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## **EDUCATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting to be held on Tuesday 11 September 2012**

**Please see attached supporting documents for Item 6d) Consultation Outcomes:  
Proposal to Expand Riverside School**

**6d CONSULTATION OUTCOMES: PROPOSAL TO EXPAND RIVERSIDE  
SCHOOL (Pages 3 - 44)**

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# Agenda Item 6d

Report No.  
ACS12025

London Borough of Bromley

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**Decision Maker:**      **Executive**

**Date:**                      **11 April 2012**

**Decision Type:**      Non-Urgent                      Executive                      Key

**Title:**                      **DEVELOPMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)  
SECONDARY PROVISION**

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Lorna Blackwood, Assistant Director of Commissioning and Partnerships  
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**Ward:**                              Cray Valley East Ward

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1.      Reason for report

- 1.1      This report considers the future cost pressure that is generated as a result of the increase in the numbers of secondary aged pupils presenting with ASD and the options available to mitigate this increase.
  - 1.2      The development of this project has been overseen by the Executive Working Group for Special Educational Needs.
  - 1.3      The CYP Portfolio Holder approved in principle this case following PDS scrutiny and comments on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
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**2.      RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Executive:

- 2.1      Subject to statutory consultation, confirms the expansion of Riverside School by 1 Form of Entry (FE), 8 children in each year group, from September 2013;
- 2.2      Confirms the draw-down of capital funding from the basic need grant of £1.2M including fees to complete the necessary building works to accommodate the expansion of Riverside.

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy.
  2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People.
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated cost £1.2M capital (2012/13)
  2. Ongoing costs: Non-recurring cost.
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Basic Need Capital Grant
  4. Total current budget for this head: £1.2M
  5. Source of funding: Basic Need Capital Grant
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement.
  2. Call-in: Call-in is applicable
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): 52 children and their parents/carers
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Yes.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Any comments received will be reported at the meeting

### **3. COMMENTARY**

#### **Background**

- 3.1 There is an increasing need for additional, in-borough provision for secondary aged pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The number of children now diagnosed with ASD is growing, resulting in a projected shortfall of specialist ASD places by 2021 of 120 11-16 year olds and 36 post 16 places. If no action to increase maintained in-Borough provision is taken, these additional 156 places would need to be commissioned from the independent sector at a higher unit cost. It is a statutory requirement to provide these places.
- 3.2 Currently there are 30 children of secondary age with ASD who are placed in non-maintained day settings at an average cost of £35k p.a. compared to the cost of a day place at Riverside of £21k p.a. Some of the children with severe and profound ASD are in very expensive independent placements costing circa £200k pa.
- 3.3 An option that has been explored by officers is, subject to consultation, the expansion of the Riverside School at the St. Paul's Cray site by 1 form of entry, which by year seven (2018/19) will meet the demand for 40 secondary age pupils (11-16 years old) and 12 post 16 pupils (17-19 years old). This provision would meet the needs of learners with severe and profound ASD who will access the lower P level curriculum offered there. This will be building on the success of the primary ASD unit at Riverside Beckenham and will offer an in-Borough maintained setting to continue those children's ASD specific offer into the secondary phase.
- 3.4 Subject to Executive approval and statutory consultation, the building works required at the Riverside School St Pauls Cray site, can be carried out during January 2013 to August 2013, allowing the new provision to be fully open from September 2013. As an additional 8 children will require a specialist secondary ASD placement in the 2012/13 academic year a spare classroom has been identified at the Riverside Beckenham site from September 2012 to accommodate these pupils until the building work is completed.
- 3.5 The CYP Portfolio Holder and the Executive Working Group on Special Educational Needs has already agreed to the expansion of Riverside by 1FE at the St. Paul's Cray site and the Portfolio Holder agreed the drawdown of the £1.2m of Basic Need capital funding at the CYP Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
- 3.6 Since April 2011 local authorities have been under a duty (set out in the Short Breaks Regulations 2011) to provide short break services to carers and disabled children as a key support to families resulting from consultation about what works for families and disabled children and research indicating these types of support services help to prevent needs escalating towards more expensive services such as residential care. Children who are placed in day educational provisions are entitled to be considered for eligibility for short breaks services. This entitlement is irrespective of whether the educational day setting is provided within a maintained/in-Borough provision or independent/out-Borough provision. Accordingly, the impact on the demand for these services remains the same regardless of where these pupils' educational needs are being met. For the cohort of pupils who would attend Riverside secondary provision, the demand for short breaks can met from existing in borough capacity and resources.

#### **Statutory Consultation**

- 3.6 In accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007, statutory consultation must be carried out and considered before this scale of expansion at the Riverside school. It is not permitted to commence consultation

until the capital funding required to undertake the physical expansion of the school is secured. It is proposed that this consultation will take place between April and December 2012.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 On the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 the CYP Portfolio Holder agreed capital funding of £1.2m for the Riverside project which will be met from Basic Need Capital Grant allocations.

4.2 The tables below provide a breakdown of the existing Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) costs of ASD out of borough day placements and the alternative costs of providing this provision in house at Riverside. The costs of the placements are funded through DSG and the cost of transport through RSG.

##### Cost of Placements

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Additional Children</u>	<u>Cumulative Children</u>	<u>Out Borough Day Placement per child £</u>	<u>In Borough Riverside placement per child £</u>	<u>Saving per child £'000</u>	<u>Total per year Savings £'000</u>	<u>Cumulative Savings £'000</u>
2012/13	8	8	35,000	21,000	14,000	112,000	112,000
2013/14	8	16	35,000	21,000	14,000	112,000	224,000
2014/15	8	24	35,000	21,000	14,000	112,000	336,000
2015/16	8	32	35,000	21,000	14,000	112,000	448,000
2016/17	8	40	35,000	21,000	14,000	112,000	560,000
2017/18	6	46	35,000	21,000	14,000	84,000	644,000
2018/19	6	52	35,000	21,000	14,000	84,000	728,000
	<b><u>52</u></b>					<b><u>728,000</u></b>	<b><u>3,052,000</u></b>

##### Cost of Transport

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Additional Children</u>	<u>Cumulative Children</u>	<u>Out Borough transport per child £</u>	<u>In Borough Transport per child £</u>	<u>Saving per child £'000</u>	<u>Total per year Savings £'000</u>	<u>Cumulative Savings £'000</u>
2012/13	8	8	5,628	3,507	2,121	16,968	16,968
2013/14	8	16	5,628	3,507	2,121	16,968	33,936
2014/15	8	24	5,628	3,507	2,121	16,968	50,904
2015/16	8	32	5,628	3,507	2,121	16,968	67,872
2016/17	8	40	5,628	3,507	2,121	16,968	84,840
2017/18	6	46	5,628	3,507	2,121	12,726	97,566
2018/19	6	52	5,628	3,507	2,121	12,726	110,292
	<b><u>52</u></b>					<b><u>110,292</u></b>	<b><u>462,378</u></b>

4.3 As you will see from the table the cumulative savings to the DSG will be £3,052,000 and £462,378 to the RSG over a period of seven years from a £1.2m investment at Riverside. This will help to mitigate future growth pressures in these areas.

4.4 In 2012/13, whilst the construction is ongoing a room has been identified at Riverside Beckenham to take the first cohort of children. From 2013/14 these children plus the others that will follow will be taught in the new provision.

#### 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 As part of Section 14 of the Education Act 1996, the Council has a statutory duty to ensure that schools in its area are sufficient in number, character and equipment to provide education

suitable for the different ages, abilities and aptitudes and special educational needs of pupils of school age.

- 5.2 In accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007, statutory consultation must be carried out and considered before an expansion of this size can be carried out.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	<b>Papers of the Executive Member Officer Working Group for Special Education Needs</b>  <b>CYP PDS meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Report DCYP12036</b>  <b>Financial data held in the department</b>

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**Decision Maker:** Children and Young People Portfolio Holder

**Date:** For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20 March 2012

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**Title:** **BASIC NEED PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT 3**

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**Chief Officer:** Gillian Pearson, Director of Children and Young People Services

**Ward:** All

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1. Reason for report

1.1 This report sets out the proposed 2012-2013 Basic Need Programme.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 That the Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee notes the 2012-13 Basic Need Programme outlined in section 3.25.
- 2.2 That the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People Services approves the list of schemes as outlined in section 3.25.
- 2.3 That the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People Services approve expenditure on the projects in delivery including feasibility studies at Churchfields Primary School, Chislehurst (St Nicholas) CE Aided Primary School and for the Secondary ASD SEN Invest-to-Save scheme.
- 2.4 That the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People Services note the initial allocation to projects in development which will be subject to future reports to Members.
- 2.5 That, where appropriate, the Director of Children and Young People Services be authorised to submit planning applications at the appropriate time in respect of the schemes set out in this report.

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People:
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost: £8,159,392
  2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost:
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Education Capital Programme
  4. Total current budget for this head: ££8,179,226
  5. Source of funding: DfE Basic Need Capital Grant
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement:
  2. Call-in: Applicable:
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All Local Authority Maintained and Voluntary Aided Schools
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### 3. COMMENTARY

3.1 The programme is funded by the Basic Need Capital Grant that is provided by Central Government and can be spent on any publicly funded school to support the provision of sufficient school places.

3.2 Bromley has received 3 separate allocations of Basic Need Capital Grant including an award as part of the Department for Education's £500m exceptional allocation in Autumn 2011. Further allocations are expected in future years. The Authority's allocation to date is as follows:

Basic Need Funding Allocation:

2011-12 allocation	£4,496,771
Autumn 2011 exceptional in-year allocation	£1,277,936
2012-13 allocation	£2,404,519
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Total allocation to date:	£8,179,226

3.3 Government announcements indicate that Basic Need Grant will be provided to local authorities each year of the current Comprehensive Spending Review period up to 2014-15. The attached Basic Need programme at 3.23 below includes projects that will require funding from future awards of Basic Need Capital Grant.

#### 2011-12 Programme

3.4 Works were undertaken during Summer 2011 at the following primary schools in order to provide additional places to meet increasing demand at primary age.

- Churchfields Primary School – internal works allowing provision of single 'bulge year' in 2011-12
- Malcolm Primary School - internal works allowing provision for a 'bulge year' in 2011-12 and allowing for an additional 'bulge year' in 2012-13
- Parish Primary School – provision of 2 classroom modular unit providing for a 'bulge year' in 2011-12 and allowing for an additional 'bulge year' in 2012-13
- Royston Primary School – provision of single classroom modular unit allowing provision of a single 'bulge year' in 2011-12
- Valley Primary School – provision of 2 classroom modular unit providing for a 'bulge year' in 2011-12 and allowing for an additional 'bulge year' in 2012-13

3.5 Additional schemes were undertaken to expand the kitchen and servery at Bickley Primary School to complete the works to permanently expand the school to 2FE and complete works to the SEN unit at Hillside Primary School.

3.6 A small number of schemes have been undertaken at Academies using Basic Need Capital Grant to enable access for disabled pupils, as Access Initiative Grant can only be used at local authority maintained schools.

- 3.7 The Authority has undertaken a space planning exercise to plan and inform the permanent expansion of Churchfields Primary School to 2FE.
- 3.8 The Children and Young People Portfolio Holder agreed to set aside £650,000 in total from Basic Need Capital Grant at the Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 14 July 2011 and 24 January 2012.

### **Projects in Delivery - Primary School Expansion Programme**

- 3.9 Following the meeting of the Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 21 February 2012 the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People Services agreed to a number of recommendations to provide additional accommodation at schools to meet increased demand for primary places (DCYP 12025).
- 3.10 The schemes undertaken in 2011-12 at Malcolm Primary School, Parish Primary School and Valley Primary School all provide additional 'bulge year' classrooms for 2012-13
- 3.11 Pupil demand in Planning Area 6 is such that the Council needs to progress the proposal to relocate Chislehurst St Nicholas CE Primary School and an allocation has been made from the 2012-13 Basic Need Capital Grant to progress with feasibility works up to RIBA Stage D. The Council remains in conversation with the Diocese of Rochester about the proposal and the Diocese has confirmed that all the proceeds from the sale of the existing site would be available as a contribution towards the cost of relocating the school.
- 3.12 In order to satisfy pupil demand further internal modification works will need to be undertaken at Churchfields Primary School to provide an additional 'bulge year' classroom for September 2012. Following the completion of space planning during 2012-13 work will also start on the development of detailed proposals for the permanent expansion of the school from 2013.
- 3.13 An additional 'bulge year' classroom will be provided at Leasons Primary School funded by Basic Need Capital Grant.
- 3.14 The Council is in discussions with Parish Primary School with regards to a permanent expansion to 3FE from September 2013. This would require a major building scheme to expand the school's current pupil capacity including the replacement of a number of existing classrooms currently accommodated in aging modular units. It is planned that a feasibility study will start during 2012-13 as well as works to provide an additional pedestrian access route to the school.
- 3.15 An allocation of £30,000 has been made to support the necessary improvement of facilities at Red Hill Primary School to support the school that took extra pupils in 2011-12.
- 3.16 A contingency of £700,000 has been allocated to support additional 'bulge years' should these be required when the school place requirements for September 2012 are known later in March 2012.

### **Projects in Delivery - SEN Requirements 2012-13**

- 3.17 In order to address increasing demand and reduce out-of-borough placements an allocation of £500,000 has been allocated to support pump-priming development work with regards the creation of a new 2FE (16 pupils per year, 110 pupils in total) ASD specific secondary provision, including sixth form and respite. This allocation includes an allowance for the cost of the site suitability and interim Project Manager. These development costs will need to be

refunded to the Basic Need budget once the Invest-to-Save scheme has been approved for development. The target date for construction works to start on this project is early 2013.

- 3.18 In addition, in order to cater for current demand, works are proposed to enable the provision of an additional ASD specific secondary form of entry (8 pupils per year) at Riverside School Orpington for September 2012. A feasibility study is currently under way to develop and plan these works, including improved access, the provision of a multi use games area (MUGA) and expansion of the school's hall to cope with the increased number of pupils. These works are in addition to the 2FE Invest-to-Save project currently underway to reduce the number and cost of out-of-borough placements.
- 3.19 Works need to be undertaken at Burnt Ash School to bring facilities up to a suitable standard for September 2012 in order to address the recommendations of a recent Ofsted inspection.
- 3.20 An allowance has been made in 2012-13 to undertake further adaptations at Academies to facilitate the access by Bromley pupils.

### Projects in Development

- 3.21 The Basic Need programme includes a number of schemes for which a funding allocation has been made within the programme, but where additional development work is required before final proposals are brought before Members for approval
- 3.22 An allocation of £400,000 remains in the programme for the expansion and improvement of the Hearing Impairment Unit at Darrick Wood Secondary School pending further details on future demand for the service and an agreement on the best route to proceed.
- 3.23 An allocation has been made for future works at Crofton Infant School to meet rising pupil demand. It is proposed that this will be achieved through the expansion of the unit at Crofton Infant School.
- 3.24 An allocation has been set aside subject to future detailed consideration by Members to enable the relocation of the respite facility currently based at Chipperfield Road to the M2 Youth Club.

### BASIC NEED PROGRAMME 2012-13

- 3.25 The table below sets out the expenditure to date and proposed future allocation of the Council's Basic Need Programme.

School	Description of Works	Total Cost (£)	Status	Timescale	Funding from 2011-13 Basic Need Grant	Works funded post 2012-13
<b>COMPLETED PROJECTS</b>						
Bickley Primary School	Kitchen and servery works to complete expansion to full 2FE	£102,300	Complete	Facilities available September 2011	£102,300	
Churchfields Primary School	Minor adaptations and redecoration to facilitate an extra form of entry in September 2011.	£30,000	Complete	Facilities available September 2011	£30,000	

School	Description of Works	Total Cost (£)	Status	Timescale	Funding from 2011-13 Basic Need Grant	Works funded post 2012-13
Churchfields Primary School	Space planning to inform future feasibility and building works to permanently expand school to 2FE	£10,000	Complete	March 2012	£10,000	
Hillside School	Contribution from Basic Need to delivery of SEN facilities at school	£56,115	Complete	Facilities available September 2011	£56,115	
Malcolm Primary	Minor adaptations and redecoration to facilitate an extra form of entry in 2011 & 2012.	£44,800	Complete	Facilities available September 2011	£44,800	
Parish CE Primary School	Modular accommodation to facilitate an extra form of entry in 2011 & 2012.	£350,374	Complete	Facilities available September 2011	£350,374	
Royston Primary School	Modular accommodation to provide an additional form of entry in 2011.	£261,803	Complete	Facilities available September 2011	£261,803	
Valley Primary School	Modular accommodation to facilitate an extra form of entry in 2011 & 2012.	£349,000	Complete	Facilities available September 2011	£349,000	
Disabled Access at Academy Schools	Adaptation works at Bromley Academy school to facilitate access by Bromley Pupils	£20,000	Ongoing	Up to April 2012	£20,000	
2011-12 Contingency Expended		£10,000			£10,000	
The Highway School Primary Capital Programme	Contingency to cover over-spend on project in advance of legal claim against consultants	£650,000	Ongoing	Not spent as of 7/03/2012. Basic Need budget to be reimbursed from claim against consultant	£650,000	
		£1,884,392			£1,884,392	
<b>PROJECTS IN DELIVERY</b>						
Burnt Ash Primary School (3.19)	Internal modifications to address recommendations of recent OfSTED inspection	£50,000	Project summer 2012	Works to be completed by September 2012	£50,000	
Chislehurst St Nicholas CE Primary School (3.11)	Feasibility to allow planning submission for relocation and expansion to 2FE	£150,000	In preparation	Feasibility to take place 2012-13	£150,000	tbc

School	Description of Works	Total Cost (£)	Status	Timescale	Funding from 2011-13 Basic Need Grant	Works funded post 2012-13
Churchfields Primary School (3.12)	Expansion of School to 2FE. Modifications to provide one additional Classroom September 2012. Phased permanent expansion 2013-15.	£600,000	In development		£120,000	£480,000
Leesons Primary School (3.13)	Provision of additional classroom, improved kitchen and SEN provision	£150,000	In preparation	Delivered during 2012-13	£150,000	
Parish CE Primary School (3.14)	Permanent expansion of school to 3FE and provision of second pedestrian access route to school. Will require temporary accommodation.	£3,200,000	In development	First new class required September 2013	£2,300,000	£900,000
Red Hill Primary School (3.15)	Improvement of toilet facilities to support increase in pupil numbers	£30,000	In development	Spring/ Summer 2012	£30,000	
Riverside School Orpington IFE ASD Expansion (3.18)	Creation of a RIBA Stage report D report, internal works, new access, hall and MUGA	£1,200,000	In development	Scheme delivered during 2012-13	£1,200,000	
SEN Secondary ASD Invest-to-Save Scheme (3.17)	Site suitability study, feasibility and project management costs	£500,000	Ongoing	To inform decision July 2012 on delivery of project. Development costs to be repaid from invest-to-save	£500,000	
Pupil Place Contingency (3.17)	Contingency budget to cover costs of additional classrooms if required to meet pupil demands	£700,000	tbc	If required, works to be complete September 2012	£700,000	
Disabled Access at Academy Schools (3.20)	Adaptation works at Bromley Academy schools to facilitate access by Bromley Pupils	£50,000	Ongoing	Works delivered during 2012-13	£50,000	
Programme Contingency 2012-13 (5%)		£325,000			£262,000	
Services Contingency		£100,000			£100,000	
Total Cost of Schemes in Delivery		£6,992,500	2012-13 allocation for schemes in delivery		£5,612,500	



School	Description of Works	Total Cost (£)	Status	Timescale	Funding from 2011-13 Basic Need Grant	Works funded post 2012-13
<b>PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Crofton Infants School (3.23)	Expansion of SEN existing unit to take an additional 10 pupils	£400,000	In preparation	2012-13 funding support expansion of Busy Bees outdoor play space and development costs of new build classroom	£100,000	£300,000
Darrick Wood Secondary HIU (3.22)	Improvement and expansion of existing provision	£400,000	In preparation	Details of scheme to be agreed	£400,000	
Respite Service (3.24)	Relocation to M2 Youth Centre	£100,000	In preparation	September 2012	£100,000	
Total Cost of Schemes in Development		£900,000	2012-13 allocation for schemes in development		£600,00	
Total costs of completed projects, projects in delivery and project in development		£9,776,892	Total Expenditure during 2012-13		£6,925,000	
Total Programme 2011-13					£8,096,892	
Total Grant 2011-13					£8,179,226	
Unallocated Grant 2011-13					£82,334	

3.24 Basic Need Capital Grant is a rolling programme and further grant allocations are expected in future years, at least to the end of the current Comprehensive Spending Review Period (2014-15). It should be noted that a number of schemes that have been provided an allocation above, such as the major building works at Churchfields Primary School and Parish CE Primary School, require allocation from future Basic Need allocations

3.25 It is expected that the allocations made to The Highway School and the SEN Invest-to-Save scheme will be refunded to the programme.

3.26 An allocation has been made from the Council's Basic Need Capital Grant to contain the overspend on The Highway School whilst the Authority undertakes action to recover costs resulting from design deficiencies as set out at 3.23 in the programme above. However, first call on any compensation gained from the Council's claim will compensate the £650,000 contingency allowance made from its Basic Need Capital Allocation.

3.27 It should be noted that no allocation has been made for the construction phase of Chislehurst the relocation and expansion of St Nicholas CE Primary School. The funding of the construction phase of the project will need to be agreed between the Authority and CE Diocese of Rochester before building works can proceed and any call on the Authority's Basic Need Allocation will need to come from future allocations.

#### 4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The need to ensure sufficient school places and efficiency of organisation is a priority within the Council's Strategy "Building a Better Bromley" and contributes to the strategy to achieve the status of an Excellent Council. This policy also contributes to key targets within the Children and Young People Portfolio Plan, particularly the outcome that "Children and young people enjoy learning and achieve their full potential".



## 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council has been allocated £8,179,226 in 100% capital grant for the financial years 2011-13 to meet the basic need provision in schools.
- 5.2 This report identifies an updated Basic Need Programme for the period 2011-13 with an estimated expenditure of £8,159,392.

## 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The distribution and application of monies received from Central Government is subject to guidance and advice from the Department for Education.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	

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Parents/Carers, Staff and Governors of  
Riverside School (St Paul's Cray & Beckenham Sites)

11 June 2012

Dear Parent/Carer, Member of Staff and School Governor

### **Consultation: Proposed Expansion of Riverside School**

This letter outlines the case for the expansion of Riverside School and how you can respond to the consultation. **The deadline for responses is Friday, 20 July 2012.**

#### **Our Proposal**

To expand Riverside School by one form of entry at the St Paul's Cray site, admitting 8 additional children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder to Year 7 each year.

#### **Our Reasons**

##### **Why we Need this Additional Provision?**

There is an increasing need for additional, in-borough provision for secondary aged pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). We believe that as many of our children with special educational needs as possible should be educated within our special needs provision in Bromley and too many children with autism are currently placed outside the borough.

The number of children now diagnosed with ASD is growing, resulting in a projected shortfall of specialist ASD places by 2021 of 120 11-16 year olds and 36 post 16 places. If no action to increase maintained in-Borough provision is taken, these additional 156 places would need to be commissioned from the independent sector at a higher unit cost. It is a statutory requirement to provide these places.

Currently there are 30 children of secondary age with ASD who are placed in non-maintained day settings at an average cost of £35k per annum compared to the cost of a day place at Riverside of £21k p.a. Some of the children with severe and profound ASD are in very expensive independent placements costing circa £200k p.a. The cost is a concern because it diverts money away from improving schools in Bromley. However, we are also very concerned about the long journeys some children have to get to school and the difficulty of monitoring the quality of this provision.

## **Why Riverside?**

We do not think it is a sensible use of resources to set up a completely separate school for 52 children.

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Your Reference:

Our Reference: ECS/MB/KG

Owner/Occupier

11 June 2012

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## Consultation: Proposed Expansion of Riverside School

### 1 Organisation and Management

Administration and Management  
School Organisation

**Audience:** See overleaf

**Action required:** The audience is invited to respond to this consultation.

**Timing:** The deadline for responses is Friday 20 July 2012.

**Also sent to:** See overleaf

**Type:** Consultation

**Description:** Bromley Council is consulting on its proposal to expand Riverside School by one form of entry at the St Paul's Cray site, admitting 8 additional children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder to Year 7 each year.

**Relates to:** N/A

**Date Issued:** 11 June 2012

**Contact:** Kevin Gerred, Partnerships and Planning Officer, Education and Care Services  
Tel: 020 8313 4088 (Customer Services Centre)  
Email: riverside.consultation@bromley.gov.uk

**For reader's use:**

**Audience:** Head Teachers of Bromley Maintained Schools/Academies, Kingswood and Phoenix  
Michael Wheeler, Principal, Bromley Adult Education College  
Principal, Bromley College of Further and Higher Education  
All Chairs of Governors of Bromley Maintained Schools/Academies  
All Independent Schools  
All Bromley Council Chief Officers  
All Council Members and Co-opted Members of the Council  
Principal, Bromley Youth Music Trust  
Neighbouring Authorities: (Lewisham, Greenwich, Bexley, Southwark, Lambeth, Croydon, Surrey, Kent, Sutton)  
Children and Young People Partnership Board Members  
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Chief Executive, Bromley Mytime  
RC and Anglican Diocesan Bodies  
Metropolitan Police Borough Commander (Bromley)  
Bromley Fire Station  
Bromley Health Care (Janet Ettridge)  
NHS Bromley – Business Support Unit (Angela Bahn)  
NHS Bromley – Public Health (Nada Lemic)  
NHS Bromley – Public Health (Jenny Selway)  
NHS Bromley – Partnerships (Yee Cho)  
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Bromley Association of People with Disabilities (BATH)  
Carers Bromley  
Bromley Parent Partnership Service  
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Bromley MIND Day Centre (Beckenham)  
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Ethnic Communities Project  
Bromley Parent Voice  
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Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe, Children's Champion  
Councillor Robert Evans, Executive Member for the Care Services Portfolio  
Councillor Stephen Carr, Leader of the Council  
Doug Patterson, Chief Executive  
Kay Weiss, Assistant Director (Children's Social Care) (ECS)  
Bob Garnett, Interim Assistant Director (Education) (ECS)  
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Anne Watts, Assistant Director (Strategic and Business Support Services) (ECS)  
Lorna Blackwood, Assistant Director (Commissioning) (ECS)  
David Bradshaw, Interim Head of ECS Finance (ECS)  
Angela Huggett, Human Resources Manager (CEX)  
Customer Services, Bromley Council (cscteamleaders@bromley.gov.uk)  
Gill Drury (ECS)  
Val Haskey (ECS)  
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## ◆ Public Consultation ◆

### Proposal to Expand Riverside School

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THE LONDON BOROUGH  
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## London Borough of Bromley News Release

28 June 2012

For immediate release

### Views sought on enlarging Riverside School

Bromley Council is seeking views on its proposed expansion of Riverside School at its Main Road, St Paul's Cray site. The Council's proposal is to expand the School, where the provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has been nationally recognised, by one form of entry from September 2013, admitting eight additional children with ASD to Year 7 each year.

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Cllr Stephen Wells, Portfolio Holder for Education said: "It's important that everyone who wants to comment on this proposal makes their thoughts known before a decision is taken in September. The Council would particularly like to hear comments from parents of autistic children of secondary and primary school age. We want to be able to take your thoughts into consideration, so I urge you to contact the Council if you have a view."

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## EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

### Consultation Meeting Concerning the Proposed Expansion of Riverside School

Venue:	Riverside School, Main Road, St Paul's Cray Site		
Time:	10:10-10:45am		
Date:	Thursday, 5 July 2012		
Audience:	4 (Three parents and one Parent-Governor)		
Status of Meeting:	Consultation meeting as part of the formal consultation process		
Panel:	Mike Barnes (Chair)	-	Bromley Council (Deputy Assistant Director -Education)
	Mary Çava	-	Bromley Council (Head of Special Educational Needs and Disability)
	Steve Solomons	-	Riverside School (Head Teacher)
	Sue Crane	-	Riverside School (School Business Manager)
	Recorder: Kevin Gerred	-	Bromley Council (Partnerships and Planning Officer)

**Note from the Recorder of the Meeting** – These notes are not intended to be a verbatim record of everything said at the meeting but they are a summary of the main points raised by the audience and the responses given by the Panel. These notes have been published on Bromley Council's Website.

#### 1. Introduction

Mike Barnes welcomed the audience to the meeting.

#### 2. Background

##### 2.1 The Proposal

- (i) Bromley Council's Proposal is to expand Riverside School by one form of entry at the St Paul's Cray site, admitting eight additional children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to Year 7 each year from September 2013.
- (ii) A Consultation letter has been distributed as a basis for consulting parents/carers, staff, School Governors, local residents and other interested stakeholders on the Proposal. It summarises the reasons for the Proposal, identifies the issues for consideration and explains the arrangements for Consultation. Bromley Council's News Release dated 29 June 2012 promoted the Consultation further.

- (iii) The Consultation commenced on 11 June 2012 and ends on 20 July 2012.
- (iv) The outcomes from Consultation will be reported to the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 11 September 2012. The Report will be published a week before the meeting and will be available to view on Bromley Council's Website.
- (v) Should the Council decide to proceed with the Proposal, a Statutory Notice would be published to that effect - this process involves publishing the Statutory Notice on the School Gates.
- (vi) Bromley Council believes that the Proposal is the best practical way to secure high quality education for secondary school age ASD children.

## 2.2 The Context

- (i) Demographics are showing an increase in the number of young people with ASD as their primary need to be addressed in school.
- (ii) Riverside Beckenham was opened to cater for ASD primary-aged children - the School is now full. These children now require secondary-phase provision for starting their Key Stage 3 education. The aim is to educate young people in local schools to keep journey times as short as possible, make it easier for families to keep in contact with their children and provide more cost-effective school placements. Expansion of provision at Riverside School would meet the objective of providing high quality, in-Borough provision for the benefit of in-Borough children.
- (iii) The Local Authority (LA) has worked closely with the School and School Governors to develop the Proposal.

## 2.3 Building Adaptations

- (i) The Proposal addresses the issue of continuity of education from Primary to Secondary Phase for the children at Riverside Beckenham.
- (ii) A classroom block would be designated as a separate 'distinct' provision for the ASD children - in effect, this would be a separate unit within the School, although there would be opportunities for integration with the main part of the School. The classroom block would have its own access to the front of the School, alongside the Nature Trail (subject to permission).
- (iii) There is no need to build new provision as there are sufficient classrooms already. The footprint for the School does not change at all.
- (iv) Planning permission has already been obtained for a Performance Hall and a Multi-Games Area.

### 3. Comments made at Meeting

**Question:** So there will be no new buildings?

**Response:** Correct, except for the Performance Hall which fills in an open space within the footprint of the existing building.

**Q:** Age range for new provision?

**R:** Children will transfer from Primary provision at age 11, and some would stay in the new provision up to 19 years of age.

**Q:** Are enough places being made available for ASD children?

**R:** Yes. Pupil projections have been carefully analysed and are reviewed annually. There are plans for school expansions elsewhere for children who have less complex needs.

**Q:** When would the Proposal be implemented?

**R:** If approved, September 2013. Eight existing children at Riverside Beckenham will require a Specialist Secondary ASD placement in the 2012/13 academic year. A spare classroom has been identified at the Riverside Beckenham site from September 2012 to accommodate these pupils until there is a decision on the permanent expansion of the St Paul's Cray site. If the Proposal is agreed, these pupils will transfer to the St Paul's Cray site for September 2013.

**Q:** How will the Proposal work?

**R:** Eight children would be admitted to the St Paul's Cray site at Year 7 each year. While the children would come, in the main, from Riverside Beckenham, it might be necessary to admit children from other Units to maximise the annual cohort of 8 children. The audience was assured that there had been a rigorous process of pupil projection analysis and Council Member scrutiny to enable this Proposal to be developed. The aim will be a smooth transition from Riverside Beckenham to Riverside St Paul's Cray. The needs of existing PMLD children will continue to be catered for. An assurance was given that children will be allocated appropriate provision for their needs in consultation with parents/carers.

**Q:** When will the Performance Hall be built?

**R:** It will be built if the Proposal is approved. Bromley Council has budgeted for the Hall, which will accommodate up to 300 people.

**Q:** What about 6th Form provision?

**R:** Sixth Form provision will be provided for the ASD pupils. The number of places for Post-16 pupils will increase by 12. By 2018/19, the expansion of the School will be providing education for a total of 40 additional secondary-aged pupils (11-16 years old) and 12 Post-16 pupils (17-19 years old). There will be opportunities to integrate with existing 6th Form provision. Currently there is investment at Bromley College to improve provision for ASD Post-16 students. That work will be completed by Easter 2013.

The meeting was ended by the Chair, Mike Barnes. He thanked the audience for attending and concluded that the new provision would be of a high quality, will be provided in-Borough and will be beneficial for young people.



Meeting ended at 10:45am.

Kevin Gerred  
Partnerships and Planning Officer  
Education and Care Services Department



# RIVERSIDE SCHOOL - Upper School Council Meeting

Friday 29th June 2012

subject	notes	Who will do it?
<p>Welcome &amp; hellos Last meeting</p>  <p>The <b>Council</b> want to ask us about <b>making the school bigger</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We met with Rebecca and Gillian</li><li>• We talked about <b>Easy Read</b></li><li>• We made our notes in Easy Read</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We remembered when Rectory Paddock and Woodbrook closed. We were asked then</li><li>• Carl told the school council what the <b>Council</b> want to do</li></ul>	

# subject

# notes

# Who will do it?

## AUTISM

Persons with autism may possess the following characteristics in various combinations and in varying degrees of severity.



1-800-3AUTISM

Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 650 Bethesda, MD 20814-3015

January is National Autism Awareness Month.

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- What is autism?
  - Kadir: It's when you know everything. We have got autistic children at Riverside
  - Alex J: there are some autistic in Speaking Up Group
  
- Is it good or bad to make the school bigger?
  - All said 'good'
  
- What does it mean?
  - Alex J: more friends, someone else to talk to
  - Yusuf: Someone else to play and eat with
  - Kadir: someone to help you
  - Tammy: more good work




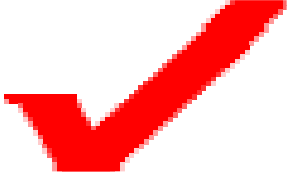
subject



notes

- What could go **wrong**?
  - Alex J: there won't be space, like hallways, common room
  - Yusuf: not enough chairs in the common room or classrooms
  - Alex L: not enough chairs for assembly
  - Yusuf: not enough room for the steel pans. Alex L: or drums
  - No room for them to eat their dinner
  - There won't be room in reception with everyone coming in at the same time
  - Alex J: there'll be barging!
  - Yusuf: They won't fit into the quad or playgrounds
  - Alex L: more people might get hurt (fighting or falling over)

Who will do it?

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   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ben: will there be <b>new rooms</b>?</li> <li>• Carl: No new rooms, one part of the school will be used</li>   <li>• Yusuf: will there be <b>new teachers</b>?</li> <li>• Carl: Yes</li>   <li>• Yusuf: how can they be in the pool?</li>   <li>• Alex J: how can they use the trampoline?</li>   <li>• We went over our talk:</li>   <li>• <b>Is there enough rooms and space?</b></li>   <li>• Carl asked all students do you want the school to get bigger?</li>   <li>• All said '<b>yes</b>'</li> </ul>	<p>Carl will write notes. Carl will give notes to Steve and the Council.</p>