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Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Additional Appendix for Item 8

SUPPORT FOR UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS

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1. Responsibility of the governing body where a school is underperforming

1.1 The governing body is responsible for raising standards through its three key roles of setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability, and monitoring and evaluating school performance. The governing body of a school is accountable to the local authority for the way the school is run (**The Governors' Guide to the Law**, section 4 para: 23).

1.2 The local authority would support a school's efforts to achieve continuous improvement and would expect to work in partnership with the governing body to achieve this aim, but the accountability remains with the governing body and its headteacher.

1.3 There is statutory guidance for local authorities where a school is causing concern. Where a school is causing concern, or a governing body is acting in a way that is detrimental to the performance of pupils at the school, the local authority can use its powers to intervene to ensure a school can raise standards. This includes adding additional governors, or even discharging a governing body in its entirety and replacing it with an interim executive board.

2. Underperformance based on pupil progress

2.1 Some schools may have a pupil profile of above average attainment in national test results at the end of Key Stage 2, but the progress those pupils make from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 is average or below average when compared nationally. The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) previously used the term 'coasting' to describe such schools.

2.2 Generally, these types of schools are found in more affluent areas where home circumstances have prepared pupils' well for school so that children attain above average results at Key Stage 1, but where teaching from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 has been inconsistent in quality, teacher expectations have not been high enough or where other circumstances such as staff mobility have impacted on pupil progress in learning.

2.3 The term 'coasting' is no longer used by the Department for Education (DfE). However, pupil progress from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 is still used to judge the added value a school contributes to pupils' learning.

- 2.4 When determining the level of support to be given to schools in Bromley, the local authority considers pupil progress results over a three year period compared to standards at a school. There are no schools currently where progress has not matched attainment over a three year period from 2009 to 2012. However progress measures are monitored by the Head of Learning and Achievement and, if a school was in these circumstances, it would receive additional support for ensuring all pupil groups have opportunities to make good progress from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2.
- 2.5 Ofsted would also take pupil progress into consideration when inspecting a school, so that a school attaining high standards but not achieving good pupil progress measures could well be placed in a category of 'requiring improvement'.
- 3. Additional information on schools at risk of underperforming**
(See Appendix A)
- 4. Ofsted reports for Bromley maintained primary schools over the last five years**
(See Appendix B)
- 5. Comment on successful intervention strategies**
- 5.1 Local authorities such as Tower Hamlets have had a number of successful intervention strategies that have been well funded by government grants to secure school improvement in the past.
- 5.2 However, funding is not the sole solution to improving schools, and funding needs to be used to support robust school improvement strategies. Some other examples of where local authorities have had successes with school improvement are:
- in areas where the professional 'talent pool' is high e.g. Richmond upon Thames is served by two local Universities and has good links with both for NQTs recruitment and higher level qualifications for teaching staff and school leaders;
 - where local authorities have worked intensively with the Department on regional or national initiatives to improve school performance e.g. the 'London Challenge' programme;
 - where local authorities have a clear and robust strategy for school improvement that is supported by Members, that is clear and transparent to schools, and that is consistently delivered by the local authority.
- 5.3 With the restructure of Education and Care Services, with changes to senior LA personnel and with the changing role of the local authority, it seems timely now to review our current practice for categorisation and support of Bromley schools. Officers would recommend a further report to be presented by the Assistant Director Education to the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee in spring 2013 on 'Categorisation, intervention and support for high priority schools in Bromley'.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SCHOOLS AT RISK OF UNDERPERFORMING

	Planning Area	Ward	Budget 2012/13
School A	7	Cray Valley West	£1,107,261
School B	5	Bromley Common and Keston	£1,579,241
School C	7	Cray Valley West	£1,549,513
School D	1	Penge and Cator	£1,832,219

OFSTED INSPECTIONS - CYCLE OF VISITS SINCE 2005

School	Date	Outcome	Date	Outcome	Date	Outcome	Date	Outcome	Date	Outcome
Alexandra Infants	03/10/2007	Good	24/05/2011	Outstanding						
Alexandra Junior	27/02/2007	Satisfactory	09/03/2010	Satisfactory						
Bickley	24/05/2006	Good	20/05/2009	Good/OS	Ofsted Letter - see below					
Blenheim	18/06/2008	Satisfactory	17/11/2010	Satisfactory	15/03/2012	Monitoring Visit - Satisfactory				
Bromley Road	11/10/2007	Satisfactory	23/11/2010	Satisfactory	29/02/2012	Monitoring Visit - Satisfactory				
Burnt Ash Primary	23/09/2008	Good	18/01/2012	Satisfactory						
Castlecombe	26/06/2006	Good	19/05/2009	Good	15/11/2011	Good				
Chelsfield	20/11/2007	Good	Ofsted letter April 2011		11/09/2012	Good				
Chislehurst	03/11/2005	Good	26/03/2009	Good						
Churchfields	28/09/2005	Satisfactory	20/01/2009	Good	03/10/2011	Satisfactory				
Clare House	27/09/2005	Good	20/10/2008	Satisfactory	10/05/2012	Good				
Cudham	10/10/2006	Satisfactory	18/11/2009	Good						
Darrick Wood Junior	10/01/2007	Satisfactory	12/10/2009	Satisfactory	04/10/2012	Good				
Dorset Road	13/05/2008	Good/OS	30/03/2011	Good						
Downe	30/01/2007	Good/OS	Ofsted letter July 2010		18/10/2011	Good / OS				
Edgebury	08/11/2005	Good/OS	27/01/2009	Outstanding						
Farnborough	02/07/2008	Good	Ofsted letter April 2011							
Grays Farm	09/06/2008	Satisfactory	03/03/2011	NTI	16/11/2011	Monitoring Visit - Satisfactory	27/06/2012	Special Measures		
Hawes Down Infants	11/10/2005	Good/OS	12/02/2009	Good/OS	Ofsted Letter - see below					
Hawes Down Junior	03/07/2008	Good/OS	Ofsted Letter April 2011		Ofsted Letter - see below					
Highfield Infants	21/01/2008	Outstanding	Ofsted letter April 2011							
Highfield Juniors	28/09/2005	Good/OS	21/01/2009	Outstanding						
Holy Innocents	06/02/2007	Good	Ofsted letter July 2010		03/11/2011	Satisfactory				
James Dixon	30/04/2008	Special Measures	25/02/2009	Good	16/03/2011	Satisfactory				
Keston	11/07/2006	Good	03/06/2009	Outstanding						
Leesons	11/06/2008	NTI	25/06/2009	Satisfactory	02/02/2012	Good				
Malcolm Primary	20/03/2007	Outstanding	30/09/2009	Satisfactory	09/10/2012	Special Measures				
Manor Oak	12/11/2007	Good	16/03/2011	Satisfactory						
Marian Vian	27/09/2006	Outstanding	Ofsted letter July 2010		21/06/2012	Good				
Mead Road	02/11/2005	Outstanding	05/03/2009	Outstanding						
Midfield	19/09/2007	Satisfactory	10/11/2010	Good/OS						
Mottingham	21/02/2007	Satisfactory	11/01/2010	NTI	12/05/2011	Good				

School	Date	Outcome	Date	Outcome	Date	Outcome	Date	Outcome	Date	Outcome
Oak Lodge	12/10/2005	Good	05/03/2009	Good/OS	15/11/2011	Satisfactory				
Oaklands Infant	22/02/2007	Outstanding								
Oaklands Junior	20/03/2007	SM	01/12/2008	Exit SM						
Oaklands Primary	09/12/2010	Good								
Parish	20/06/2007	Good	Ofsted letter July 2010		03/11/2011	Outstanding				
Perry Hall	19/10/2005	Satisfactory	19/03/2009	Good	22/11/2011	Outstanding				
Poverest	19/06/2008	NTI	16/09/2009	Satisfactory						
Pratts Bottom	01/05/2008	Good/OS	14/02/2011	Good						
Princes Plain	04/07/2006	Outstanding	15/05/2009	Outstanding	02/11/2011	Good / OS				
Raglan	28/06/2007	Good/OS	23/06/2010	Good/OS						
Red Hill	25/04/2006	Satisfactory	07/07/2009	Satisfactory	27/09/2011	Good / OS				
Royston	15/11/2005	Satisfactory	21/05/2009	Satisfactory	20/01/2011	Monitoring Visit - Satisfactory	14/03/2012	Special Measures	19/09/2012	Monitoring Visit Reasonable progress
Scotts Park	02/04/2006	Good	05/05/2009	Good/OS	Ofsted Letter - see below					
Southborough	26/03/2008	Satisfactory	14/07/2011	Good						
St Anthony's	23/05/2006	Out of SM	08/10/2008	Satisfactory	21/09/2010	Monitoring Visit - Satisfactory	23/02/2012	Satisfactory		
St George's	23/01/2007	Satisfactory	11/02/2010	Satisfactory						
St John's	24/01/2008	Satisfactory	07/07/2011	Satisfactory						
St Joseph's	30/06/2009	NTI	07/10/2010	Good						
St Mark's	20/09/2007	Good/OS	25/05/2011	Good						
St Mary Cray	02/07/2008	NTI	24/11/2009	Special Measures	11/07/2011	Satisfactory				
St Mary's RC	12/09/2005	Good/OS	23/09/2008	Good/OS						
St Paul's Cray	05/10/2005	Good/OS	08/06/2009	Good	22/02/2012	Satisfactory				
St Peter & St Paul	04/10/2005	Good	30/03/2009	Good/OS	02/11/2011	Satisfactory				
St Philomena's	06/06/2007	Good	05/05/2010	Good/OS						
St Vincent's	23/04/2007	Outstanding	Ofsted letter July 2010							
The Highway	17/11/2006	Satisfactory	30/01/2009	Good						
Unicorn	18/10/2006	Good	16/09/2009	Good						
Wickham Common	06/10/2008	Good	Ofsted Letter - see below							
Worsley Bridge	03/07/2006	Satisfactory	06/07/2009	NTI	14/10/2010	Satisfactory	26/01/2012	Monitoring visit - satisfactory		

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Ofsted Letters: July 2010 interim assessment confirming no re-inspection until at least 1 September 2011; April 2011 - sent to Good and Outstanding Schools last inspected in 2007/8 informing them that they will not be receiving an inspection unless Ofsted receive information raising concerns about performance.

March 2012: The following schools have had letters to say they will not be inspected before Summer 2013: Bickley, Hawes Down Infants, Hawes Down Juniors (until Summer 2012), Scotts Park, Wickham Common.

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