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## **EDUCATION INFORMATION BRIEFING**

**Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 January 2015**

### **QUESTIONS ON THE INFORMATION BRIEFING**

The Briefing comprises:

- 1 MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2015** (Pages 3 - 10)
- 2 MINUTES OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CHILDREN'S CENTRES WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2014** (Pages 11 - 14)
- 3 UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS** (Pages 15 - 16)
- 4 BROMLEY ACADEMY PROGRAMME UPDATE** (Pages 17 - 20)

Members and Co-opted Members have been provided with advanced copies of the Part 1 (Public) briefing via email. The Part 1 (Public) briefing is also available on the Council website at the following link: <http://cds.bromley.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=559&Year=0>

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## EDUCATION BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on 6 January 2015

### Present:

Councillor Neil Reddin FCCA (Chairman)  
Councillor Teresa Ball (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillors Kathy Bance MBE, Nicholas Bennett J.P. and  
Alan Collins

Councillor Stephen Wells, Portfolio Holder for Education

### Also Present:

Jane Bailey, Assistant Director: Education  
David Bradshaw, Head of Education, Care and Health Services Finance  
James Mullender, Senior Accountant  
Nina Newell, Head of Schools, Early Years Commissioning and Quality  
Assurance  
Amanda Russell, Head of Schools Finance Support

### **37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman noted that Declarations of Interest made by Members at the meeting of Education PDS Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 were taken as read.

### **39 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING**

No questions had been received from members of the public.

### **40 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH OCTOBER 2014 AND MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

The minutes were agreed subject to Item 25: Declarations of Interest being amended to read:

*“The Chairman noted that Declarations of Interest made by Members at the meeting of Education PDS Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 were taken as read.”*

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 be agreed.**

**41 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2ND QUARTER 2014/15**

**Report FSD14061**

On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014, the Council's Executive received the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly capital monitoring report for 2014/15 and agreed a revised Capital Programme for the four year period 2014/15 to 2017/18. The Sub-Committee considered a report outlining the changes agreed by the Council's Executive in respect of the Capital Programme for the Education Portfolio.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Head of Schools, Early Years Commissioning and Quality Assurance confirmed that the allocation of a further £150k from unspent Dedicated Schools Grant funding would support private, voluntary and independent providers to create additional early education places for two year olds where it had been identified that further places would be required.

**RESOLVED that the revised Capital Programme agreed by the Executive on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be recommended to the Portfolio Holder for Education for approval.**

**42 EDUCATION PORTFOLIO BUDGET MONITORING REPORT  
2014/15**

**Report ED15099**

The Sub-Committee considered a report setting out the budget monitoring position for the Education Portfolio based on expenditure to the end of November 2014. The Schools' Budget, funded from the Dedicated Schools' Grant and other specific grants was forecast to be in an underspend position of £606k, which would be carried forward into the next financial year. The controllable part of the Non-Schools' Budget, funded from Council Tax, Revenue Support and other specific grants was forecast to be in an underspend position of £41k, assuming that £387k would be drawn from contingency at the end of the financial year to offset the expected reduction in Education Services Grant.

In considering the budget monitoring position for the Education Portfolio, the Chairman noted that there was currently a predicted overspend of £264k in the Bromley Adult Education College budget. This was a continuation of an overspend which had been projected through 2013/14, and work was being undertaken to identify how this could be addressed. The Assistant Director: Education advised Members that Bromley Adult Education College would undertake negotiations with the Skills Funding Agency in early Spring 2015 for the provision of approved qualification courses for the 2015/16 academic year. There had been an annual cut in grant funding for approved qualification courses since 2010/11 and it was expected that would be a further cut in grant funding for the 2015/16 academic

year, which would be taken into consideration as part of the negotiations for future provision.

**RESOLVED that the latest 2014/15 budget projection for the Education Portfolio as at the end of November 2014 be recommended to the Portfolio Holder for Education for approval.**

#### **43 EDUCATION PORTFOLIO BUDGET 2015/16**

##### **Report ED15031**

The Sub-Committee considered a report setting out the draft Education Portfolio Budget 2015/16, which incorporated future cost pressures and initial budget saving options to be reported to the Executive on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Members were requested to consider the initial budget saving options proposed and identify any further action to be taken to reduce the cost pressures facing the Local Authority over the next four years.

The Head of Education, Care and Health Services Finance advised Members that approximately £900k savings had been identified across the Education Portfolio for 2015/16. This included savings in essential car users' allowances, the redesign or reorganisation of some services, including the Youth Service and Schools and Early Years Commissioning and Quality Assurance Service, the reorganisation of contracts related to some services, and increased income generation targets for Children and Family Centres.

In considering the draft Education Portfolio Budget 2015/16, The Portfolio Holder for Education noted that no additional growth pressures had been identified in the Education Portfolio for 2015/16, but that there had been an additional allocation of funding relating to the full year effect of the reduction in the Education Services Grant and the closure of the outreach service. There would be further significant reductions in the Education Services Grant provided to the Local Authority as more Local Authority maintained schools converted to academy status, although the pace of transfer had now slowed. It was expected that the Local Authority would lose £6m per annum between 2013/14 and 2016/17 as a result of the conversion of Local Authority maintained schools to academy status.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1) The financial forecast for 2016/17 to 2018/19 be noted;**
- 2) Members' comments on the initial draft saving options proposed by the Council's Executive for 2015/16 be noted; and,**
- 3) Members' comments on the initial draft 2015/16 Education Portfolio budget be provided to the meeting of the Council's Executive on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015.**

#### **44 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2015/16**

##### **Report ED15032**

The Sub-Committee considered a report outlining the early estimates of how the Dedicated Schools Grant for the 2015/16 financial year would be allocated.

The Dedicated School Grant was made up of three blocks comprising High Needs, Early Years and Schools. Following the release of the Fairer Funding Review in 2014, the Schools Block allocation for 2015/16 had been confirmed as £4,545.22 per pupil, which would total an estimated £189,416,865. Added to the 2013/14 figures for the High Needs Block and an estimated figure for the Early Years Block, it was projected that the Dedicated Schools Grant for the 2015/16 financial year would total approximately £246m.

A number of changes would come into effect for the 2015/16 financial year. This included a reduction in the Two Year Old funding, which would now be funded on a participation basis, and changes within the High Needs Block to reflect savings identified within individual services. Additional funding would be provided to the Local Authority to support it in calculating the funding for any free schools within the Borough, but this would be recouped by the Department for Education. Individual school and academy funding had been calculated using the formula element from revised Option One, as agreed at the meeting of Education Budget Sub-Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014, and therefore included the additional allocation of £19.5m. Two areas of additional funding had also been identified for consideration which comprised primary growth funding for bulge classes and a need to review the Early Years Funding Formula.

**RESOLVED that the proposed allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant for the 2015/16 financial year, including the potential shortfall in funding, be noted.**

#### **45 USE OF UNSPENT DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT**

##### **Report ED15030**

The Sub-Committee considered a report providing an overview of unspent Dedicated Schools Grant and outlining proposals for its use.

The Local Authority had carried forward a total of £8.946m of Dedicated Schools Grant to 2014/15 from underspends of £1.697m, £2.984m and £4.265m in the respective financial years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14. A number of proposals had been developed for the use of this unspent Dedicated Schools Grant. These comprised the distribution to schools as a one-off exceptional payment for which a mechanism would have to be agreed with the Department for Education, the creation of a Growth Fund to support a rate increase for early years providers and an increase in bulge class funding, and the purchase and contribution to the refurbishment of Beacon House.

Members were advised that the proposals would be presented to the Schools'

Forum for consideration at its meeting on 15th January 2015, and should they be supported, the Secretary of State for Education would then be approached to agree the proposals.

In considering the proposal to utilise unspent Dedicated School Grant to purchase and contribute to the refurbishment of Beacon House, the Portfolio Holder for Education noted that it was anticipated that Beacon House would offer a wide variety of vocational courses at Key Stage 4 and 5 to both male and female pupils identified as having social, emotional and mental health difficulties, which would enable Bromley pupils to benefit from a high quality in-Borough alternative provision.

**RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder for Education be recommended to agree the proposed use of unspent Dedicated Schools Grant, subject to any further comments from the Schools' Forum on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

## **46 USE OF THE PUPIL PREMIUM BY SCHOOLS**

### **Report ED15127**

The Sub-Committee considered a report providing information on the way that the Pupil Premium was used by Bromley schools to target the gap in attainment for pupils who were eligible for free school meals.

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 and was allocated to schools to support pupils who had been registered for free school meals at any point in the previous six years to improve their outcomes and close the gap in attainment. For the 2014/15 financial year, the Pupil Premium was £1300 per primary pupil and £935 per secondary pupil, and had been used to fund a range of activities across Bromley schools including home and school support, access to enrichment activities such as school trips and music activities, and funding places at before and after school clubs. Where there was a concern that children in receipt of Pupil Premium were performing and progressing less well in comparison with their peers in Local Authority Maintained schools, specific support was provided by the Local Authority. Bromley schools were encouraged to share good practice on the use of their Pupil Premium, which had been supported through discussion at Governors Forums and a presentation by Steve Higgins, Professor of Education at Durham University at the Conference for Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors in November 2014 where a Teaching and Learning Toolkit was made available to schools. Future plans to support the use of the Pupil Premium by Bromley schools included the introduction of a rolling programme to check school websites to ensure they published all required information, such as how Pupil Premium funding was utilised. Data would also continue to be analysed with targeted support provided to Local Authority Maintained schools where the gap in attainment was not considered to be closing effectively.

In considering the use of the Pupil Premium by schools, the Portfolio Holder noted that any future Bromley Governors Forum would have a key role in promoting best practice in the use of Pupil Premium by schools, as well as considering how to

maximise the take up of Pupil Premium by eligible pupils at schools and early years settings across the Borough.

Members were pleased to note that Perry Hall Primary School and Burnt Ash Primary School had both received an award in the Key Stage 2 category of the Pupil Premium Awards 2015, and requested that the Portfolio Holder for Education write to both schools to congratulate them on their achievement. Members also requested that a report be provided to the meeting of Education PDS Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 outlining Pupil Premium funding provided to schools across the Borough and how this impacted the gap in attainment.

**RESOLVED that the use of Pupil Premium in Bromley schools be noted.**

**47 EDUCATION PORTFOLIO INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a) ATTAINMENT FIGURES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
SIMILAR TO BROMLEY**

**Briefing ED15128**

The Sub-Committee considered an information briefing providing a comparison of the performance of Bromley schools in relation to its statistical neighbours for the 2013/14 academic year.

Bromley schools continued to perform well against its statistical neighbours, and were in the top 3 for performance for 19 of the 26 measures. This included having the highest number of children achieving the required standard at 81% in Year 1 Phonics, and the highest percentage of children making two levels of progress in reading and mathematics at Key Stage 2. Figures recently published by the Department for Education showed an improving picture in relation to the achievement of children attending Bromley schools who were in receipt of Pupil Premium, with achievement at Key Stage 4 Level 4 increasing by 8% on the previous year.

The Head of Schools, Early Years Commissioning and Quality Assurance advised Members that attainment in Writing continued to be a national issue. Bromley's performance in Writing had improved in the past year, although not in every school, and Writing would continue to be a key focus for school improvement into the future.

**RESOLVED that the information briefing be noted.**

**48 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**49 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Education Budget Sub-Committee would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.



**50 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006 AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the items of business listed below as it was likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

**51 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH OCTOBER 2014**

**RESOLVED** that the Exempt (Part 2) minutes of the Education Budget Sub-Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 be agreed.

The Meeting ended at 7.37 pm

Chairman

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## EFFECTIVENESS OF CHILDREN'S CENTRES WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 5.30 pm on 1 December 2014

### Present:

Councillor Nicholas Bennett J.P. (Chairman)  
Councillor Mary Cooke  
Councillor Judi Ellis  
Joan McConnell

Jane Bailey, Assistant Director: Education  
Rachel Dunley, Bromley Children Project Manager  
Nina Newell, Head of Schools, Early Years Commissioning and Quality Assurance  
Mark Thorn, Head of Referral, Assessment and Early Intervention  
Kay Weiss, Assistant Director: Safeguarding and Social Care  
Kerry Nicholls, Democratic Services Officer

### Also present:

Councillor Stephen Carr, Leader of the Council  
Councillor Robert Evans, Portfolio Holder for Care Services  
Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe, Chairman, Care Services PDS Committee

### 1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP was appointed Chairman of the Working Group for the 2014/15 municipal year

### 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Tony Wright-Jones.

### 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Working Group agreed the objectives of the working group as:

*“To consider the effectiveness and future use of children and family centres in Bromley, recognising the role that children and family centres currently have in delivering early intervention services in a community setting.”*

### 5 USE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRES

The members of the Working Group considered a report outlining the current use of children and family centres across the Borough, which

included the delivery of early intervention services in a community setting.

There were six children and family centres based across the Borough, comprising Biggin Hill, Blenheim, Burnt Ash, Castlecombe, Community Vision and Cotmandene children and family centres, with each centre serving a cohort of approximately 3,500 children aged 0-5 years. The children and family centres offered a wide range of services tailored to their specific communities which included early intervention programmes such as the Bromley Children Project, the Tackling Troubled Families Support and Outreach service, and the Information, Advice and Support Service, as well as the services of partner agencies including Jobcentre Plus and Bromley Healthcare.

Whilst offering universal service provision, Bromley's delivery model primarily targeted services to identified groups within each reach area, including families on the edge of care, young parents, carers and people with disabilities. 50% of places on programmes delivered through children and family centres were held for these identified groups, who could be referred to the programmes by a number of partner agencies, including health visitors, the Children's Social Care service, midwifery services and schools, with the aim of supporting families to integrate into the wider community and preventing the escalation of their support needs to the statutory service level. The family of any child subject to a child protection plan was immediately referred to their local children and family centre. Individual families could also self-refer if they identified the need to access the services offered by the children and family centres.

The total budget line for the Bromley Children Project was £2,340,980 for 2014/15, excluding the Information, Advice and Support Service and the Tackling Troubled Families Service. Of this, approximately £1.2m was apportioned to children and family centres (excluding Family Support outreach). Children and family centres also generated income of £63k per annum from the rental of space within the children and family centres to Bromley Healthcare, the Nightingale Centre and St John's Ambulance.

Members were advised that 18 operational children and family centres had originally been established across the Borough with funding provided by the Department for Education. Following the introduction of the Bromley targeted outreach model, this had been reduced to six operational children and family centres delivering both targeted and universal services. The Department for Education had deferred any clawback of the funding it had provided to the Borough for children and family centres, however any further changes made to children and family centres across the Borough, such as the closure of a children and family centre or the provision of services through alternate venues such as schools, risked triggering clawback of up to £13.5m of this funding, which included £4m for the six children and family centres that were currently operating across the Borough. The Department for Education had also indicated that a further payment might be expected from the Local Authority to reflect any increase in the value of properties purchased through this funding. A Member

queried the proportion of users of Bromley children and family centres that lived out of the Borough and further information on this would be provided to Members of the Working Group following the meeting.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Bromley Children Project Manager confirmed that work was undertaken to chart the journey for children and their parents who accessed children and family centre services, and that this supported the evaluation of service provision outcomes. Further information on the impact of children and family centre activities on children and their families between June and October 2014 would be provided to Members of the Working Group following the meeting. The total operational space available at each children and family centre would also be provided to Members of the Working Group following the meeting.

A Member emphasised the need to maximise the usage of children and family centres. There was potential to offer a wider range of services, including a one-stop shop signposting offer as well as services from partner agencies, and to extend the opening hours of the children and family centres to deliver an evening and weekend offer, although this would have cost implications with additional staffing and other operational costs. It might also be possible for Local Authority officers and key partners based in the community to rent meeting room space at children and family centres which would generate additional income, although the programme at each children and family centre changed on a regular basis which might limit the availability to rent meeting space in advance. Another Member suggested that children and family centres be given a stronger Bromley branding, and noted that better promotion of the services offered by children and family centres would increase the use of the centres by children and families to access both targeted and universal services, as well as assisting families to self-refer when in need of additional support.

In considering the effectiveness of children and family centres, Members generally agreed the need to continue to support the Bromley targeted outreach model, where both targeted and universal services were delivered through six children and family centres as a means to provide early intervention services in a community setting and to avoid clawback of funding by the Department for Education. The Chairman underlined the importance of ensuring that the most vulnerable families were targeted for service provision and proposed that the proportion of places on programmes delivered through the children and family centres held for identified groups be increased to 75%. There was also potential for children and family centres to identify new sources of funding, such as through renting space to partner agencies or by providing new services, which could increase income generation as well as make a wider community offer available.

## **6 EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Following the consideration of the Working Group, it was **AGREED** that it

be recommended:

- 1) To retain the six children and family centres based across the Borough;
- 2) To increase the proportion of places held for identified groups on programmes delivered through the children and family centres to 75%;
- 3) To implement a 10% reduction in the children and family centres budget for 2015/16, and a further reduction of 10% based on the 2014/15 budget for 2016/17 with the expectation that this will be offset by increased income generation; and,
- 4) To introduce one-stop shop signposting services at children and family centres for a range of public services.

**7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

No future meeting date was set.

The Meeting ended at 6.37 pm

## London Borough of Bromley

### PART 1 - PUBLIC

#### Briefing for Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee Tuesday 27 January 2015

## UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

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### 1. Summary

1.1 This report provides Members with an update following the meeting of the Executive Member Officer Working Party for Special Educational Needs held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

### 2. **THE BRIEFING**

2.1 A number of areas were considered as part of the meeting:

#### SEND Reforms Update

2.2 Members received a presentation providing an update on the special educational needs and disability reforms.

2.3 The Children and Families Act 2014 came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014. Under this Act, children and young people and their families are placed at the heart of the assessment process, with an emphasis on early identification and intervention to secure the best possible outcomes. Special educational needs statements are being replaced with more holistic Education, Health and Care Plans. There is now a presumption for children and young people to attend mainstream education where appropriate, and children and young people with high incidence low level needs who do not reach the threshold for an Education, Health and Care Plan can now be supported through a coordinated assessment process where additional top-up funding can be made available over and above the notional £6k per pupil amount already delegated to schools through their main school budget to meet their particular needs. Pupil Resource Agreements are in operation to achieve this aim. Pupil Resource Agreements are reviewed on an annual basis and more frequently where there is a change to a child or young person's circumstances. The Children and Families Act has extended the age range for provision of services to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities from birth to 25 years. A Bromley Local Offer is being developed through which, in some circumstances, an option for personal budgets will be made available to parents and carers. The Local Authority and Bromley Healthcare are required to plan for future joint commissioning of services, which has been supported in Bromley through the appointment of a Joint Commissioner.

- 2.4 A number of challenges have been identified as part of the introduction of the SEND Reforms to Bromley. These include the transfer of all existing statements and Learning Difficulty Assessments to Education, Health and Care Plans by April 2018; the increase both nationally and locally in the number of children and young people with profound and complex special educational needs and disabilities; and the need to ensure the availability of high quality and cost effective in-Borough provision to meet the educational needs of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Other areas of challenge include the move to joint commissioning of services with Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group, and the development of strong communication processes with parents and carers and across all key stakeholders. A Transition Plan has been developed to support the transfer of statements and Learning Difficulty Assessments to Education, Health and Care Plans, and a review of current special educational needs and disabilities services and provisions is underway to support the delivery of a high quality Local Offer into the future. Further information can be found on the Bromley MyLife Website at <http://bromley.mylifeportal.co.uk/home.aspx>.

#### Champion Work

- 2.5 Members received a presentation outlining SEND Pathfinder Champion work currently being undertaken.
- 2.6 The SEND Pathfinder was developed in partnership with London Borough of Bexley to test areas within the Children and Families Bill. The Bromley and Bexley Pathfinder had been asked to test the development and application of Education, Health and Care Plans for children and young people with complex needs from birth to 25 years, as well as key areas from the SEND Reforms including the development of personal budgets, banded funding and preparing for adulthood (transition).
- 2.7 As part of the work to prepare local authorities for the enactment of the Children and Families Act 2014 in September 2014, the London Boroughs of Bromley and Bexley had been selected as one of only 9 National Pathfinder Champions with responsibility for 15 London Region 1 boroughs, and were joined by the London Borough of Enfield as the programme was extended into 2014/15. The role of the Pathfinder Champions was to share learning and make a contribution to disseminating Pathfinder activity on a regional and/or national basis, whilst also informing the local agenda. A total of £505,663 Pathfinder and Pathfinder Champion grants had been provided to the London Boroughs of Bromley, Bexley and Enfield between 2011 and 2015 to support the implementation of the new reforms, build capacity to meet new statutory duties and develop a fit for purpose service.

#### Market Testing Update

- 2.8 Members received an update on the market testing process for Education Services.
- 2.9 Details of the education services available as part of the market testing process had recently been published in the Official Journal of the European Union. The first stage asked prospective suppliers or contractors to complete a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire by January 2015, after which an evaluation of the responses would be undertaken. Both staff and service user panels are being developed to support this evaluation, with the expectation that the full market testing process will be completed in Autumn 2015.



## London Borough of Bromley

### PART 1 - PUBLIC

**Briefing for Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

## **BROMLEY ACADEMY PROGRAMME UPDATE**

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### 1. Summary

- 1.1 This is the updated information for Members on the academy conversion programme as at 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015. There are now fifty nine (59) academies within Bromley, an increase of four since the last report was presented. The new academies are St Marks Primary School, Princes Plain Primary School (both of which have joined the Aquinas Multi-Academy Trust), St Josephs (part of the catholic schools umbrella trust) and Midfield Primary. Twelve more schools are in the process of converting and a further twenty are in the initial stages of exploring conversion. Thirteen schools converted in 2013/14 and fifteen have converted in 2014/15 to date.
- 1.2 Of the 20 Primary schools who at present do not have finalised plans for conversion, all but 5 are actively considering their options according to current knowledge. Officers will make contact again with the remaining schools to determine their position and provide any support required. Other schools may be delaying developing plans for conversion due to prioritising school improvement plans, for example in response to OfSTED inspections or to obtain 'Good' inspection ratings which in turn broadens their options for conversion.
- 1.3 In line with feedback from the Chairman of the Education Policy & Development Scrutiny Committee this briefing report no longer provides the detailed summary of academy conversions that have been completed and reported previously. This can be provided to Members upon request.

### 2. **THE BRIEFING**

- 2.1 Overall Summary of the Academy Programme as at 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Type	Converted		Maintained - Conversion in Progress		Maintained - Exploring Conversion		Maintained – Not Actively Exploring Conversion		Total	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
<b>Secondary</b>	16	94%	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	17	100%
<b>Primary</b>	42	57%	12	16%	15	20%	5	7%	74	100%
<b>Special</b>	0	0%	0	0%	4	100%	0	0%	4	100%
<b>PRU</b>	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 2.2 Schools which have converted to Academy Status since the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 Briefing Report

PRIMARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	<b>St Marks</b> Part of the Aquinas Trust	Conversion	1 December 2014
2	<b>St Josephs</b> Part of the catholic school umbrella trust	Conversion	1 December 2014
3	<b>Midfield Primary</b>	Conversion	1 January 2015
4	<b>Princes Plain Primary School</b> Sponsored by the Aquinas Trust as part of their MAT arrangements.	Sponsored Conversion	1 January 2015

## 2.3 Schools In The Process of Conversion to Academy Status

PRIMARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
1	<b>Holy Innocents Catholic Primary School</b> Part of the catholic school umbrella trust	Conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools. Academy Order received 23 October 2013	April 2015 (estimated)
2	<b>Dorset Road Infants</b>	Proposed conversion as part of a MAT with Mead Road and Pratts Bottom. Academy Order received (March 2014)	TBC
3	<b>Mead Road Infants</b>	Proposed conversion as part of a MAT with Dorset Road and Pratts Bottom. Academy Order received (March 2014)	TBC
4	<b>Pratts Bottom</b>	Proposed conversion as part of a MAT with Mead Road and Dorset Road.	TBC

PRIMARY SCHOOLS		POSITION	TIMESCALE
		Academy Order received (March 2014)	
5	<b>Burnt Ash Primary</b>	Burnt Ash consulted with parents on the question of conversion to academy status in March 2013  DfE expecting application, possibly as part of the Pickhurst Junior Endeavour Umbrella Trust  No application showing on DfE website as at January 2015.	TBC
6	<b>Hawes Down Infants</b>	Academy Order (June 2014) for conversion as part of a multi-academy trust with Hawes Down Junior, Langley Park School for Girls and Langley Park School for Boys.	1 March 2015
7	<b>Hawes Down Junior</b>	Academy Order (June 2014) for conversion as part of a multi-academy trust with Hawes Down Infants, Langley Park School for Girls and Langley Park School for Boys.	1 March 2015
8	<b>Cudham CE Primary</b>	Confirmation from Aquinas Trust (June 2014) that Cudham governing body has resolved to apply for conversion as part of the Aquinas Trust (subject to academy order)  Academy Order received July 2014	April 2015  (estimated)
9	<b>Wickham Common Primary</b>	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Marian Vian, Oak Lodge and Unicorn.	April 2015
10	<b>Marian Vian Primary</b>	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Wickham Common, Oak Lodge and Unicorn.	April 2015
11	<b>Oak Lodge Primary</b>	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Marian Vian, Wickham Common and Unicorn.	April 2015
12	<b>Unicorn Primary</b>	Governing body resolution to convert to academy status as part of a MAT with Marian Vian, Oak Lodge and Wickham Common.	April 2015

#### 2.4 Schools Actively Exploring Conversion to Academy Status

A	PRIMARY & SPECIAL SCHOOLS	POSITION	TIMESCALE
1-13	<b>Thirteen Primary Schools</b>	Exploration of potential partnerships and early stages of MAT discussions.	N/A
14	<b>James Dixon Primary</b>	Notification to LA in February 2013 of Governor decision to apply for academy conversion. No formal application logged by DfE.	N/A

<b>A</b>	<b>PRIMARY &amp; SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>
		Confirmation to LA in September 2013 of intent to change status from community to foundation school as of December 2013.	
15	<b>Southborough Primary</b>	Southborough consulted with parents on the question of conversion to academy status in March 2013.  Exploration of potential partnerships but no firm plans.	N/A
16	<b>St Anthony's RC Primary</b>	Notification that conversion as part of an umbrella trust with local catholic schools is being explored by the Archdiocese.  No formal application logged by DfE as yet.	TBC
17-20	<b>Four Special Schools</b>	Exploration of potential partnerships but no firm plans.	N/A

<b>B</b>	<b>SECONDARY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>
1	<b>St Olave's Grammar School</b>	Notification to Local Authority (October 2010).  Conversion approval 'on hold' pending resolution of governance composition between the Diocese of Rochester, the School and the Department for Education.	TBC

## 2.5 Status of Other Schools

	<b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>
1 - 5	<b>Five Primary Schools</b>	Either the position is to be confirmed or they are not considering conversion at this time.	N/A