

MAYOR AND CABINET		
Report Title	Proposals to consult on the provision of additional permanent primary places	
Key Decision	Yes	Item No. 16
Ward	All	
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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks the Mayor's agreement to officers' undertaking consultation on a number of options to increase permanently the supply of mainstream primary school places and SEN primary resource bases from September 2012.
- 1.2 In so doing it summarises action being taken to meet demand in 2011, and updates previous information on the anticipated future demand for primary places within the Borough.
- 1.3 Two of the proposed recommendations for consultation at Paragraph 2.2 are for the creation of all-age schools. The implications of an increase in the number of all-age schools in the Borough are discussed at Paragraphs 9.3.9-12.
- 1.4 Officers propose to bring a further report to Mayor and Cabinet in March 2011 on the results of any consultations agreed at Paragraph 2.2, and on a more extensive programme of recommendations for permanent expansions to meet demand for September 2012. The report will take into account the recently announced funding allocations for 2011-12, the proposals for a new school system set out in *The Importance of Teaching* (the recent Education White Paper), and the recommendations of the James Committee on education capital expenditure due to report in January 2011.
- 1.5 Recommendations for permanent expansion will continue to be lead by the principles agreed by the Mayor on 28th May 2008 – See Appendix 3. Projects proposed for 2012 and subsequent years will, where possible, consolidate investment in "bulge" classes in 2009 and 2010.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Mayor notes the description of current and projected demand for primary mainstream places and their supply, and its strategic implications.

- 2.2 That, the Mayor agrees that, subject to the results of any required further feasibility work which shows options to be affordable in the light of Lewisham's recent capital settlement, and of consequent outline agreement with potential providers and other stakeholders, consultation should commence on the following options to increase permanently the supply of school places from September 2012:
- 2.2.1 Subject to agreement following consultation on the closure of the current training function provided by Lewisham Leadership and Development Centre on the site, expand Kilmorie Primary School from 1.5 to 3 forms of entry.
 - 2.2.2 Through use of the site of the former Ennersdale Primary School on Leahurst Road, extend provision at Trinity School so that it becomes an all-age school offering 2 forms of entry in the primary phase, with the option of an SEN Resource base, whilst retaining its current 4 forms of secondary entry.
 - 2.2.3 Extend provision at Prendergast Ladywell Fields College so that it becomes an all-age school offering 2 forms of entry in the primary phase, with the option of an SEN Resource base, whilst retaining its current 8 forms of secondary entry.
 - 2.2.5 Establish 2 forms of entry of primary provision on the site of the former Watergate school (Church Grove) as an annexe to an existing good or outstanding school.
 - 2.2.6 Expand Coopers Lane Primary School from 2 to 3 forms of entry;
 - 2.2.7 Increase the number of permanent places available in the New Cross/Deptford Primary Places Planning Locality (PPPL5) by considering the financial and educational implications of a range of options, including:
 - i. expanding Kender Primary School from 1 to 2 forms of entry, and/or
 - ii. expanding Deptford Park Primary School from 3 to 4 forms of entry (whilst considering the option of incorporating SEN Resource base provision), and/or
 - iii. establishing 2 forms of entry on the site of the Mornington Centre as an annexe to an existing good or outstanding school.
- 2.3 That the Mayor instructs officers to continue to investigate the opportunities offered by Council-owned sites.
- 2.4 That the Mayor agrees that officers should bring a subsequent report with recommendations for his consideration to include:
- 2.4.1 the results of feasibility studies and any consequent consultations on the proposed projects set out in Paragraph 2.2;
 - 2.4.2 any other proposals to meet the demand for permanent primary places informed by funding allocations for 2011-14 and by the James Review of capital expenditure.

3 Policy Context

- 3.1 The Local Authority has a duty to ensure the provision of sufficient places for pupils of statutory age and, within financial constraints, accommodation that is both suitable and in good condition.

- 3.2 In aiming to improve on the provision of facilities for primary education in Lewisham which are appropriate for the 21st century, the implementation of a successful primary places strategy will contribute to the delivery of the corporate priority *Young people's achievement and involvement: raising educational attainment and improving facilities for young people through partnership working* and, at the same time, contributing to the corporate priority of *ensuring efficiency, effectiveness and equity in the delivery of excellent services to meet the needs of the community*.
- 3.3 It supports the delivery of Lewisham's *Children & Young People's Plan* (CYPP), which sets out the Council's vision for improving outcomes for all children and young people, and in so doing reducing the achievement gap between our most disadvantaged pupils and their peers.

4 Background

Lewisham's population

- 4.1 The report to Mayor and Cabinet of 24 February 2010 described the rapidly increasing demand for primary school places in Lewisham. Demand has been growing significantly since 2008/09. The Reception cohort has increased from its low point of 2,776 in 2005-06, to 3376 in 2009-10 and to a predicted 3,647 in 2010/11 – 16 Forms of Entry (FE) above PAL. This represents a 30% increase over 5 years.
- 4.2 In addition, throughout the year applications continue to be received for school places from families moving into the Borough. Currently, Lewisham schools are reaching capacity at Key Stage 1. This level of demand is forecast to continue until at least the end of the decade. Table 1 below shows the actual numbers of pupils on roll for 2009-10, and the numbers of places forecast from 2010-11 through to 2014-15 (the shaded area denotes that demand is predicted to be in excess of supply). The final date for on-time applications for Reception places in 2011/12 is 15th January 2011. This will give a firmer indication of likely demand.

Table 1

Academic Year	Lewisham actual and predicted numbers on roll by year group						
	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
ACTUAL							
2009/10	3376	3220	3079	2896	2744	2863	2753
FORECAST							
2010/11*	3,647	3,346	3,247	2,944	2,712	2,635	2,759
2011/12	3,690	3,749	3,472	3,198	2,826	2,673	2,588
2012/13	3,855	3,811	3,906	3,436	3,086	2,802	2,643
2013/14	3,769	4,081	3,984	3,876	3,327	3,071	2,782
2014/15	3,826	3,913	4,271	3,959	3,755	3,315	3,053

* Actual data incomplete for January 2011 intake

- 4.3 The borough is divided in 6 Primary Places Planning Localities (PPPLs). This is based on an analysis of the post-codes of pupils attending each school. It groups together the schools serving each locality both through location and

accessibility through travel routes and therefore the localities are not of the same size. The localities are as follows:

Table 2

Primary Place Planning Locality 1	Forest Hill & Sydenham
Primary Place Planning Locality 2	Lee Green
Primary Place Planning Locality 3	Brockley, Lewisham & Telegraph Hill
Primary Place Planning Locality 4	Catford, Bellingham and Grove Park
Primary Place Planning Locality 5	Deptford & New Cross
Primary Place Planning Locality 6	Downham

An analysis of the forecast demand in each locality is included in Appendix One.

Capital Investment

- 4.4 In 2005 the then Government announced its intention to renew up to half of the primary school estate in England to parallel the *Building Schools for the Future* (BSF) programme for secondary schools. The previous Government pledged an initial £1,150 million extra resources for this programme from 2008 to 2011, and committed to continue that level of investment for up to 15 years in total, subject to future public spending decisions. After the first pilot year (2008-09) all Local Authorities were eligible for funding.
- 4.5 In October 2007 the previous Government gave the details of capital funding for the 2008-11 spending review period, including increased investment in 2008-11 for the PCP to £1,900 million, and from 2011-12 to 2023-24, £500 million a year, subject to public spending decisions.
- 4.6 Funding was dependent on the submission of a satisfactory Primary Strategy for Change (PSfC) A review of projected demand for primary places within the PSfC was a condition of PCP grant, together with a description of how that demand would be met. The data and analyses contained in the Mayor and Cabinet report on the framework for Lewisham's *Primary Strategy for Change and Primary Capital Programme* (28 May 2008 - see Appendix 3) provided the basis of the PSfC submitted by the Authority in June 2008. This comprehensive strategy document set out the Authority's approach to change, its long term plans and its decisions on the expenditure of a first tranche of capital grant within the context of the government's 14 year programme (see Appendix 3). The proposals included the expansion of places in PPPL3 (Brockley, Lewisham & Telegraph Hill) by 1.5fe through the rebuild and expansion of Brockley Primary School (expanded from 1fe to 2fe) and Gordonbrock Primary School (expanded from 2.5fe to 3fe).
- 4.7 In November 2008 Lewisham received notification from the DCSF that its PSfC had been unconditionally approved, and its indicative allocation for 2009-10 and 2010-11 of £11.1 million confirmed. The resultant rebuilds of Brockley & Gordonbrock Primary schools are scheduled for completion by September 2012.
- 4.8 In July 2009 the Government announced that up to £200m would be made available to Local Authorities experiencing significant and unpredicted pressures on primary pupil places. This figure was later increased to £274m.

Lewisham's bid for funding was rejected on the grounds that there were surplus places in Key Stage 2 and that the borough had received sufficient capital funding 2008-2011 to meet need at Key Stage 1.

- 4.9 Following the October 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review, the current Government is making available reduced levels of funding overall to support capital investment in education. A sum of £15.7 billion was announced to support school capital investment in England 2011 – 2014 to include schemes in both the Primary and Secondary sector. This is a reduction of 60% in the level previously available. The Secretary of State indicated that meeting pupil number pressures would be a high priority in allocations from this budget.
- 4.10 On 13th December 2010 the Borough was informed of a Basic Need allocation for 2011-12 of £16.3m of which Basic Need made up £12.7m and £3.6m was for capital maintenance. It has also been given an indication of similar allocations for the following two years, but these and any conditions attached are not likely to be confirmed until the James Committee has reported on policy on capital expenditure in January 2011. The report is also expected to recommend whether Local Authorities should continue to be delivery agents for capital schemes, or whether these should be managed differently.

Lewisham's response

- 4.11 In order to meet pupil number pressures the Local Authority allocated a budget of £4.35m for additional classes in 2010/11. A total of 540 Reception places has been added across 19 mainstream primary schools (plus 10 Primary age places at Brent Knoll Special School). Because the Authority lacked capital funding for the substantial investment required to deliver permanent places, and ongoing uncertainty about future capital funding, these so-called Reception "bulge" classes have been added only as temporary increases in the Borough's Planned Admission Limit for 2010/11.
- 4.12 A similar programme of provision of additional "bulge" classes will be required for 2011-12 admissions, but it is hoped that a programme of permanent expansions can start with effect from 2012-13 and be completed by March 2014, the end of this Comprehensive Spending Review period.

Future Need

- 4.13 Forecasts suggest that the borough requires up to an additional 18 permanent forms of entry to meet its needs over the decade. Given the constrained nature of many school sites in Lewisham, it will not be possible exclusively to meet demand through the use of existing primary school sites. It will be necessary to continue to investigate possible new sites for expansion and negotiate with Council and non-Council partners to identify opportunities including co-locations for delivery from 2012-13 onwards.
- 4.14 The requirements of each Primary Places Planning Locality are set out in Appendix 1. The proposals set out in Paragraph 2.2 will meet some of this demand. They will aim to be developed through expansion of well-established schools in Lewisham.

- 4.15 Proposals to establish additional provision on a permanent basis must comply with the provisions set out in *The Education and Inspections Act 2006 (EIA 2006)* and *The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools)(England) Regulations 2007*. These set out the statutory process for making changes to a school, and statutory guidance on making changes to a maintained school indicates 5 stages to making a prescribed alteration to a maintained school. These are:
- 1) Consultation
 - 2) Publication of a Statutory Notice
 - 3) Representation period
 - 4) Decision making
 - 5) Implementation
- 4.16 There are statutory timescales for stages 2, 3 and 4. Stages 1 and 5 are for local determination. These requirements are likely to be simplified as a result of the government's White Paper, but there are as yet no details of how or when this will be done.
- 4.17 In order to establish additional provision by 2012 on the sites listed in Paragraph 2, the Local Authority will need to start consultations by February 2011. These will inform a fuller set of proposals, which are likely also to include the permanent enlargement of Voluntary Aided and Community Schools, that will be brought to Mayor & Cabinet on March 23rd 2011
- 4.18 The proposals support the principles set out in the Local Authority's *Primary Capital Programme Strategy for Change* (Mayor & Cabinet May 2008) although the more limited capital funding now available will constrain the delivery options.

The Primary Capital Programme and Lewisham's Primary Strategy for Change

- 4.19 When preparing the Primary Strategy for Change (PSfC), the Local Authority was prudent in taking account of the pressure on places already evident through its then most recent projections (March 2008). It therefore made one of its criteria for PCP investment in the first tranche of funding the provision of sufficient places at the right time to meet future needs within and between Primary Places Planning Localities (PPPLs) in the Borough. As articulated in Lewisham's June 2008 PSfC:
- "Ensuring that sufficient places are provided in localities at the right time will take precedence over significant investment in schools where the rectification of conditions and suitability issues will not produce additional places. "*
- 4.20 Dependent upon future central government decisions on capital delivery, it is proposed that the borough's 2011 – 2014 PCP will continue to be governed by the following criteria as set out in the 2008 PSfC:
- Provide sufficient places at the right time to meet future needs within and between planning localities in the Borough
 - Improve conditions and suitability of schools in order to raise standards
 - Increase the influence of successful and popular schools

- Maximise the efficient delivery of education in relation to the size of the school, removing half-form entries and promoting continuity of education
- Enable school extended services for pupils, parents and communities
- Optimise the Council's capital resources available for investment.

4.21 The PCP 2011-14 will need to incorporate consideration of any SEN capital requirements in relation to an updated review of SEN demand and how it might be met. A report to Select Committee in March 2011 will be followed by a report to Mayor & Cabinet in April or May 2011.

5. Primary places in Lewisham: general trends in demand and supply implications 2010-2020

- 5.1 In all PPPLs, Reception places in mainstream schools have been full or nearly full since 2008-09, and pressure is set to continue over succeeding years. From 2008-09, therefore, the most significant Lewisham statistics relate to surpluses of (and over-demand for) Reception places, rather than existing overall school surpluses which, where they exist, have already begun to diminish, and will continue rapidly to do so over the next five years.
- 5.2 Lewisham uses three trend line projections for its primary places planning for the whole Borough and for each PPPL: low, a "weighted average", and high, dependent on the percentage conversion rates between known birth rates and assumed Reception admissions, and, for longer projections, on population data. In 2009-10 and 2010-11, demand has been at or above the level forecast by the "High" trend line projection.
- 5.3 The latest 2010 birth and GLA data indicate that, at different rates and with some fluctuations, demand will continue to rise above current levels at least until the end of the decade in all six Primary Places Planning Localities (PPPLs) Lewisham uses to plan its supply of places.
- 5.4 To date Lewisham has coped successfully with the very significant challenge of providing places for the increasing numbers of children entering Primary education in the borough despite the severe limitations of its capital budgets. In 2010-11, 74% of families were offered a place at their first preference school.

6. Primary places demand and supply issues: 2010-11 to 2014-15

6.1 Lewisham

Table 1 at Paragraph 4.2 above set out the borough wide projections by Year Group for the next five years. Population figures will need to be carefully monitored to assess the impact of the general financial situation on people's future plans for family size and moving house. But simply to cope with children known to be in the population, the borough is forecast to need between 22 and 26 additional forms of entry as early as 2012. Some may be temporary, but the majority will ideally require the permanent expansion of some schools, the conversion of other buildings and the potential to work with other partners to make provision.

- 6.2 Information on each Primary Places Planning Locality is included at Appendix 1. In summary the projected changes in demand per locality are as follows:

Table 3

2011-15 Projected Forms of Entry demand above Locality PAL					
PPPL		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	Sydenham/ Forest Hill	4.5	7	4.5	4.5
2	Lee Green	2	3	2.5	2.5
3	Lewisham/Brockley/ Telegraph Hill	4.5	6	6.5	6.5
4	Catford/Bellingham/ Grove Park	3.5	4	3	3
5	Deptford/New Cross	3.5	3	3.5	4.5
6	Downham	0	3	1	1.5
	TOTAL	18	26	20.5	22.5

* Taking into account aggregated demand per locality.

- 6.3 The proposals in this report will seek to meet some of the demand in the north and across the centre of the borough. Significant additional demand is forecast in these areas which it will be difficult to continue to meet on existing sites.
- 6.4 A proportion of the children in each year will have a Special Education Need which would benefit from some form of specialist provision. This was recognised in the Mayor and Cabinet October 2007 report *Strengthening Specialist Provision for Children with Special Educational Needs*. The report recommended that a programme of SEN resource bases should be developed in mainstream schools across the borough. Whilst a number have been successfully established, the original ambitions have been hard to achieve and the need to provide mainstream places has meant that some potential locations have had to be used for mainstream places. Ten Primary places were added to Brent Knoll in September 2010, and the new ASD school will give bespoke provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). However, further provision is likely to be needed in SEN Resource Bases, particularly for pupils with ASD.
- 6.5 Officers will bring an SEN report to Mayor and Cabinet in April/May 2011 which reviews the strategy set out in the 2007 report, including the implications on capital requirements of increases in the number of primary age children with SEN.

7. 2011-12

- 7.1 Negotiations are underway with governing bodies for the required number of additional Reception classes in each PPPL and will be finalised by the end of February 2011. The Governing Bodies of the following schools have confirmed that they will offer additional places in September 2011:

Table 4

SCHOOL	PLACES
Sydenham/Forest Hill	
Kelvin Grove	30
Kilmorie	15
Lewisham/Brockley/Telegraph Hill	
Myatt Garden	30
Catford/ Bellingham/ Grove Park	
Rushey Green	30
Deptford/New Cross	
Kender	30
St Joseph's Catholic Primary	30

- 7.2 Discussions are well advanced with other schools and officers are confident that the required number of places will be secured.
- 7.3 This is the third year of meeting demand through the provision of "bulge" classes. There is limited scope for meeting demand through internal re-modelling. It is likely that most demand will continue to be met through the provision of high-quality modular buildings. As was commented on previously in the Mayor & Cabinet report *Strategy to deliver Primary Places Part 1* 24 February 2010, their siting will usually decrease the amount of playground space available to a school in the context of increased pupil numbers. Many Lewisham primary schools do not have outside space which meets minimum recommendations for inner-city schools. Any further curtailment of play space is therefore less than ideal. Officers are investigating whether any areas of Council-owned land adjacent to school sites can be incorporated to mitigate the impact of additional development.

8 2012-13

- 8.1 Projections are as follows per locality:

Table 5: Estimated 2012-13 demand - all localities

PPPL		Low		Weighted Average		High	
		No.	FE	No.	FE	No.	FE
1	<i>Sydenham/Forest Hill</i>	952	5	993	6	1016	7
2	<i>Lee Green</i>	343	1	397	3	414	3.5
3	<i>Lewisham/Brockley/Telegraph Hill</i>	812	2	864	3.5	896	4.5
4	<i>Catford/Bellingham/Grove Park</i>	614	2	656	3.5	674	4
5	<i>Deptford/New Cross</i>	414	0	483	2	514	3
6	<i>Downham</i>	384	1.5	420	2.5	427	3
TOTAL		3556	12	3806	21	3855	22

* Taking into account aggregated demand per locality.

- 8.2 For September 2012 the PCP is scheduled to deliver an additional 45 permanent Reception places (1.5 fe) above the 2009-10 PAL from the Brockley and Gordonbrock rebuild projects, both in PPPL3. The rise in Brockley School's PAL from 1fe to 2fe, and Gordonbrock's PAL from 2.5fe to 3fe means that the overall borough-wide PAL will be 3229. This reduces the "weighted average" forecast to around 19 fe and the "high" forecast to around 21 fe.
- 8.3 Since the approval of the PCP and PSfC by the Mayor on 28 May 2008, officers have undertaken feasibility work for permanent increases in their PAL in 13 primary schools to determine whether their permanent expansion can provide value for money. In addition, feasibility work at Our Lady & St.Philip Neri and at St Bartholomew's was carried out as a condition of their approval as potential PCP funded schools.

Feasibility work undertaken for permanent increases in PAL

- 8.4 The feasibility studies on the 15 schools were analysed and ranked. All were assessed to have solutions, some more complex and difficult than others, but all, at high cost. They will need to be re-evaluated in the context of the capital funding available in the next Spending Review Period and the recommendations of the James Committee review of capital expenditure.
- 8.5 Once it is decided which expansion options will best meet the areas of increased demand within the funding available, the LA will undertake the required statutory consultation. As set out in Paragraph 4.15 above, expansions of schools which involve increasing physical capacity as well as numbers of pupils require consultation with stakeholders and a statutory process to cover the enlargement of a school (which is categorized as a "Prescribed Alteration"). Whilst the consultation activities would be specific to each school, the statutory notice and decision making can cover a number of schools. The timing of the process also needs to be integrated with the annual consultation on admission numbers.

9. Specific options needing an early response

- 9.1 Expansions on existing school sites will not be sufficient to meet the increased demand. Therefore officers have been investigating further options for the provision of places. The options set out below include these and two schools where expansion will require negotiation with other partners. Together these comprise the recommendations in Paragraph 2 of the report. Delivery of these places will contribute to meeting the estimated demand per PPPL as set out below.

9.2 PPPL1: Sydenham/Forest Hill

- 9.2.1 Projections are as follows for PPPL1:

Table 6: Estimated 2012-13 demand PPPL1

PPPL		Low		Weighted Average		High	
		No.	FE	No.	FE	No.	FE
1	<i>Sydenham/ Forest Hill</i>	952	5	993	6	1016	7

Expansion of Kilmorie Primary School

- 9.2.2 The school is currently a 1.5 FE Primary School. In 2009-10 and 2010-11 the school has offered an additional 0.5 FE at Reception.
- 9.2.3 The school shares a site with the Lewisham Leadership and Development Centre (LLDC). The ring-fenced funding which supports the delivery of most of the programmes offered at the Centre has been withdrawn by Government from April 2011, and how professional development will be delivered in the future, is currently under review.
- 9.2.4 The release of the accommodation used by the LLDC would enable Kilmorie to expand to 3 Forms of Entry by 2012, adding 1.5 FE to the supply in PPPL1 (Forest Hill & Sydenham) where there is a shortage of 7 FE.
- 9.2.5 The process supports the following *Strategy for Change* principles:
- *Provide sufficient places at the right time to meet future needs within and between planning localities in the Borough*
 - *Maximise the efficient delivery of education in relation to the size of the school, removing half-form entries and promoting continuity of education*
 - *Optimise the Council's capital resources available for investment.*
- 9.2.6 The proposal would need to be integrated with the timescales for the strategy to develop new models of training across the borough and would require consultation on a statutory proposal for the **significant enlargement of a school.**
- 9.2.7 In order to be included in the 2012 Admissions booklet, the process would need to be completed to Stage 4 (Decision) by July 2011.
- 9.2.8 The feasibility study completed in 2009 now needs to be revised to cover re-commissioning the LLDC accommodation as classrooms and the necessary infrastructure.

9.3 PPPL2: Lee Green

- 9.3.1 Projections are as follows for PPPL2:

Table 7: Estimated 2012-13 demand PPPL2

PPPL		Low		Weighted Average		High	
		No.	FE	No.	FE	No.	FE
2	<i>Lee Green</i>	343	1	397	3	414	3.5

9.3.2 There are 315 Reception places available in PPPL2. These are distributed as follows:

Table 8: Places by school and by type in PPPL2

School	Community Places	Faith based	Overall
All Saints CE Primary	9	21	30
Brindishe Primary	30	0	30
John Ball	60	0	60
Lee Manor	60	0	60
St Margaret's Lee CE Junior Infants	20	10	30
St Matthew Academy	0	60	60
St Winifred RC Infants	0	45	45
	179	136	315

9.3.3 150 places (48%) are Community Places in Community Schools
 29 places (9%) are Community Places in Voluntary Aided Schools
 136 places (43%) are Faith based places in Voluntary Aided Schools

9.3.4 The Community (or Open) Places in Voluntary Aided Schools are highly sought after. In relation to CE schools (see Leahurst Road proposal below), there were over 10 applications for each Open place at All Saints and over 6 for each place at St Margaret's Lee. This is higher than applications for each place at Brindishe (9.3), John Ball (4.1) and Lee Manor (3.4).

Use of the former Ennersdale Primary School on Leahurst Road by Trinity School

9.3.5 Ennersdale Primary School was built as a 2fe Primary School. It has been used as a decant site for schools being re-built through the BSF programme. Trinity School moved from Leahurst Road to its re-built school in January 2011, and after a period of refurbishment, Ennersdale will be used as a decant site for Pendragon School from September 2011 to Easter 2013 whilst its own site is redeveloped for a new ASD school.

9.3.6 The site is in the heart of Lee Green (PPPL2) which will require up to 3.5 additional fe in 2012. Many of the schools in this area are on small sites where further development is not possible.

- 9.3.7 Under this proposal, Trinity School would be extended to offer two forms of primary entry from age 5 in addition to its current four forms of secondary entry, thus creating an all-age school. This would provide 2 of up to 3.5 additional forms of entry required in the Lee Green locality. The primary section of the school would be located near to Trinity on the Leahurst Road site. An SEN Resource base would also be considered as an addition to the provision .
- 9.3.8 The option to open Ennersdale as an annexe to Trinity, a successful CE secondary school rated “good” in its recent Ofsted report, and having moved in January 2011 into a brand new, state of the art building, would support the PSfC principle to *“Increase the influence of successful and popular schools”* as well as *“Provide sufficient places at the right time to meet future needs within and between planning localities in the Borough”*.
- 9.3.9 All-age schools are a key part of the Lewisham school improvement strategy. The St. Matthew Academy opened in 2007 and Haberdashers Aske’s Hatcham College became an all-age Academy in 2008. In January 2011 Merlin Primary School was incorporated into Haberdashers Aske’s Knights Academy to create all-age provision in the south of the borough. A further all-age school is planned to open in 2011 in central Lewisham under the Authority’s BSF programme as the third school in the Leathersellers Prendergast Federation. In addition, an all-age Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) school is planned to open by 2013.
- 9.3.10 This proposal would provide an all-age mainstream school in the east of the borough to match all-age schools in the north, centre and south, and complement separate primary and secondary provision elsewhere.
- 9.3.11 In all-age schools the curriculum and teaching can be better tailored to the needs of pupils irrespective of their age. Concerns are sometimes raised about the management issues of having older and younger children in the same school. Some feel that a new start at 11 allows children to develop new skills.
- 9.3.12 Officers’ views are that the positives outweigh the negatives, and that there will remain sufficient choice for parents across schools in the Borough. Research has found that all age schools:
- bring about cultural change through a focus on children’s academic achievement and personal development from 3 – 16;
 - reduce the barriers to pupils’ progress across the primary and secondary phases;
 - provide flexibility in curriculum design, delivery, school management and leadership through economies of scale and opportunities;
 - reduce the dip in performance during transition;
 - improve teaching and learning by the sharing of expertise across all phases;
 - increase opportunities for personalised learning;
 - improve pastoral care for children in challenging circumstances, through joined up strategy for special and behavioural needs;

- support and encourage community and parental development and involvement in school life;
- provide the opportunity for older pupils to make a positive impact through peer tutoring/buddy arrangements and being encouraged to become involved in pre-school and after-school care programme

9.3.13 The current proposal, subject to agreement of the governing body of Trinity School and of the Diocese, is that the admissions criteria for a primary phase of the school should be 80% Community and 20% Faith related.

9.3.14 Trinity Governors have agreed that 60% of places for entry at Year 7 in 2011 should be allocated as Foundation places to families who are practising Anglicans and 40% are Open (Community) places. This proposal would ensure that the intake of the school at Reception would meet the needs of the local community whilst ensuring an overall balance of the school's population between those admitted on Faith and non-Faith criteria.

9.3.15 Adding 60 primary places for Trinity at Leahurst Road on an 80:20 split would result in the following distribution of places in PPL2:

Table 9: Places by school and by type in PPPL2 – including Trinity expansion

School	Community Places	Faith based	Overall
All Saints CE Primary	9	21	30
Brindishe Primary	30	0	30
John Ball	60	0	60
Lee Manor	60	0	60
St Margaret's Lee CE Junior Infants	20	10	30
St Matthew Academy	0	60	60
St Winifred RC Infants	0	45	45
Trinity at Leahurst Road	48	12	60
	227	148	375

9.3.16 The additional primary places at Trinity would slightly improve the balance of Community versus Faith based provision in PPPL2 from 57% as now to 60%.

- 150 places (40%) are Community Places in Community Schools
- 41 places (11%) are Community Places in Voluntary Aided Schools
- 184 places (49%) are Faith based places in Voluntary Aided Schools

9.3.17 There would be a slight increase in the number of faith-based places. The Code of Practice for Admissions allows for any unallocated faith places to be offered to other applicants, as has happened in previous years at St. Matthew Academy.

9.3.18 The new ASD school is scheduled to open in September 2012, and to move from Leahurst Road into its new premises at Easter 2013. The option to re-commission the Leahurst Road site on an incremental basis has been discussed with Trinity School. Feasibility will consider in detail whether, and if proved possible, how best two forms of Reception entry to Trinity might be

accommodated across the Trinity and Leahurst Road sites for one or two terms from September 2012. This will include consideration of the practicalities of the new ASD school and Trinity sharing the Leahurst Road site for two terms before the whole site is handed over to Trinity, and, in this scenario, which Trinity age groups might best occupy the Leahurst Road site.

- 9.3.19 The statutory process for **significant enlargement** of the sponsor school should be taken as far as Stage 4 (Decision) by July 2011 in order for the Reception places to be included in the 2012 admissions booklet.
- 9.3.20 A feasibility study is required to determine the scope of the works required to return the site to use by Primary age pupils, including the management of the site during any period of shared useage.

9.4 PPPL3: Lewisham/Brockley/Telegraph Hill

- 9.4.1 Projections are as follows for PPPL3:

Table 13: Estimated 2012-13 demand PPPL3

PPPL		Low		Weighted Average		High	
		No.	FE	No.	FE	No.	FE
3	<i>Lewisham/Brockley/Telegraph Hill</i>	812	2	864	3.5	896	4.5

Expansion of Prendergast Ladywell Fields College

- 9.4.1 Under this proposal, the site of Prendergast - Ladywell Fields College would be extended to offer two forms of primary entry from age 5, thus creating an all-age school. The aim would be to modify the building so that 8 forms of entry are retained at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.
- 9.4.2 The proposal would contribute to meeting demand in the central/south part of the borough, where a shortfall of approximately 4.5 fe is projected across Brockley, Lewisham and Telegraph Hill.
- 9.4.3 As described at Paragraph 9.3.9-10 above, all-age schools are a key part of the Lewisham school improvement strategy. Their features are set out in Paragraphs 9.3.11-12. This proposal would provide a second, all-age mainstream school in the centre of the Borough to complement its sister all-age school within the same federation, Prendergast-Vale College, which will open in 2011
- 9.4.4 A preliminary feasibility study has been undertaken. This now needs to be revised to incorporate the potential for use of the City Learning Centre (CLC) building which has lost its revenue funding stream.
- 9.4.5 The proposal would require consultation on **Alteration of Lower Age**.

Use of the site of the former Watergate Special School

- 9.4.6 The Watergate site has been vacant and levelled since the relocation of the Special School to its new site. The area has been considered as a site for Gypsies and Travellers. It currently has planning permission for a site providing 5 pitches, although it has never been used as such and permission expires in April 2011. Mayor and Cabinet on 1st December 2010 received a paper on provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers and agreed that a consultation exercise should be undertaken, with a report being brought to the Mayor at a future date.
- 9.4.7 The site falls within the area designated as Lewisham Town Centre, the Area Action Plan for which is considered elsewhere on this Mayor and Cabinet agenda. The Action Plan acknowledges the need for additional school places in the area, but the timing of the availability of sites may need to be accelerated.
- 9.4.8 The Watergate site was reviewed during the consideration of options for the temporary re-location of Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham Temple Grove School while the school was rebuilt. This established that, although small and presenting some challenges, the site could accommodate a 2FE school. Using a fast track modular construction method a school building could be operational within 12 weeks. This would make a significant contribution to meeting the anticipated demand for up to an additional 4.5fe in PPPL3.
- 9.4.9 Provision on the site could be established as an annexe to a successful and popular school, in line with the established Lewisham model of high performing schools working closely with others. The Brindishe School Federation has been approached and has expressed an interest in taking this proposal further. The feasibility study undertaken earlier this year could be revised and developed in conjunction with a sponsor school.

9.5 PPPL4: Catford/Bellingham/Grove Park

- 9.5.1 Up to an additional 4fe will be needed in PPPL4. Projections are as follows:

Table 14: Estimated 2012-13 demand PPPL4

PPPL		Low		Weighted Average		High	
		No.	FE	No.	FE	No.	FE
4	<i>Catford/Bellingham/Grove Park</i>	614	2	656	3.5	674	4

Expansion of Coopers Lane Primary School

- 9.5.1 Coopers Lane Primary school is a 2fe Primary school located in PPPL4 (Catford, Bellingham & Grove Park) and close to PPPL2 (Lee Green). Both localities are oversubscribed. PPPL3 will need up to 4fe and the combined localities 2 and 4 up to 7.5fe in 2012 and beyond.

- 9.5.2 A feasibility study, completed in October 2009, established that the site might have the potential to be expanded to 3FE, but further discussion with stakeholders and feasibility work is required.
- 9.5.3 Once the timescale for these discussions is established the process for consulting on the **significant enlargement** of the school will be reviewed. However, given the pressure on places in the area, there is an urgency to reach a decision.

9.6 PPPL5: Deptford/New Cross

- 9.6.1 In recent years the birth rate in the Deptford/New Cross locality has fluctuated and there have been high levels of mobility in the population. This has resulted in surplus places in some schools. The situation has changed markedly over the last two years. Provision at Key Stage 1 is full and the levels of late and in-year applications for places indicate that the population is increasing.
- 9.6.2 Many schools serving the locality are 1fe and on small sites not suitable for further expansion. Should future projected levels of housing development be achieved in Deptford/New Cross, a site for a new school is likely to be required.
- 9.6.3 In order to meet demand within the present population an additional 3 forms of entry will be required by 2012, and this is forecast to rise to 4.5 FE by 2014 and build to up to 7 Forms of Entry by the end of the decade. Projections are as follows:

Table 15: Estimated 2012-13 demand PPPL5

PPPL		Low		Weighted Average		High	
		No.	FE	No.	FE	No.	FE
5	<i>Deptford/New Cross</i>	414	0	483	2	514	3

- 9.6.4 Decisions about expansion in this area are difficult and a number of options are proposed for feasibility. Not all are ideal. The expansion of Deptford Park would make for a very large primary school which is still working to improve its provision, and the use of Mornington Crescent would have an impact on the planned capital receipts for the borough. However, it is proposed that all options are considered so that recommendations can be brought back to the Mayor in March 2011.

Expansion of Kender Primary School

- 9.6.5 This 1fe school is close to the Besson Street development, and also draws pupils from the area adjacent to the proposed Surrey Canal development area. The school offered an additional Reception class in 2010 and the

forecast levels of demand suggest that a further class will be required in 2011.

- 9.6.6 The existing Kender Primary school has the largest site proportionate to the size of the school in the borough. Its external area is 213% that required for a 1fe school. Given the pressures for both sites and space elsewhere in the area this makes it an attractive option to consider for expansion to a 2fe school.
- 9.6.7 The feasibility studies reported on in November 2009 concluded that “the Kender site provides good options for expansion with no dependencies”.
- 9.6.8 An early decision on the future size of the school will enable appropriate, cost effective, decisions to be made about the siting of additional accommodation.

Expansion of Deptford Park Primary School

- 9.6.9 Deptford Park Primary School is a 3fe Primary School in the area which is under consideration for redevelopment through the Deptford Wharves scheme, currently planned to provide up to 905 new homes
- 9.6.10 The size of year groups varies through the school with smaller groups in Key Stage 2 and a larger group in Key Stage 1 as a result of provision made when the nearby Charlotte Turner Primary school closed.
- 9.6.11 The site of Deptford Park Primary School offers scope for expansion by 1FE through a combination of internal conversion, commissioning some under-utilised space as classrooms and through the addition of an Early Years classroom.
- 9.6.12 The Local Authority has been in discussion with the Governing Body about the potential that the site offers, either for a Resource Base catering for pupils with ASD or for additional mainstream provision or both. There continues to be a need to expand in-borough SEN provision.
- 9.6.13 Two feasibility studies have been carried out since 2008, one to assess the potential to expand to 4 forms of entry and one for an SEN Resource base. The findings of these studies could be revised according to the option chosen.
- 9.6.14 If the school were to expand to four forms of entry, it would become the largest Primary School in the borough, although primary schools of this size and larger can be found elsewhere in London, and the school is still working to improve its provision.

Establish up to 2 forms of entry at the Mornington Centre

- 9.6.15 The Mornington Centre is in the heart of New Cross. It has been used as a decant site for a number of schools over the last 4 years. Earlier PFI proposals included the assumption of a capital receipt for the building once it was no longer required for decant.

- 9.6.16 The Mornington Centre has been used by a number of Lewisham primary schools as a temporary decant site, and is currently in use for this purpose by Lewisham Bridge Primary School until July 2012.
- 9.6.17 The external site is constrained and consideration would need to be given to the number of children who could be educated there permanently.
- 9.6.18 However, given the significant additional demand that is anticipated in the area, it is recommended that the Local Authority review how the building could continue to be used for Primary education once vacated by Lewisham Bridge Primary school.
- 9.6.19 Provision on the site could operate as an annexe to a good or outstanding school in the borough, developing the model already successfully employed of partnering schools, but in this case establishing the provision as an enlargement of the sponsoring school.

10. Financial Implications

- 10.1 The provision of 1.5 forms of entry through the expansion of Brockley and Gordonbrock Primary schools is funded through the previously announced Primary Capital Programme.

Capital Finance Implications

- 10.2 A sum of £15.7 billion has been announced by the government to support school capital programmes in England 2011 – 2014. This will cover schemes in both the Primary and Secondary sector, and there have been indications from the Secretary of State that money will be earmarked to meet pupil number pressures.
- 10.3 On 13th December 2010 the Borough was informed of a Basic Need allocation for 2011-12 of ££12.6m and £3.6m for capital maintenance. It has also been given an indication of similar allocations for the following two years, but these and any conditions attached will not be confirmed until the James Committee has reported in January 2011.
- 10.4 Until the completion of feasibility studies and confirmation of capital allocations for 2012-13 and 2013-14, outline proposals for a three year delivery programme 2011-14, comprising permanent places and “bulge” classes cannot be finalised.
- 10.5 Up to 18 additional forms of entry are required by Lewisham for 2011-12. An equivalent programme of “bulge” classes for 2010-11 cost approximately £4.5m.
- 10.6 A larger programme, including permanent increases in places, will be required for 2012, including the costs of detailed feasibility studies, and these costs would be a first call on any capital resources made available from the government to support expenditure on school buildings. A proposed costed

programme for both 2011-12 and 2012-13 will be the subject of a subsequent report to the Mayor.

Revenue Finance Implications

- 11.7 The report indicates a requirement to undertake feasibility studies for the five projects set out in paragraph 2.3. The anticipated costs of these feasibilities is £60,000 and this would be met from the DSG-CERA allocation for 2011/12.
- 11.8 The project management support from the Estates Management Unit will be met from the Unit budget in 2011/12.
- 11.9 The establishment of “bulge” Reception classes has revenue consequences for the DSG. When each class is established the pupils taking the places are not in the census used by the Government to fund the Lewisham DSG until the following year. For each additional and temporary class there is a provision within the DSG to make an additional payment to the school in addition to its annual delegated budget allocation. The estimated costs of this will be built into the budget planning of the DSG and no burden will fall upon the General Fund of the Council.

11 Legal Implications

- 11.1 The Human Rights Act 1998 safeguards the rights of children in the Borough to educational provision, which the Council is empowered to provide in accordance with its duties under domestic legislation.
- 11.2 Section 14 of the Education Act 1996 obliges each local authority to ensure that there are sufficient primary and secondary schools available for its area i.e. the London Borough of Lewisham, although there is no requirement that those places should be exclusively in the area. The Authority is not itself obliged to provide all the schools required, but to secure that they are available.
- 11.3 In exercising its responsibilities under section 14 of the Education Act 1996 a local authority must do so with a view to securing diversity in the provision of schools and increasing opportunities for parental choice.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 places requirements on Authorities to make their significant strategic decisions concerning the number and variety of school places in their localities against two overriding criteria:

- to secure schools likely to maximise student potential and achievement;
- to secure diversity and choice in the range of school places on offer.

Section 19 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 provides that where a local authority or the governing body of a maintained school proposes to make a prescribed alteration to a maintained school and it is permitted to make that alteration, it must publish proposals.

- 11.4 The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 provides that proposed enlargements of school

premises which would increase the capacity of the school by more than 30 pupils and by 25% or 200 pupils (whichever is the lesser), or changes to the age limit of a school are prescribed alterations which means that statutory proposals have to be published, and there must be a period of four weeks for representations before a decision is made. This does not apply to temporary enlargements where it is anticipated that the enlargement will be in place for less than 3 years, or a rise in the number anticipated to last only one year.

- 11.5 The Council, before making any decision regarding the expansion of a school, must ensure that capital funding is in place, interested parties have been consulted, the statutory notice is published and there has been a four week period for representation.
- 11.6 A further report will be brought to the Mayor and Cabinet on the results of the consultations and full legal implications associated with those proposals will be set out in that further report.

12 Crime and Disorder Implications

- 12.1 There are no crime and disorder implications.

13 Equalities Implications

- 13.1 This report supports the delivery of the Council's Equalities programme by ensuring that all children whose parents/carers require a place in a Lewisham school will be able to access one.

14 Environmental Implications

- 14.1 Every effort will be made to enhance rather than detract from school environments in the solutions to providing additional primary places.

15 Risk assessment

- 15.1 There are financial risks if insufficient funding is allocated to support the programme There are also significant reputational risks to the Council if it does not meet its statutory requirement to ensure sufficient primary school places are made available.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1	Pupil Number Projections by locality
Appendix 2	Mayor & Cabinet report <i>Strategy to deliver Primary Places</i> Part 1 24 February 2010
Appendix 3	Mayor and Cabinet report on the framework for Lewisham's <i>Primary Strategy for Change and Primary Capital Programme</i> 28 May 2008
Appendix 4	Mayor and Cabinet report <i>Strengthening Specialist Provision for Children with Special Educational Needs</i> 3 rd Part 1 October 2007

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APPENDIX 1

1 Primary Places Planning Locality 1

Academic Year	Forest Hill & Sydenham						
Forecasts	Reception	1	2	3	4	5	6
2010/11	937	847	827	769	704	656	710
2011/12	936	961	877	812	736	692	643
2012/13	1,016	964	999	865	781	727	681
2013/14	939	1,044	1,000	983	830	770	714
2014/15	945	963	1,081	982	941	816	754

- 1.1 This area offers 810 places at Reception, with a total of 6,030 places across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 against a Net Capacity of 5,616. The area occupancy level at Key Stage 1 is 99% and 87% at KS2 (against PAN).
- 1.2 These overall levels are achieved despite the fact that one school currently has 40% surplus places. In order to meet local demand the LA needs to restore parental confidence in this school and it has secured agreement from the relevant Governing Bodies to create initially a partnership under collaborative governance arrangements between this school and a nearby school rated as “outstanding” by Ofsted, effective from September 2010. Whilst not full, the school has a higher occupancy level at KS1 (77%) than at KS2 (51%).
- 1.3 In 2009-10 3 Schools in the planning area took pupils above their Reception PAN number (2.5 FE). In 2010, 7 schools will offer a total of 6 additional FE¹.
- Overall demand for Reception places in this locality increased by 13% between 2009 and 2010, compared to a borough wide increase of 4.8%.
- 1.4 First preference applications (994) in 2010 outstripped supply (810) by 23%.
- 1.5 The net capacity of the schools in this area is 5, 256 compared with a Planned Admission number of 5,670 indicating that a number of schools are working with rooms which fall below BB99 guidelines.
- 1.6 Numbers of births in this locality have increased particularly steeply since 2005, with over 1,243 in the academic year 2007/08. Projections for 2010 /11 - 2014/15 suggest that 4FE will need to be added as permanent expansions with a further 3 as a temporary increase to cover 2012-2014. Projections prepared for the LA to the end of the decade indicate that the level of additional demand will be sustained up to 2019/20.
- 1.7 The current surplus capacity at KS 2 will start to disappear from 2011. Given the constraints on classroom size in many of the schools, there is limited

¹Adamsrill Primary School, Dalmain Primary School, Kilmorie Primary School, Christ Church CE Junior and Infant's School, Fairlawn Primary School, Kelvin Grove Junior & Infants School, Perrymount Primary School

potential to create temporary short-term accommodation by introducing mixed-age teaching in order to release a classroom.

2 Primary Places Planning Locality 2

Academic Year	Lee Green						
Forecasts	Reception	1	2	3	4	5	6
2010/11	364	346	323	307	282	279	274
2011/12	410	376	361	319	296	279	275
2012/13	414	421	389	355	306	291	274
2013/14	387	427	438	385	342	303	288
2014/15	389	407	451	440	378	345	306

- 2.1 This area is the most oversubscribed in Lewisham and also the area with the greatest constraint on sites.
- 2.2 It offers 315 places at Reception, and 2,205 places across Key Stages 1&2. 420 places, including 60 Reception, are in St Matthew Academy .
- 2.3 In VA & Community schools, the area occupancy level at Key Stage 1 is 103% and 92% in KS2 against PAN.
- 2.4 Overall demand for Reception places in this locality increased by 16% between 2009 and 2010, compared to a borough wide increase of 4.8%.
- 2.5 In 2010 and based on first preferences, VA & Community schools received 1.7 applications for every place, (428 applications for 255 places) This compares with 1.5 applications for each place in 2009 (386 applications for 253 places)
- 2.6 Many of the schools are on constrained sites, as stated above. Net Capacity of the VA & Community schools is 1,688 compared to a PAN of 1,785. The current number on roll is 1,544. This situation will be exacerbated as larger cohorts in Key Stage 1 move through to Key Stage 2. Despite this, in order to meet local demand it was necessary to ask 1 school in 2009² and 2 in 2010³ to admit additional forms of entry.
- 2.7 Births in this locality have risen since 2004/05 (346 births). In the academic year 2007/2008 there were 426 births. The area includes some schools close to the borough boundary with Greenwich and there is always cross-border movement. Demand for Reception places is expected to peak in 2012/13 when potentially there could be a 3.5FE shortfall at Reception. The LA will be in discussion with Greenwich about provision in the area, but expects to need to add at least 2 forms of entry on a permanent basis to meet demand in the area.

² John Ball Junior and Infants School

³ Lee Manor, Brindishe

3 Primary Places Planning Locality 3

Academic Year	Brockley, Lewisham & Telegraph Hill						
Forecasts	Reception	1	2	3	4	5	6
2010/11	849	789	775	643	613	611	626
2011/12	845	876	823	767	621	608	603
2012/13	896	881	922	823	748	625	610
2013/14	900	933	926	919	801	749	625
2014/15	909	937	979	923	893	800	747

- 3.1 The western edge of this area covers borders Southwark. There is a significant amount of development in the area.
- 3.2 711 Reception places were available for entry in 2010 out of a total of 4,977 Primary places. The net capacity for the area is 5,152.. The area occupancy level at Key Stage 1 is 102% and 89% at KS2 against PAN
- 3.3 There are some exciting developments in hand for schools in this area. Two schools are to be rebuilt under the Primary Capital programme. Brockley has deferred the planned reinstatement of its intake from 1FE to 2FE during the build programme. At the end of the build period (2013) it will revert to 2FE, and the Gordonbrock rebuild will increase the school from 2.5 to 3FE. Lewisham Bridge 2384 is to be incorporated from September 2011 as the primary section of an all-through school managed by the successful Prendergast federation (Prendergast-Vale College).
- 3.4 Demand for places within the area exceeded supply in 2010 (765 first preferences compared to 711 places). There represents a 3% increase over first preference applications in 2009.
- 3.5 After a low point in 2003 (803), births in the locality have increased steeply to 1,097 in 2007/2008. They are projected to continue to rise up to and beyond 2014/15. A significant increase in demand for Reception places is forecast in 2012/13 when there is a potential shortfall of 5 FE. As in Area 2, there is some cross-border movement and the LA has started discussion with Southwark about options for meeting demand.
- 3.6 In 2009, two schools⁴ in the area offered additional places to meet borough wide demand. In 2010 a further two⁵ will each offer an additional form of entry. Some additional capacity (1.5 FE) will be met through the expansion of schools rebuilt under the Primary Capital Programme, But further capacity will need to be found to accommodate increased demand forecast to continue until the end of the decade. This may need to include the identification of a new site for a school.

⁴ Holbeach Junior & Infants School, John Stainer Junior & Infants School

⁵ Ashmead Primary School, Edmund Waller Junior & Infants School

4 Primary Places Planning Locality 4

Academic Year	Catford, Bellingham, Grove Park						
Forecasts	Reception	1	2	3	4	5	6
2010/11	635	577	553	516	493	499	516
2011/12	655	652	598	544	495	486	489
2012/13	674	675	679	591	525	490	479
2013/14	643	694	702	670	568	518	482
2014/15	649	661	720	691	642	560	508

- 4.1 This area borders the over-subscribed PPPL2 in the north.
- 4.2 The area offers 555 places at Reception and 3,885 places across the Key Stages against a Net Capacity of 3,804.
- 4.3 The area occupancy level at Key Stage 1 is 97% and 92% at KS2 against PAN.
- 4.4 In 2010, there was a 9% increase in first preference applications for schools in the area with schools adjacent to PPPL2 being particularly oversubscribed. Two schools had already offered additional places in 2009⁶. In order to meet demand in 2010, 4 schools have opened additional places⁷. After a sharp drop in 2000/2001, births in the locality have increased year on year with 858 births registered in 2007/2008. Demand for Reception places is projected to be 2-3FE above PAN with a peak of 4 FE in 2012/13.
- 4.5 The localised demand in this area means that the LA will need to plan across PPPL2 & PPPL4. Some of the larger sites in this area capable of supporting further development are not in the areas of highest demand.

5 Primary Places Planning Locality 5

Academic Year	Deptford, New Cross						
Forecasts	Reception	1	2	3	4	5	6
2010/11	511	448	438	394	342	340	353
2011/12	508	524	463	430	377	337	333
2012/13	514	524	546	458	415	373	333
2013/14	521	545	561	554	457	426	384
2014/15	551	556	587	574	553	471	440

- 5.1 Schools in the area offer a total of 420 places at Reception, and 2,940 places across Key Stages 1&2. Some places are part of an all-through Academy: 420 places, including 60 Reception, are in Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham Temple Grove Primary School, the Primary phase of Haberdashers Aske's Hatcham College

⁶ Forster Park, Sandhurst Infants.

⁷ Forster Park, Sandhurst Infants, Athelney, Torridon Infants

- 5.2 Community & Voluntary Aided schools offer 360 places at Reception, and 2,520 places across Key Stages 1&2. The Net Capacity for the schools is 2,582.
- 5.3 The area occupancy level at Key Stage 1 is 95% and 76% at KS2 against PAN.
- 5.4 The birth rate in this area fluctuated from year to year from 1998/99 to 2004/05. This coupled with mobility in the area has had an impact on school rolls. Since then it has risen steadily from 635 in 2004/05 to 762 in 2007/08. Demand for places was 5% above supply for 2010 entry.
- 5.5 Projections suggest a shortfall in Reception places from 2010 onwards, and this is borne out by the current levels of late applications from the area. A high proportion of late applicants for places in 2010 have come from this part of the borough The LA will need to plan for approximately three additional forms of entry from 2011 - 15.
- 5.6 Deptford and New Cross are areas where major developments are planned, to be completed by the end of the decade. Longer term projections anticipating the impact of major development schemes indicate the need for up to 7 further forms of entry. Some of this provision (2FE) is under discussion with a proposed site developer. The situation will need to be monitored closely as the discussions on the developments progress.

6 Primary Places Planning Locality 6

Academic Year	Downham						
	Reception	1	2	3	4	5	6
2010/11	351	338	331	315	277	251	280
2011/12	337	360	350	325	301	272	246
2012/13	427	345	372	343	310	296	266
2013/14	379	438	357	365	328	305	289
2014/15	382	389	453	350	349	322	298

- 6.1 This area borders LB Bromley. The area has had a declining population for some time, which has had an impact on school rolls, although there is now some evidence of an increase.
- 6.2 The smaller Numbers on Roll have mitigated the fact that the Net Capacity of 5 of the 7 schools in the area is below their Total Planned Admission Number.
- 6.3 There are 345 places available at Reception and 2,415 across the Key Stages. Based on January 2010 rolls occupancy in the area is 99% at KS1 and 79% at KS2. First preference applications to schools in the area for 2009 Reception places were 85% of the total Reception capacity, but families from outside the area were offered and accepted places in schools.

- 6.4 A proposal to merge Merlin Junior & Infants School with Haberdashers Aske's Knights Academy to create an all-through school across two sites is currently under consideration. This will not involve increasing the size of the 1.5 FE Primary phase, and Key Stage 1 is operating at 99% occupancy. If the proposal is approved The LA will monitor the impact on demand for places and any potential implications for school capacity in the area.
- 6.5 A number of schools in this area have carried high levels of surplus places at KS2. Significantly larger cohorts will start to move through from KS1 from September 2010 onwards and this surplus will reduce year on year.
- 6.6 One school has offered a bulge class this September. It is close to good transport links and therefore provides capacity for a larger area.
- 6.7 Births have fluctuated in this area but showed a significant increase between 2006/2007 (414 births) and 2007/2008 (525 births). Projections suggest that demand for places will increase with the highest levels being experienced in 2012/13. They will fall back after this period. The LA will need to consider the local position carefully, and in conjunction with the neighbouring borough, Bromley, to ensure that appropriate decisions are made, but it is likely that 1 – 1.5 additional FE may be required on a permanent basis.