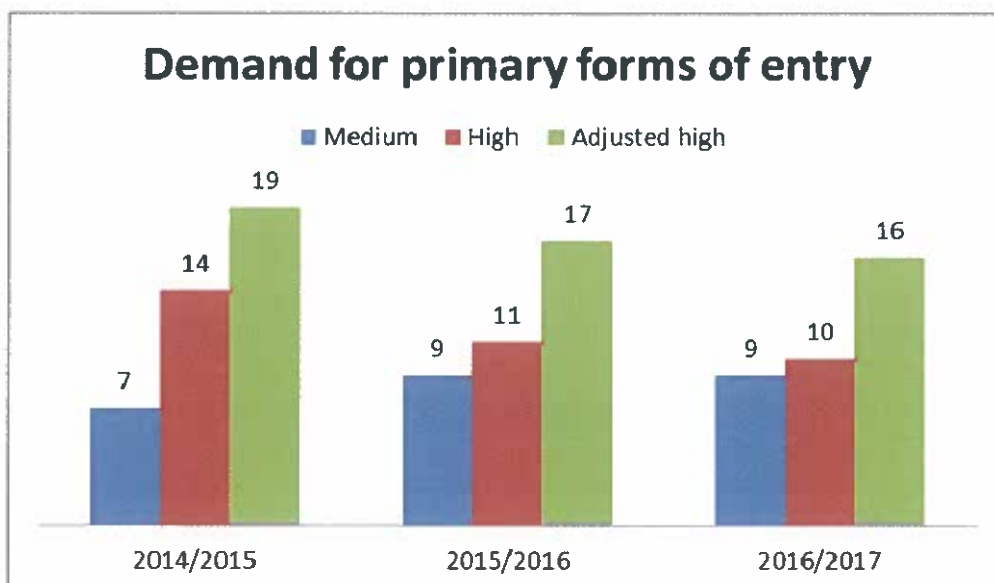
Total Primary Bulge		9				
SEN Primary						
Primary social, emotional and behavioural difficulties	4-11	40	Expansion of Beckmead Special School through use of Alverston Garden decant site			Development within SEN programme
Secondary: Free School						
Harris/Invictus	11-19	6	New Free School	Local Authority	North West	EFA delivery – interim accommodation solution to be provided in other Harris academies. Permanent accommodation due at former hospital site on London Road 2016.

3.4 In the 2014 admissions round we introduced additional places (through bulge classes) at popular schools within the coordinated primary admissions round and this has contributed to the highest allocation of places within parents first 3 preferences, a record of 94%. We also saw a decrease in the level of primary appeals by approximately half those lodge in 2013. The Admissions Service also achieved 92%, 1–3 parental preferences in allocations for places in 2014/15.

Update on demand for pupil places for 2015 and beyond

Primary

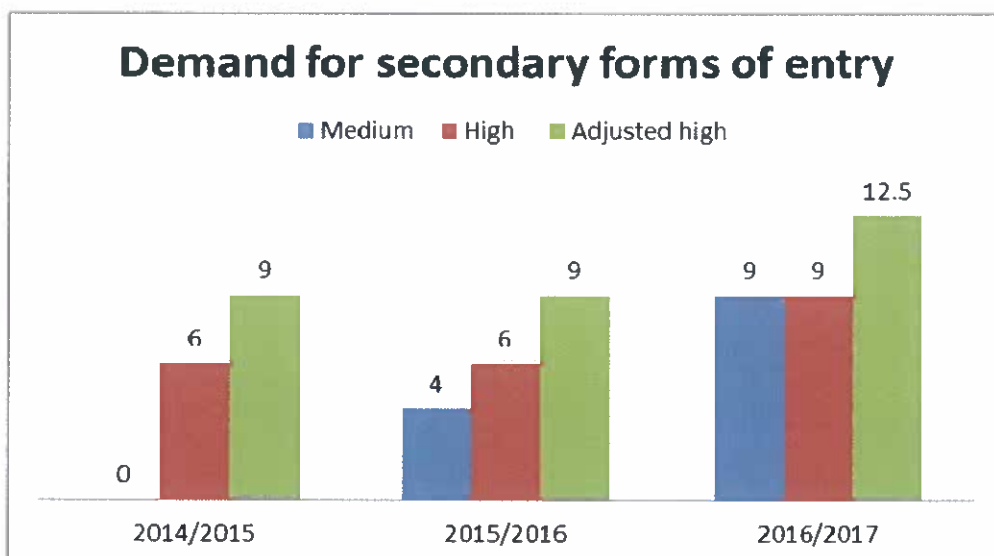
3.5 Whilst there continues to be growth in demand in the primary phase, the rate of growth is slowing. An important factor in this work is analysis of ‘churn’ in the pupil population throughout the year through analysis of the School census returns. There are now three returns a year uploaded by schools, where there was previously one. Schools’ census returns show numbers on role at each school so that more is now known about the ‘survival rate’, i.e. the extent to which pupils remain at school for the duration of the school year. In addition to a slowing of the growth in demand in primary places, the survival rate in the primary phase is marginally lower than was previously known.



3.6 In order to appropriately cater for demand in different parts of Croydon the place planning team uses 6 planning areas for primary school provision; these were developed on the basis of an analysis of the pattern of journeys to schools. These planning areas are shown on the primary schools map in Appendix 1a. Demand in different parts of the borough differs as does the survival rate, showing that there is a higher level of 'churn' in the North West and Central Croydon than there is in the South of the borough for example. It seems likely that the level of churn in the North West and Central Croydon is likely to reduce as higher levels of parental preference in the allocation of school places is achieved and for the first time, a small level of surplus places can be provided to allow for some changes in pupil movement throughout the year. This would be in line with national advice on the need for flexibility in the system.

Secondary

3.7 Pupil demand forecasts show that pupil demand is growing slowly and even with the introduction of two new secondary schools, one in 2014 and the other in 2015, the level of demand remains constant but increases dramatically in 2018/19 and continues to be very high for the 5 years thereafter.



SEN and Inclusion

3.8 The Council's SEN provision strategy is designed to achieve the following priorities:

- Meeting the increasing demand for school places in Croydon: ensuring that schools offer a variety of facilities to meet the complex needs of children.
- Making more SEN facilities available in mainstream schools so that parents have appropriate options within Croydon.
- Providing local SEN places so that fewer children will need to travel out of the borough to go to school.
- Reducing the cost of transport to the Local Authority, and the impact for families in taking children to and from SEN schools outside of Croydon.

3.9 In 2011 it was recognised that too many Croydon children with SEN had to access provision outside Croydon. Over the past three years the authority has broadened the continuum of provision in the borough and will have delivered an expansion of approximately 200 local special school places and 140 specialist places in enhanced learning provisions in mainstream schools by 2016.

3.10 Over the last 5 years demand for statements of SEN has increased at an average rate of 5% per year. A needs analysis to determine the growth trend for specific areas of need has been undertaken based on an analysis of data on SEN in Croydon maintained schools and on pupils for whom Croydon is responsible for statements.

3.11 The current pressure on places is in the following areas:

- Specialist Early Years provision for pupils with complex needs in integrated settings to support early identification and intervention in line with the Children and Families Act responsibilities for children with SEN from birth as required under the new SEN code of practice.
- Primary places for pupils with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) –there has been a significant growth in pupils from within migrant populations with undiagnosed SLD and complex needs at reception age not known to health agencies, which has added to existing pressure.

- Primary places for pupils with ASD / MLD, often with emotional difficulties leading to challenging behaviour.
- Primary places for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties – schools reporting significant complexity of need on school entry.
- Community based post-16 places to enable pupils with a range of complex needs including ASD and associated challenging behaviour and mental health issues to return to the local community – this requires the development of a coherent multi-agency strategy, which is the remit of the transition to adulthood workstream of the SEN Reform programme.
- Post 19 provision, focussed on independent living and work skills, ideally including a supported housing element, for 19-25 year olds with SLD – in line with extension of Local Authority and Health responsibilities through Education, Health and Care plans up to age 25 (there is some overlap with the group above).

Supply of places for 2015/16 education year

- 3.12 The Council's proposed supply strategy is matched to the areas of greatest growth in demand, for primary places, in the North West and Centre West of Croydon. With regard to secondary places, the supply strategy is planned on the basis of students typically travelling further to get to school. The location of the proposed projects is shown on Appendix 1a and 1b.
- 3.13 A number of the Council's 2015 expansion projects consist of projects funded through a successful bid for funding under the Targeted Basic Need programme.
- 3.14 The acquisition of Segas House is subject to a separate Delegated Decision Report, which will be brought to the September Cabinet.
- 3.15 On 19 June 2014, the Department for Education announced approval of the following free schools:
- ARK primary school, a 4 to 11, mixed primary for 630 pupils, with a planned opening date of September 2015.
 - STEM Academy Croydon Gateway, a 16 to 19, mixed school for 460 students, with a planned opening date of September 2015.
- It is the responsibility of the Department for Education to acquire sites for the above developments: the Council is in discussion with the Department for Education about this. The proposed location for the Ark Primary school is Waddon. At the same time the DfE also announced a new Crystal Palace primary free school, for 420 pupils, with a planned opening date of September 2015, and has confirmed that it is not yet clear in which borough the location of this school will be.
- 3.16 Re-calibrated demand patterns for 2015/16 indicate that the supply strategy below provides a small surplus of places in areas of high demand such as the North West and Central Croydon which allows for normal pupil movement and increased parental choice throughout the education year.

Recommendation programme of Delivery for 2015-16 education year

School Name	School Type / Age Range	Places to be provided	Type of project	Site Ownership	DfE Planning Area	Status
Primary						
New School – Westways Centre site	New School 5 – 11	630 (3 FE)	New Build	Acquired by the Council.	North West	Recommended provider GLF approved by Secretary of State
New School – Aberdeen Road	New School 5 – 11	420 (2 FE)	New Build	Private Ownership	Central	Recommended Provider STEP Academy Trust approved by Secretary of State
Segas House	New School 5 – 11	630 (3 FE)	Re-modelling	Private Ownership	Central	Recommended Provider Oasis Community Trust approved by Secretary of State
West Thornton Primary Academy	Academy 5 – 11	420 (2 FE)	Expansion on a separate site	Private Ownership .	North West	
St. Joseph's Catholic Infant and Junior	Voluntary Aided 5 - 11	210 (1FE)	Expansion	Arch Diocese of Southwark	North West	
Free Schools						
ARK Academy Trust	Academy	630 (3FE)	Free School	Local Authority	Central	Approved by Secretary of State
TOTAL PERMANENT PRIMARY		14				
Bulge classes: dependent upon number of free schools and demand trends						
Primary SEN Projects						
Primary SLD	4-11	56	Satellite Annexe, linked to Red Gates	TBC	South	To be commissioned
Primary mainstream provision for children with social, emotional & mental health difficulties	4-11	48	Development of provision within 4 primary schools	Dependent on tenure of selected primary schools	Various	To be commissioned
Secondary						
New school - Arena	11-16	900 + 15 ASD places	New build. This scheme has been amended to 11-16 with the potential to explore future 6 th form provision linked to Oasis Shirley Park.	Local Authority	North West	Education provider selected and approved by DfE: Oasis Community Trust
STEM Academy	16-19	460	Free School	Not yet known		Free School announced in June 2014

Strategy for 2016-17 education year

- 3.17 The November 2013 Cabinet report proposed a programme based on knowledge of demand at the time. This report proposes adjustments to that programme in the light of new demand information and seeks agreement for the budget to deliver the programme. In particular it is noteworthy that by 2016 there is also a growth in demand for primary places in the South West due to the Cane Hill housing project. The shift in the location of primary projects is shown on the map in Appendix 1a.
- 3.18 **Primary:** The Council is committed through the terms of the DfE's Targeted Basic Need funding to deliver the 2015/16 projects listed above. The combined impact of a slightly lower rate of demand and the first year's entry of a new 3FE Free School being delivered in the same year has resulted in a reduced need for expansion projects, for the 2016-17 education year. The proposed programme set out below, seeks to achieve a balance between making provision in the areas of greatest predicted demand at this time, recent announcements about free schools, and making use of opportunities to expand existing schools.

Proposed Primary Strategy 2016/17		
Area of Demand	New Provision proposed in 2013	Revised new proposed provision
Central Croydon	2FE new school as expansion of Catholic Campus with Diocese	Replaced by 3FE ARK Free School
Central Croydon	1FE expansion of Central Croydon School	
Central Croydon	1FE expansion of Central Croydon School	Possible 3FE Free School (replace with bulge as required)
South	1FE Christchurch C of E Primary	1 FE expansion
South West	1FE expansion of Chipstead Valley	Increase to 2FE
South West	1FE expansion South West Croydon School	Not required.
South West	1FE expansion of St Aiden's	1FE expansion with site opportunity being explored.
North West	1FE expansion of Heavers Farm	1FE Still required
North West	2FE Expansion of Gonville Academy	2FE Still required
North West	1FE expansion of Kingsley	Not required
TOTAL	12FE	13FE
Proposed Primary SEN		
South	Deliver 56 places for children with Moderate Learning Difficulties and challenging behaviour	Local Authority
Various	Provision for primary-aged pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs: development of provision within 3 primary schools	Dependent on tenure of selected primary schools

NB: The level of provision required by the Council will depend on decisions about Free Schools made by the DfE

3.19 **Secondary:** Secondary demand is gradually increasing as children who

entered the primary phase in years 2-6 in recent years as in-year applicants mature. The need for additional places will be met within the existing secondary schools and by new places provided by Harris Invictus, Oasis Arena and ARK secondary Academy. The latter is a Free School application approved by the Secretary of State in June 2014, due to open in 2016.

- 3.20 One other expansion project is proposed to meet specific increase in need in South West Croydon and this comprises the addition of a 1FE expansion at Woodcote.

Recommended Proposed Secondary Strategy 2016/17			
Area of Demand	Core new provision – proposed in 2013	Contingency additional provision proposed in 2015	Revised proposal
Central Croydon	New 6FE School Central		ARK secondary free school confirmed by DfE in June 2014
Central Croydon		2FE expansion St Andrews through use of adjacent LA site	Not required
South West		1 FE Oasis Coulsdon	Not required
South West		1 FE expansion Woodcote	Not required
South West		1FE expansion St Thomas Moore	Not required
North West	2FE Expansion of Archbishop Lanfranc through the Priority Schools Building Programme		Funded by EFA
North West		1FE Expansion of Norbury Manor Business and Enterprise School for Girls	Not required
Total	9		
Proposed post 16 SEN and Inclusion provision			
	Community based pathways to employment / independent living – 50 places		To be commissioned and funded through EFA
	Supported living – 30 places		To be commissioned and funded through EFA

Proposals in principle for the 2017-18 education year

- 3.21 The projection for the demand for places in future years shows a dramatic shift in need from the primary phase to the secondary phase. Whilst projections show a continuing growth in demand for pupil places in the primary phase, the rate of the demand is forecast to slow. The opposite is forecast for the secondary phase and the forecast additional demand for pupil places in secondary schools reflects the maturation of large numbers of additional pupils who have entered primary schools in Year R since 2010. Having a reasonable level of surplus within the existing estate and introduced new provision in 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, the major impact of the high numbers of secondary places is felt from 2018/19 onwards.

Primary Strategy

- 3.22 The rate of growth in demand for primary places is forecast to slow in 2017/18 and assuming the smooth delivery of the projects listed above for 2016/17 supply strategy, only five permanent forms of entry are likely to be required and these are in Central Croydon, and the South and South West planning areas.
- 3.23 The projects listed below have not yet undergone a feasibility study. This feasibility work is planned for the beginning of 2015/16, and regardless of any future Free School proposals which might target Croydon in the intervening period to supply these places, needs to be conducted to ensure the Council is in a secure position.

Proposed Primary Strategy 2017/18	
Area of Demand	
2FE needed in Central Croydon	Expected to be Provided by Free School
2FE needed in South West	To be explored with Governors/Trusts/Diocese as appropriate
3FE required in South	To be explored with Governors/Trusts/Diocese as appropriate
TOTAL	7FE

Proposed secondary strategy

- 3.24 Although demand for additional secondary places rises in a sharp trajectory starting in 2018, additional demand for places in the secondary phase will be met by places already provided in previous years. There is therefore no requirement for secondary expansion projects in 2017/18.

Achieving value for money for the Council

- 3.25 Intensive work in recent years has put the Council in a strong position to take a longer term view of its supply of pupil places and at the same time create better value for money and reduce unit costs.
- 3.26 Recent strategic workstreams have looked at the potential to fund projects through other means, such as targeted Free School provision, use of the Priority Schools Building Programme and Academy/VA school EFA funding. Officers are also conducting an intensive site search against the forecast need in each distinct area of Croydon to reduce site acquisition costs, traffic impact, and costs associated with tackling condition issues on brownfield sites.
- 3.27 A second area for focus is the Council's ability to exploit all available funding opportunities with partners such as Academies and the Dioceses, who have access to their own funding for improvements and expansions through the EFA.

Admissions guidance

- 3.28 The Admissions Service has developed a suite of complimentary guidance notes to support its agreed 2015 arrangements. These have been developed to support and advise parents and professionals where there are particular circumstances that relate to their application. These include guidance applications where there are Private Fostering Arrangements in place and how to apply where a child is living between to households. These guidance notes are included in Appendix 2.

Changes to School Organisation

- 3.29 Consultations have taken place on proposals to expand the following schools:

3.30 **Permanently expansion of Ark Oval Primary Academy by 1 form of entry from September 2015:** Ark Oval Primary Academy has agreed to the proposal to permanently expand the school by a form of entry (30 additional pupils) in order to meet the growing primary need in the East of borough. The Academy consulted key stakeholders about the proposal between November 2013 and January 2014. The responses to the consultation on the proposed expansion show that there is broad support of this proposal. More details are provided in Appendix 3. The school has submitted a Business Case regarding the proposed expansion to the Department for Education for approval and is awaiting a decision.

3.31 **Proposal to permanently expand West Thornton Primary Academy by 2 forms of entry from September 2015:** The Council initiated the proposal to permanently expand West Thornton Primary Academy by 2 forms of entry. The proposed expansion will create an additional capacity of 60 places to meet the basic need for primary places in Croydon. Overall, the respondents show broad support to the proposal to expand the school by two additional form of entry from September 2015. More details are included at Appendix 3. The Academy will submit a Business Case to the Education Funding Agency for approval and is awaiting a decision.

3.32 **Proposal to expand St Joseph's Catholic Junior, Infants and Nursery Schools by one form of entry from September 2015:** The consultation on the proposal to expand the schools took place from 10 February to 10 March 2014. Two public consultation meetings were held at the School. Just over a half of respondents were strongly in favour/in favour of the proposed expansion. Further details are at Appendix 3. Cabinet is asked to give its approval to proceed to the next stage – publication of statutory notice - with a 4 week representation period for anyone with an interest to comment on or object to the proposal. If approved, another report will be put to Cabinet in due course for a final decision on whether to implement the proposal.

3.33 **Proposal to change status and name of Parish Church schools:** Parish Church CE Nursery & Infants School and Junior School is proposing to change the category and name of the school, from Voluntary Controlled to Voluntary Aided, and from 'Parish Church' to 'The Minster' respectively, from January 2015. The proposal states that the school is changing its category to strengthen its relationship with Southwark Diocese, Croydon Minster and other church schools in the area. Running concurrently with the proposal to change its category, the school is proposing to change its name because the Parish

Church has been renamed Croydon Minster and they wish to change the names of the schools to keep the link with our local church. The school conducted an informal consultation with key stakeholders about the proposals between March and April 2014. A report with the consultation outcomes report will be presented to Cabinet in due course. As part of this, Cabinet approval will be sought for the publication of statutory notices to start a 4 week representation (formal consultation) period for anyone with an interest to comment on or object to the proposal. This will be followed by another report to the Cabinet for decision on whether or not to go ahead with the proposals.

4. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Revenue and Capital consequences of report recommendations

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Total
New SEN Provision	7,700,000	6,700,000	0	14,400,000
New Schools (Proposed Primary Strategy 2017/18)	0	0	31,200,000	31,200,000
Savings or Removal of Schools from Current Programme	-13,395,714	-47,700,000	-19,854,286	-80,950,000
Changes to previously agreed capital programme	12,037,773	-2,655,473	-1,146,190	8,236,109
Total Changes to Budget Required	6,342,059	-43,655,473	10,199,524	-27,113,891

The overall impact of the changes recommended in this report is to decrease capital expenditure and therefore borrowing on the schools programme by £27.1m over the period 2014/17. This reduction in our required debt would result in a saving on our borrowing costs of £2m. This will therefore have a positive contribution to our budget gap over the period.

There is a £14.4m increase for the provision of 196 SEN places over various sites throughout the borough over this period as set out in the report.

There is £31.2m for the provision of new schools for delivery in 2017/18.

The major reduction is in relation to the previously agreed programme and relate to:-

- the number of free schools that are now being provided for both the permanent and secondary expansions (£80m)
- variations on individual projects that are now into the delivery phase.

4.2 Risks

The delivery of the programme will be managed by the Capital Delivery Hub with robust oversight from the client. The timescales for delivery will need to be managed very tightly. Site acquisition still remains a risk given the timescales for delivery but the acquisitions costs within this report are expected to be sufficient to secure the right sites.

4.3 Options

The delivery of the places as set out in the report will ensure we meet our statutory responsibilities.

4.4 Future savings/efficiencies

None identified

(Approved by: Richard Simpson, director of finance and assets)

5 COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

5.1 The Council Solicitor comments that there are no specific legal considerations arising from this report.

(Approved by: Gabriel Macgregor, Lawyer on behalf of the Council Solicitor & Director of Democratic & Legal Services)

6 HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

6.1 There are no direct HR implications arising from this report. Any resultant future increases or changes in staffing will be handled by schools' governing bodies in accordance with the appropriate school/council policy and procedures

(Approved by: Debbie Calliste, HR Business Partner on behalf of the Interim Director of Workforce)

7 EQUALITIES IMPACT

7.1 It is expected that an Equalities Impact Assessment on the education capital programme will be undertaken over the next year.

8 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

8.1 The expansion of school places is being proposed in the areas of greatest demand in order to minimise transport issues.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION

9.1 As set out in the body of the text above.

10 OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

10.1 A further comprehensive search for sites across Croydon informed the submission of the Targeted Capital Bid. Those sites considered most appropriate in terms of being in the areas of demand, and in terms of being able to deliver a scheme within a reasonable budget and timeframe formed part of the Targeted Capital Bid and the proposals in this paper.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, ADMISSIONS CODE 2012, SCHOOL STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORK ACT 1998

Appendices

- Appendix 1a - Primary School Planning Area Map
- Appendix 1b - Secondary School Planning Area Map
- Appendix 2 - Supplementary Admissions Guidance
- Appendix 3 - Consultation outcomes – proposed changes to School Organisation.

London Borough of Croydon Primary Schools by Planning Area

Central Croydon

- 1 Aerodrome School
- 2 Howard Primary School
- 3 Parish Church C of E Nursery & Infant School
- 4 Parish Church Junior School
- 5 Park Hill Infant School
- 6 Park Hill Junior School
- 7 St Mary's Catholic Infant School
- 8 St Mary's Catholic Junior School
- 9 St Peter's Primary School
- 83 Haling Road
- 86 Aberdeen Road
- 87 Segas House
- 88 Ark Academy Trust-(Site TBC)

East

- 10 Ark Oval Primary Academy
- 11 Harris Academy Benson (Benson)
- 12 Broadmead Primary
- 13-13a Cypress Primary School
- 14 Davidson Primary School
- 15 Heavers Farm Primary School
- 16 Monks Orchard Primary School and Nursery
- 17 Oasis Academy Shirley Park
- 18 Orchard Way Primary School
- 19 Ryelands Primary School
- 20 South Norwood Primary School

- 21 Forest Academy
- 22 St Chad's Catholic Primary School
- 23 St John's CofE Primary School
- 24 St Mark's CofE Primary School
- 25 St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School
- 26 The Crescent Primary School
- 27 Whitehorse Manor Infant - Pegasus Academy Trust
- 28 Whitehorse Manor Junior - Pegasus Academy Trust
- 29 Woodside Primary School and Children's Centre
- 30 The Robert Fitzroy Academy

North West

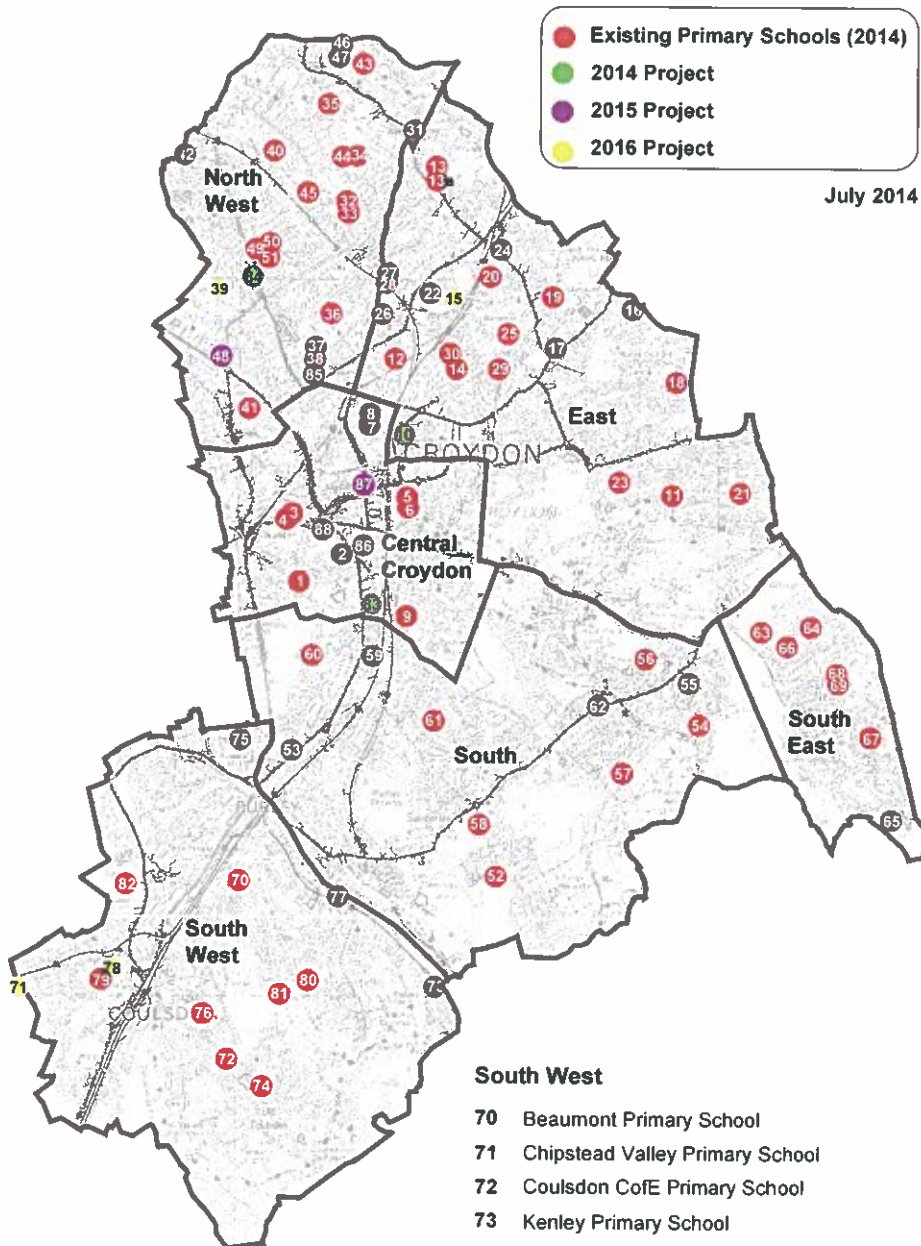
- 31 All Saints Primary School
- 32 Beulah Juniors School
- 33 Beulah Nursery and Infant School
- 34 David Livingstone Primary Academy
- 35 Downsview Primary School
- 36 Ecclesbourne Primary - Pegasus Academy Trust
- 37 Elmwood Infant School
- 38 Elmwood Juniors School
- 39 Gonville Academy
- 40 Kensington Avenue Primary School
- 41 Kingsley Primary School
- 42 Norbury Manor Primary School
- 43 Rockmount Primary School
- 44 St Cyprian's Greek Orthodox Primary School
- 45 St James The Great RC Primary and Nursery School
- 46 St Joseph's RC Infant School
- 47 St Joseph's RC Junior School
- 48 West Thornton Primary Academy (Expansion on separate site)
- 49 Winterbourne Infant & Nursery School
- 50 Winterbourne Junior Boys School
- 51 Winterbourne Junior Girls School
- 84 Paxton Free School
- 85 Westways Centre

South

- 52 Atwood Primary Academy School
- 53 Christ Church C ofE Primary School (Purley)
- 54 Courtwood Primary School
- 55 Forestdale Primary School
- 56 Gilbert Scott Primary School
- 57 Greenvale Primary School
- 58 Gresham Primary School
- 59 Purley Oaks Primary School
- 60 Regina Coeli RC Primary School
- 61 Ridgeway Primary School
- 62 Selsdon Primary and Nursery School

South East

- 63 Applegarth School
- 64 Castle Hill Primary School
- 65 Fairchildes Primary School
- 66 Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School
- 67 Rowdown Primary School
- 68 Wolsey Infant School
- 69 Wolsey Junior School



South West

- 70 Beaumont Primary School
- 71 Chipstead Valley Primary School
- 72 Coulsdon CofE Primary School
- 73 Kenley Primary School
- 74 Keston Primary School
- 75 Margaret Roper Catholic Primary School
- 76 Oasis Academy Byron
- 77 Harris Academy Kenley
- 78 Smitham Primary School
- 79 St Aidan's Catholic Primary School
- 80 The Hayes Primary School
- 81 The Wattenden School
- 82 Woodcote Primary School



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London Borough of Croydon Secondary Schools by Planning Area

North

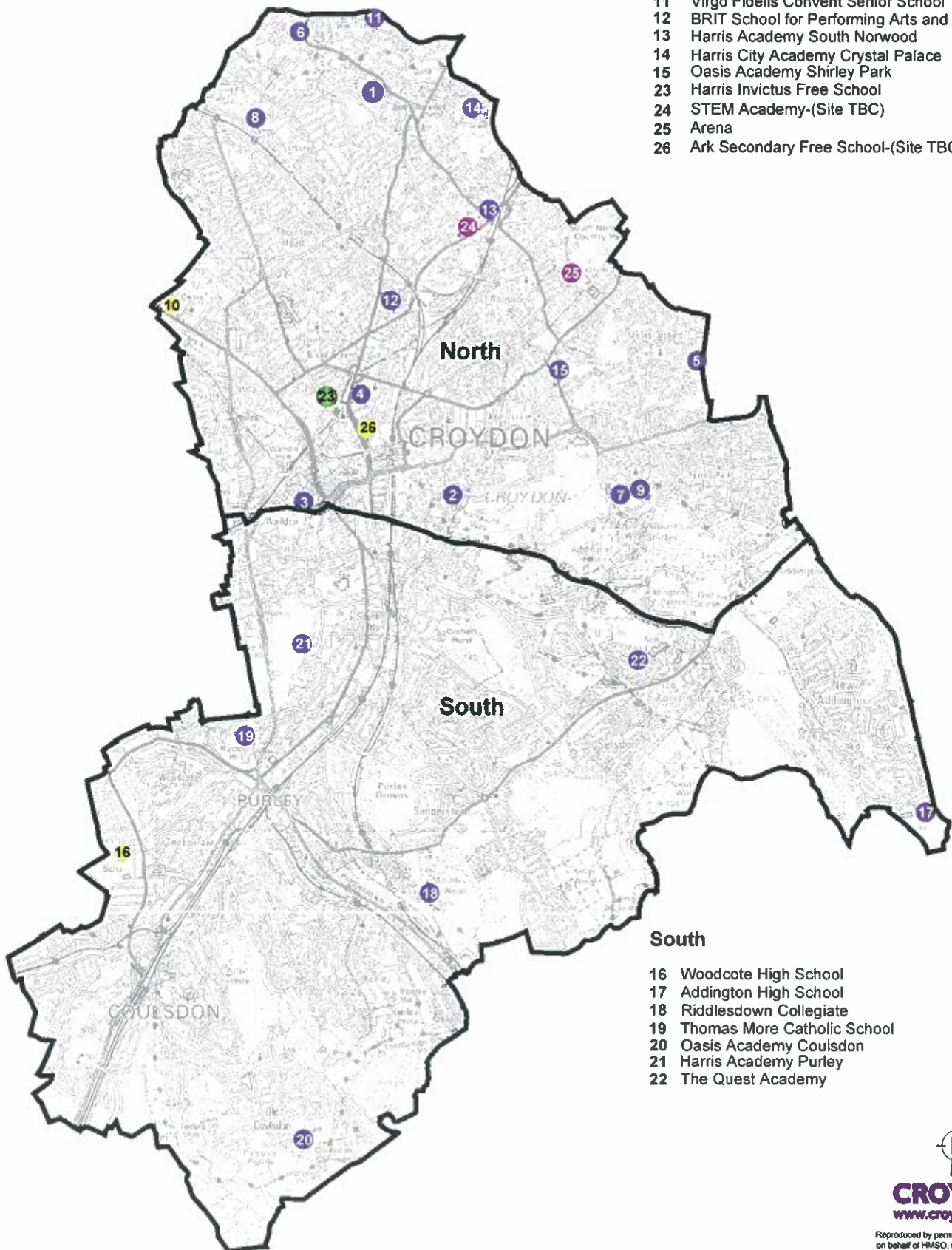
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- 2 Archbishop Tenison's CofE High School
- 3 St Andrew's CofE Voluntary Aided High School
- 4 St Mary's Catholic High School
- 5 Edenham High School
- 6 St Joseph's College
- 7 Coloma Convent Girls' School
- 8 Norbury Manor Business and Enterprise College for Girls
- 9 Shirley High School Performing Arts College
- 10 The Archbishop Lanfranc School
- 11 Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School
- 12 BRIT School for Performing Arts and Technology
- 13 Harris Academy South Norwood
- 14 Harris City Academy Crystal Palace
- 15 Oasis Academy Shirley Park
- 23 Harris Invictus Free School
- 24 STEM Academy-(Site TBC)
- 25 Arena
- 26 Ark Secondary Free School-(Site TBC)

South

- 16 Woodcote High School
- 17 Addington High School
- 18 Riddlesdown Collegiate
- 19 Thomas More Catholic School
- 20 Oasis Academy Coulsdon
- 21 Harris Academy Purley
- 22 The Quest Academy

- Existing Secondary Schools (2014)
- 2014 Project
- 2015 Project
- 2016 Project

July 2014



Appendix 2 Supplementary Admissions Guidance

The attached guidance does not affect agreed admissions arrangements in terms of the priority given to different groups of children. The purpose of providing this clarification is to establish more explicit and transparent guidance for parents. **Parental responsibility and private fostering**

Parental responsibility is defined by the Children Act 1989 and amended by the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

Parental responsibility in its simplest form is 'all the rights, duties, powers, responsibilities and authority which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and his property'.

For children born prior to 1 January 2003, the child's natural mother acquired parental responsibility automatically at birth. The child's natural father only acquired parental responsibility if he was married to the mother at the time of birth or if they married subsequently. Other people can obtain parental responsibility by seeking a parental responsibility legal agreement, obtained with the consent of all persons with parental responsibility or by a court order, or when a child is placed with them for legal adoption.

There may be occasions where the person who submits the application for the child does not have 'parental responsibility'. Stepparents, grandparents and other close relatives do not have automatic parental responsibility, and can only acquire it through a legal agreement or court order. If you are a distant relative or not related at all to the child it is likely that you are a **private foster parent**. In law this means you must tell your local council you are caring for the child and also you must tell the child's parents (or the person with parental responsibility) about the application for a school place and obtain their permission. You can find more information on parental responsibility at <https://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities>.

Shared custody

The person applying on behalf of the child should be the person with 'parental responsibility'.

If parents are going through a separation or a divorce and do not live together but share parental responsibility over a child, the local authority will disclose details of a child's application upon request from one of the parent who shares the parental responsibility.

It is expected that where there is shared parental responsibility for a child, that parents will agree which parent has the main responsibility before completing their application form.

Where parents are separated and share custody, the parent with whom the child spends most of the school week should make the application. If the parent making the application lives at a different address, a letter of explanation should be given and signed by both parents. The home address will normally be considered to be the address where Child Benefit is payable. An application can only be made from a single address and only one application can be made for each child. It is not acceptable for a family to use a temporary address, rented or otherwise, to secure a place of their preference.

In the case of shared custody it is the address where the child spends most of the time. In the case of formal equal shared custody it is the address of the parent who claims Child Benefit for the child.

Looked After, and Previously Looked After Children

Looked After

Definition:

Applications from children in, or formerly in public care (Looked After Children) must confirm which Local Authority is responsible for the child and be accompanied by a letter from the child's social worker confirming their legal status and that he/she will still be looked after when the child is admitted to the school. Reasons for preferences can be included in the supporting letter.

Previously Looked After Children

Definition:

Applications from children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were immediately adopted (or became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order) must be accompanied by a letter and/or documentary evidence from the child's social worker, advisory teacher or other relevant professional. The Council affords priority school admissions to be given to all children adopted from care who are of compulsory school age, and not just those adopted from care under the 2002 Act.

Summer Born Children

Parents of gifted and talented children, or those who have experienced problems or missed part of a year, for example due to ill health, can seek places outside their normal age group. Decisions will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case, informing parents of their statutory right to appeal. This right of appeal does not apply if they are offered a place in another year group at the school (This approach is in line with the London Inter Authority Admissions Group guidance on summer born children).

Appendix 3 – Consultation Outcomes – Proposed Changes to School Organisation

Proposal to permanently expand Ark Oval Primary Academy by 1 form of entry from September 2015

Ark Oval Primary Academy has agreed to the proposal to permanently expand the school by a form of entry (30 additional pupils) in order to meet the growing primary need in the East of borough. The Academy consulted key stakeholders about the proposal between November 2013 and January 2014.

The responses to the consultation on the proposed expansion show that there is broad support of this proposal.

Respondents to the consultation questionnaire

- 69% of all the respondents were in favour or strongly in favour of the school expanding
- 75% of the responses were from parents of children that currently attending Ark Oval Primary Academy of these 73% was supportive of the expansion and 16% were against the expansion.

The school has submitted a Business Case regarding the proposed expansion to the Department for Education for approval and is awaiting a decision.

Proposal to permanently expand West Thornton Primary Academy by 2 forms of entry from September 2015

The Council initiated the proposal to permanently expand West Thornton Primary Academy by 2 forms of entry. The proposed expansion will create an additional capacity of 60 places to meet the basic need for primary places in Croydon.

Overall, the respondents show broad support to the proposal to expand the school by two additional form of entry from September 2015.

The Academy has/will submit a Business Case to the Education Funding Agency for approval (and is awaiting a decision).

Proposal to permanently expand West Thornton Primary Academy by 2 forms of entry from September 2015

The Council initiated the proposal to permanently expand West Thornton Primary Academy by 2 forms of entry. The proposed expansion will create an additional capacity of 60 places to meet the basic need for primary places in Croydon.

The Academy carried out an 8 week consultation (20 January to 14 March 2014) about the proposed expansion with key stakeholders. A public meeting was held at the school.

- Of all respondents 92% were either strongly in favour or in favour of the school expanding to admit an additional 60 children in each year
- All of the responses were received from parents of children currently attending West Thornton Primary Academy.

Overall, the respondents show broad support to the proposal to expand the school by two additional form of entry from September 2015.

The Academy has/will submit a Business Case to the Education Funding Agency for approval (and is awaiting a decision)

Proposal to expand St Joseph's Catholic Junior, Infants and Nursery Schools by one form of entry from September 2015

The consultation on the proposal to expand the schools took place from 10 February to 10 March 2014. Two public consultation meetings were held at the School.

- Just over a half of respondents 55% were strongly in favour or in favour of the proposed expansion.
- Of the 67 responses 82% were received from parents/careers of children currently attending the schools.

The Council's Cabinet is asked to give its approval to proceed to the next stage – publication of statutory notice - with a 4 week representation period for anyone with an interest to comment on or object to the proposal. If approved, another report will be put to Cabinet in due course for a final decision on whether to implement the proposal.

Proposal to change status and name of Parish Church schools

Parish Church CE Nursery & Infants School and Junior School is proposing to change the category and name of the school, from Voluntary Controlled to Voluntary Aided, and from 'Parish Church' to 'The Minster' respectively, from January 2015.

The proposal states that the school is changing its category to strengthen its relationship with Southwark Diocese, Croydon Minster and other church schools in our area.

Running concurrently with the proposal to change its category, the school is proposing to change its name because the Parish Church has been renamed Croydon Minster and they wish to change the names of the schools to keep the link with our local church.

The school conducted an informal consultation with key stakeholders about the proposals between March and April 2014.

- Just over a half of respondents 57% were strongly in favour or in favour of the change of category.

- Of the 54 responses 72% were from parents/carers of children currently attending the school.

The Council's Cabinet is asked to give its approval to proceed to the next stage – publication of statutory notice - with a 4 week representation period for anyone with an interest to comment on or object to the proposals. If approved, another report will be put to Cabinet in due course for a final decision on whether to implement the proposals.

