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EDUCATION INFORMATION BRIEFING

Meeting to be held on Tuesday 8 March 2016

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EDUCATION BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on 14 January 2016

Present:

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

Councillor Peter Fortune, Portfolio Holder for Education
Councillor Tom Philpott, Executive Support Officer to the Portfolio
Holder for Education

Also Present:

James Mullender, Finance Manager
Amanda Russell, Head of Schools Finance Support

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Jane Bailey, Director: Education.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Teresa Ball declared that she was employed by JTL Training, a not-for-profit charity which offered apprenticeships and traineeships.

22 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING

No questions had been received from members of the public.

23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH OCTOBER 2015 AND MATTERS OUTSTANDING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2015 be agreed.

24 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2ND QUARTER 2015/16

Report FSD15072

On 2nd December 2015, the Council's Executive received the 2nd quarterly capital monitoring report for 2015/16 and agreed a revised Capital Programme for the four year period 2015/16 to 2018/19. 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, which included £200k for payment of an outstanding liability to NHS Property Services arising from works carried out to the Phoenix Centre in 2006/7 and a net reduction of £91k for the period 2015/16 to 2018/19 following the confirmation of the 2015/16 Formula Devolved Capital Grant from the Department for Education which was lower than anticipated due to the increasing number of academy conversions. The Council's Executive also agreed an increase of £712k in the Capital Programme budget for Section 106 receipts to match the total funding available.

In considering the report, the Chairman noted the Section 106 funding available within the Education Portfolio and underlined the need to ensure that any time-limitations on the use of this funding was monitored. The Finance Manager confirmed that Section 106 funding continued to be used to contribute towards the provision of sufficient school places through improvement to and the expansion of Bromley schools as part of the Basic Need Programme.

An update on the completion of works related to the introduction of free school meals for all Key Stage 1 pupils would be provided to Members following the meeting.

RESOLVED that the revised Capital Programme agreed by the Council's Executive on 2nd December 2015 be recommended to the Portfolio Holder for Education for approval.

25 EDUCATION PORTFOLIO BUDGET 2016/17

Report ED16011

The Sub-Committee considered a report setting out the draft Education Portfolio Budget 2016/17, which incorporated future cost pressures and initial budget saving options reported to the Council's Executive on 13th January 2016. 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 Finance Manager advised Members that no additional growth pressures had been identified within the initial budget for the Education Portfolio for 2016/17, but that there had been additional allocations of £382k relating to the full year effect of the supplementary estimate for Adult Education, £400k in response to the reduction in Education Services Grant, and £199k relating to increases in National Insurance contributions. A number of savings for the 2016/17 budget had also been identified during 2015/16, which included savings of £76k for Bromley Youth Music Trust and £30k for Early Years.

In considering the draft Education Portfolio budget 2016/17, the Chairman noted that following Members' agreement to discontinue the market testing process for education services, a review was being undertaken of the organisation of the Education Service to ensure it continued to be fit for purpose, the outcome of which would be reported to Education PDS Committee in Spring 2016.

In response to a question from a Member, the Portfolio Holder for Education confirmed that Officers were working to identify if the Southborough Lane campus currently used by the Bromley Youth Music Trust would be needed for the provision of additional school places in Planning Area 5 in future years.

With regard to the academies agenda, the Portfolio Holder for Education highlighted that Bromley was significantly further advanced than most other local authorities and continued to work closely with the Department for Education to share learning and raise any issues which might benefit other local authorities. Further information on how the decrease in grant funding per pupil would impact the Education Portfolio as more schools converted to academy status would be provided to Members following the meeting. This issue would also be raised with the Regional Schools Commissioner for South East England and South London who was attending the next meeting of Education PDS Committee on 19th January 2016.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The financial forecast for 2017/18 to 2019/20 be noted;**
- 2) Members' comments on the initial draft savings options proposed by the Council's Executive for 2016/17 be noted; and,**
- 3) Members' comments on the initial draft 2016/17 Education Portfolio budget be provided to the meeting of the Council's Executive on 10th February 2016.**

26 DEDICATED SCHOOLS FUNDING GRANT

Report ED16012

The Sub-Committee considered a report providing information on the Dedicated Schools Grant 2016/17 and how it would be allocated.

The Dedicated Schools Grant was made up of three blocks comprising High Needs, Early Years and Schools. In December 2015, the Department for Education had released the final Dedicated Schools Grant for 2016/17 based on the final units of funding that were released in July 2015. Dedicated Schools Grant income was generally in line with what was expected and what had been received in previous years. In 2015/16, a balanced budget had been set at the start of the financial year which took into account planned expenditure to be funded from the unspent Dedicated Schools Grant carried forward from previous years as agreed by the Schools' Forum. Based on the most recent estimates it was likely that the Dedicated Schools Grant budget would be overspent by approximately £52k for 2015/16, and by approximately £4m for 2016/17 due to a range of pressures including the need for bulge classes and the demand for special educational needs provision.

The Local Authority was very concerned about this situation as it demonstrated that the current budget was not sustainable and that further savings would need to

be identified in future years. Officers were working to identify potential savings within the High Needs and Early Years blocks, as well as within the central spend in the Schools block. However, it was anticipated that some savings might also need to be found within the Schools block, and the Schools' Forum had been asked to consider this as part of the Formula Review in preparation for the introduction of the National Funding Formula.

The Finance Manager reported that the Schools' Forum had discussed the Dedicated Schools Grant 2016/17 at its meeting on 14th January 2015. In recognising the funding pressures, the Schools' Forum had agreed to expand an existing working party initially formed to review the funding formula for 2017/18 to include Early Years and Special Schools representatives and to work to review Dedicated Schools Grant expenditure as a whole. The Working Party would be supported by Local Authority Officers to identify areas where potential savings could be made and how this would impact on provision, and would report its findings to the meeting of the Schools' Forum on 14th April 2016.

In considering the report, the Chairman was concerned at the initial projected overspend of approximately £4m for Dedicated Schools Grant for 2016/17 for which savings had been identified to mitigate. There were also measures in place to help contain the future projected overspend, such as the planned alternative provision at Beacon House which would reduce the need for high cost out-of-Borough placements.

In response to a question from the Portfolio Holder for Education, the Head of Schools' Finance Support confirmed that schools managed their finances differently. Larger schools had their own finance officers and multi-academy trusts often shared finance officers. Part of the remit of the Schools' Finance Support service was to provide financial support to schools and the service had a high level of take up, particularly from smaller schools and academies. The Schools' Finance Support service also delivered regular finance forums and training events to share best practice in school finance across Bromley schools.

Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP queried how the Pupil Premium had been impacted following the introduction of free school meals for all Key Stage 1 pupils. The Head of Schools' Finance Support reported that schools were concerned that there had been a reduction in take up of Pupil Premium by some eligible pupils and were working to engage with parents and carers to encourage them to apply for the funding which targeted the gap in attainment for pupils who were eligible for free school meals. When sufficient data was available, modelling would be undertaken to identify how free school meals had impacted the take up of Pupil Premium, which was particularly important to schools as it attracted further deprivation funding which could have a significant benefit to the achievement of the most vulnerable pupils.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Dedicated Schools Grant allocation for 2016/17 be noted;**
- 2) Members' comments regarding the proposed allocation and for**

reducing expenditure in future years be noted; and,

- 3) The Portfolio Holder for Education be recommended to approve the Dedicated Schools Grant allocation to the Schools Budget for 2016/17.**

27 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members generally discussed the level of recharges to the Education Portfolio. The Finance Manager confirmed that the level of recharges to the Education Portfolio reflected the cost of providing central services such as Human Resources, Finance and Legal Services to the services across the Portfolio, and that an annual baseline review was undertaken to help identify potential savings across these support services which could arise as a result of changes in the services they were recharged to.

Members noted that further details of the new National Funding Formula would be announced in Spring 2016, after which a consultation would take place. It was possible that Bromley would benefit from higher funding under the new formula as it was currently one of the lowest funded local authorities and received significantly less per pupil school funding than some neighbouring local authorities. Further details of the level of per pupil school funding received by other London local authorities would be provided to Members following the meeting.

RESOLVED that the issues raised be noted.

28 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

With Members agreement, the next meeting of Education Budget Sub-Committee due to take place on Tuesday 16th February 2016 was cancelled due to lack of business.

The Meeting ended at 7.51 pm

Chairman

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London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Briefing for Education Budget Sub-Committee 8th March 2016

EDUCATION, CARE & HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT REPORTS – EDUCATION CONTRACTS

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Executive and Resources Policy Development and Scrutiny (PDS) Committee has agreed a template report for London Borough of Bromley Contracts. The report details the current status of all contracts with a whole life value of £50k or more, with all relevant contracts identified from the Contract Register (previous reports were for contracts of £200k or over).
- 1.2 Executive and Resources PDS recommended that the PDS Committee for each portfolio reviews the Contract Register report relevant to their portfolio, providing any comments as appropriate.
- 1.3 The Contract Register report for all 64 contracts relevant to the Education Portfolio is included as **Appendix One** to this paper. In addition, the paper provides a brief update on planned contract activity over the next six months.

2. THE BRIEFING

- 2.1 **Appendix One** details all current contracts relevant to the Education Portfolio with a whole life value of £50k or more; there are 64 of these in total.
- 2.2 Monitoring of the contracts is the responsibility of the relevant service team within the Education division of the Education, Care & Health Department.
- 2.3 A significant number of contracts will continue to be let during the next six months to support the sufficiency agenda for primary school places. These contracts for capital works will be funded through the Basic Needs Capital Grant and will be covered in a separate report.
- 2.4 To support the programme for primary and secondary schools, the Strategic Place Planning Team and ECHS Procurement Team have made use of various external frameworks to procure works and services. The teams are continually reviewing and researching the best available frameworks in the market to ensure the most appropriate are used going forward.

- 2.5 A Dynamic Purchasing System is in place to facilitate the procurement of School Improvement and School Support Officers, Supply Teachers for Behaviour Service and Tutors for Looked after Children. This has introduced a wider range of potential providers who are competing for the opportunity to deliver these services.
- 2.6 The new Public Contracts Regulations 2015, which put EU Directives into UK law, has meant significant changes to tendering exercises undertaken within ECHS. The distinction between Part A Services (which were subject to the full rigour of the EU procurement rules) and Part B Services (including education, care and health services, which only required a Contract Award Notice to be published at award stage for service contract above £172k) has been removed – Education Care and Health services (as identified in the Regulations) are now covered by the ‘Light Touch Regime’ (LTR). This change has required:
- staff in the ECHS Procurement Team being trained on the new regulations and associated guidance, in liaison with Corporate Procurement, and
 - changes to the Council’s own Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Regulations, on which refresher training for the team will be required.
- 2.8 The Procurement Team has developed and adopted a work plan based on work arising from all contracts due to expire during the next three years. It also outlines the strategy to be adopted for commissioning, the responsible commissioner and key milestones. A traffic light mechanism is used to assess the current status of each project and any projects with red status are reported to fortnightly divisional management team meetings and quarterly to the ECHS Departmental Management Team. A red status to a project might be allocated for example when there is slippage in a project timeline resulting from an unexpected lack of interest from the market for a tender. Commissioners and Procurement and Contract Compliance staff implement recovery plans for projects with red status alerts in order to ensure that the department operates within financial regulations. There are no issues on Education projects which give rise to any concerns.

3. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are measures in place to ensure that procurement processes are rigorously adhered to. All Gateway reports where the contract value is above £500k are considered by a Council-wide Commissioning Board.
- 3.2 Procurement and Contract Compliance work is carried out in accordance with the Council’s Financial Regulations and Procurement Rules. Where appropriate procurement exercises are undertaken in accordance with EU regulations.

APPENDIX 1
EDUCATION PDS

* A new Contracts Register service hosted by Bravo Solutions is now in place and thus the old and new contract reference numbers are quoted here

New CRS ID (Bravo)	Service Title	Suppliers	Total Contract Period To Date Months (inc extensions taken)	Duration Years	End Date (inc extensions taken)	Contract Total Value £	Original Contract Annual Value £	No of Variations / Extensions	Value of Variations / Extensions	Annual Budget £	Annual Projected £	Cost Difference £	Comments
ecm_3337	Education - Construction - Emergency H&S Works at Burwood PRU	Stonegrove Ltd	15	1.25	31-Mar-16	£410,967	£368,836	1	£42,130	£42,130	£42,130	£0	One-off building contract. Waiver approved by Portfolio Holder 16 Dec 2014, to enable emergency H&S works, having undertaken similar emergency works at another school. Original contract completed, now in defects liability period; variation approved by AD 13 Jan 2016 to cover additional security works (extra £42,130) and extended to 31 Mar 2016.
ecm_3445	Children's - Family Group Conference	Galton Associates	36	3.00	31-Mar-16	£168,000	£56,000	0	£0	£56,000	£56,000	£0	RFQ process (DNWC-8URL5U) Jan 2013. Contract approved following tender. Tender process (Due North project DN107091) for new contract completed, new commencing in April.
ecm_3428	Training - Workforce Development Courses for Social Care Staff from relevant universities	Goldsmiths College University of London Royal Holloway (London University) Bournemouth University London South Bank University University of Greenwich	48	4.00	31-Mar-16	£180,000	£45,000	0	£0	£45,000	£45,000	£0	Agreement to ongoing spot purchase approved by Director 14 Feb 2013. New waiver for ongoing spot purchase, commencing April 2016, approved by AD & PH 14 Jan 2016. These are the only organisations able to provide the specialist courses required by the organisation. See ecm_37478 for new contract.
ecm_21538	Education - SIPS Support to Multiple Pre-schools and Nursery Settings	Multiple Pre-schools and Maintained Nurseries	12	1.00	31-Mar-16	£225,700	£225,700	0	£0	£225,700	£211,000	£-14,700	This is not a single contract, but a collated authorisation relating to multiple small value contracts. Children attending pre-school and nursery settings may be allocated additional support for their special educational needs. This funding is paid directly to the pre-school or nursery to purchase the additional support required. The funding per child is typically up to £5,800 per annum or less. Because the funding is paid directly it is a direct contract and requires authorisation to exempt from competitive tendering. Competitive tendering is not possible as it is the parent/child choice as to which facility is used and the funding follows the child. A block exemption request to cover small value contract awards to multiple providers for all Inclusion Support allocations is completed in advance of the financial year. This has been done on an annual basis. Individual authorisations for each award are not practical due to the volume throughout the year. The authorisation process for the 2016/17 financial year is in progress and expected to be completed shortly.

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ecm_21608	Children's - BCP Approved Provider List 2015/16 for Early Intervention and Prevention Services	Academy Training and Consultancy Ltd; Advocacy for All; Be Totally You; Behaviour Matters; Boogie Mites UK Ltd; British Red Cross; Bromley Adult Education College; Bromley Healthcare Community Interest Company Ltd; Bromley Mencap; Bromley Women's Aid; Bromley Y; Burgess Autistic Trust; Child Communication; Chrysalis Art Psychotherapy; CXK; Diving for Development Ltd; DSM Assessment & Training; Fleet Education Services Ltd. T/A Fleet Tutors; Greenwich Association of Disabled People (GAD); Gymboree Bromley; JudyK; Little Fingers Baby Classes; Maria Ako; National Childbirth Trust; New Beginnings Care Ltd; Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust; Pre-School Learning Alliance; Prostars Football School; Relate London SE; Rerezent; Royal London	12	1.00	31-Mar-16	£219,290	£219,290	0	£0	£219,290	Dependent on usage	£0	The Approved List is refreshed each December and re-rendered Feb/Mar. Current provision is provided via BCP Preferred Provider List of 43 organisations, approved by AD 22 Apr 2015. Services are commissioned for no longer than one year as required, with values below the £200k threshold. Commissioning is revised to match the annual budget. 2015/16 budget dependent on service usage. Some contracts may be extended this year due to the reduction in the overall budget (to £99,290) and the normal mini-tender exercise will be much reduced. The plan is: • mini-tender/extend in January, • programme in February, • confirm contract delivery details in March, • start delivery of services in April.
ecm_37919	Education - Health Needs Child Specific Funding in Schools	Multiple mainstream schools and academies	12	1.00	31-Mar-16	£342,500	£342,500	0	£0	£342,500	£342,500	£0	This is not a single contract, but a collated authorisation relating to multiple small value contracts. The contracts relate to additional funding for mainstream schools and academies to provide additional support to children with complex health needs who do not have an EHC Plan. The funding is child specific and agreed through the Specialist Support & Disability Panel. In previous years no exemption has been sought as we were contracting with LBB schools directly; however, now that most schools have converted to academies, a block exemption will be sought. The authorisation process for 2016/17 financial year is in progress.
ecm_3432	Children's - Independent Visitors Service	Family Action	42	3.50	31-Jul-16	£111,720	£31,920	1	£15,960	£31,920	£31,920	£0	Contract approved by Director 17 Nov 2012. 6 months extension approved by AD/PH 21 Feb 2016; tendering for a new service is underway and on track for new contract award commencing August 2016; the specification for the service may be expanded to include additional functions currently delivered in-house.
ecm_3342	Education - Construction of New Reception Class at Churchfields Primary School	Parfit Ltd	17	1.42	31-Jul-16	£348,372	£348,372	0	£0	£348,372	£348,372	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by Director 03 Mar 2015 following tender process. Construction works complete on site. Contract now in Defects Liability Period which will expire on 31/07/16
ecm_3199	Education - Counselling for the Home & Hospital Tuition Service	Bromley Y	22	1.83	31-Jul-16	£60,000	£30,000	1	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000	£0	Contract approved by Director 18 Nov 2014, following an RFQ process. 1 year extension approved to 31 Jul 2016 (AD 24 Sep 2015).

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ecm_3205	Education - Framework for Bromley Flexible Learning Programme	Academy21 Blingz Bromley College of Further and Higher Education Croydon IT Training Centre Educ8 Shears Academy Springboard Bromley [no longer trading] Streetvibes Youth Top Line Therapists Academy Wizeup	35	2.92	31-Jul-16	£761,923	£357,000	0	£0	£170,720	£147,260	-£23,460	Due to the uncertainty of the continuation of this programme and the ongoing review of the Behaviour Service, approval was given by the Portfolio Holder for provision as a Framework for a year. Appointments to Framework following tender approved by Director 29 Jul 2013. Values quoted are estimated and overall budget figures. Extension to 31 Jul 2015 approved (Director 23 Jul 2014); £100k virement for BAP approved by Director & Portfolio Holder 25 Sep 2014. Final extension to 31 Jul 2016 approved by Education PDS 08 July 2015 (report no. ED15093). 2013/14: £315,926 2014/15: £275,277 2015/16: £170,720. The contracts are expected to cease at the end of the current contract period as this service will no longer be purchased by the Council.
ecm_3192	Education - Construction of New Modular Nursery at Churchfields Primary School	The McAvoy Group Ltd	14	1.17	25-Aug-16	£378,747	£378,747	0	£0	£378,747	£378,747	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by Director 03 Mar 2015 following tender process. Contractor due on site 22 Jun 2015 and construction works complete on site end of Aug 2015. Contract now in Defects Liability Period which will expire on 25/08/16
ecm_3345	Education - Construction Works at Bromley Road Primary School	Neilcott Construction Ltd	17	1.42	30-Aug-16	£720,612	£720,612	0	£0	£720,612	£720,612	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by Director 09 Mar 2015 following tender process. Practical completion reached on 28th August 2015. Contract now in defects period, which expires on 27th August 2016. There is still a UKPN connection to be made to the School.
ecm_3335	Education - Construction Works for Single Class Expansion with Accommodation and External Works at Keston CE Primary School	Built Offsite Ltd	19	1.58	31-Aug-16	£596,005	£596,005	0	£0	£596,005	£596,005	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by Director 06 Jan 2014, following mini-competition from Lewisham Framework. Practical completion issued 1st September 2015. Project now in defects period, due to expire 31st August 2016.
ecm_3340	Education - Construction of Temporary Classrooms and Ancillary Building Works at Clare House and James Dixon Primary Schools	Elliott Group Ltd	26	2.17	31-Aug-16	£248,047	£226,207	1	£21,840	£248,047	£248,047	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by Director 10 Jun 2014 following tender process. Contract completion date 10/11/14 due to additional hold up of contractor completing outstanding works. Variation/extension agreed by AD 9 Jun 2015, extending by 1 year and adding £21,840. Contract will remain open until both temp class rooms are removed from site - Clare House summer 2015 and James Dixon in summer 2016
ecm_3422	Education - Consultancy Services - Multi-disciplinary consultancy re School Expansion Project at Parish CoE Primary School	Keegans Ltd	40	3.33	31-Aug-16	£110,828	£110,828	0	£0	£110,828	£110,828	£0	Further Feasibility Studies undertaken. Works varied to £110,828, as per Simon Goodburn 10 Mar 2014, via Haringey Framework. Site works due to complete August 2015, commission due to expire at end of defects period August 2016.
ecm_21942	Education - Post-16 FE SEND Placements to Multiple Independent Specialist Providers for the Academic Year 2015/16	Foxes Academy Hereford College Lufton College Nash College National Star College Orchard Hill College St Elizabeth's College St Piers College Treloar College Westgate College (ceased trading in December 2015 and young people have been moved to other provisions)	12	1.00	31-Aug-16	£2,907,571	£2,907,571	0	£0	£3,220,730	£ 3,087,681	-£133,049	Placements are reviewed and adjusted annually dependent on student needs which excludes the potential for competitive tendering and entering into longer term contracts with providers. Exemption from tendering is authorised annually. £3,404,862 total, of which £497,291 is funded by the EFA and £2,907,571 is funded from DSG. The £2,907,571 is split over financial years as follows: 2015/16 £1,938,381 2016/17 £969,190

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ecm_37349	Education - Provision of Full Time Education for Permanently Excluded Pupils and Pupils at Risk of Permanent Exclusion	Bromley Educational Trust	60	5.00	31-Aug-18	£7,525,000	£1,505,000	0	£0	£1,505,000	£1,505,000	£0	Authorisation to award the contract for the 2015/16 academic year was authorised by Executive on 24 March 2015. £10,000 x 5 additional places at Midfield Campus £8,000 x 90 places in top up funding for Hayes Campus £14,000 x 10 places for statemented pupils at Midfield Campus £17,000 x 35 places for non-statemented pupils at Midfield Campus Authorisation for the contract was for a 3 year contract with 2 year extension option; however, the contract was incorrectly placed (and previously reported) as a 1 year contract with extension options of a further two years, annually. This has now been corrected and a variation agreed with BET.
ecm_37362	Education - Post-16 FE SEND Placements to Multiple FE College Providers for the Academic Year 2015/16	Bromley College Capel Manor College Hadlow College North Kent College West Kent College	12	1.00	31-Aug-16	£1,146,140	£1,146,140	0	£0	£1,146,140	£1,146,140	£0	Placements are reviewed and adjusted annually dependent on student needs which excludes the potential for competitive tendering and entering into longer term contracts with providers. Exemption from tendering is authorised annually. £1,146,140 total, of which £642,000 is funded by the FFA and £504,140 is funded from DSG.
ecm_37474	Education - Top-Up Funding for Burwood Special School Places	Bromley Educational Trust	7	0.58	31-Aug-16	£499,000	£499,000	0	£0	£499,000	£499,000	£0	Waiver approved for 7 month contract by AD & PH 29 Jan 2016 to support transition to the end of the 2015/16 academic year. The Academy will be funded for top-up funding for an agreed number of places at agreed rates for this period to ensure they operate at the current level of delegated budget for the current academic year. New arrangements will be put in place for the 2016/17 academic year with volumes and rates to be finalised (report going to Education PDS and Executive in March 2016). Authorised - Letter of Intent sent to BET 10 Feb 2016.
ecm_21727	Education - Construction - UIFSM Kitchen Shutter & Fire Alarm Compliance at Bromley Schools & Academies	Stonegrove Ltd	14	1.17	01-Sep-16	£699,847	£699,847	0	£0	£699,847	£699,847	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by PH 17 Jun 2015 following tender process. Only 2 No Schools remain to have completed works, plus new UKPN connection to 1 No School. Final snagging items and Practical Completion to be issued imminently.
ecm_21613	Education - Construction Works at Parish CofE Primary School	Module-AR Ltd	19	1.58	11-Sep-16	£2,439,453	£2,439,453	0	£0	£2,439,453	£2,439,453	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by Executive 14 January 2015 following tender process. Construction works complete on site. Contract in Defects Liability Period which will expire on 11/09/16
ecm_3414	Education - Consultancy Services - PM, Architectural and Employer's Agent Services for expansion at St Pauls Cray Primary School	Pinnacle ESP Ltd	28	2.33	30-Sep-16	£124,150	£90,000	1	£24,400	£124,150	£124,150	£0	Waiver approved by Director 02 May 2014 to vary Contract-051996, to enable continuity of project. Variation approved by AD 26 Feb 2015, adding £24,400 to fee. Contract period includes 12 months defects liability. Contract Reached Practical completion and final account agreed.
ecm_21615	Education - Construction Works at Hawes Down Junior School	TAG Construction (UK) Ltd	17	1.42	30-Sep-16	£709,490	£709,490	0	£0	£709,490	£709,490	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by Director 23 Apr 2015 following tender process. Practical Completion achieved 30th September 2015. In defect Liability Period, which expires 30th Sep 2016.
ecm_21728	Education - Construction Works at Edgebury Primary School	Lakehouse Construction Ltd	16	1.33	31-Oct-16	£190,102	£190,102	0	£0	£190,102	£190,102	£0	Contract approved by AD 16 Jun 2015 following tender process.
ecm_21726	Education - Construction - Urgent Refurbishment at Royston Children & Family Centre	Stonegrove Ltd	19	1.58	02-Nov-16	£426,220	£426,220	0	£0	£426,220	£426,220	£0	One-off building contract. Waiver approved by Portfolio Holder 10 Jun 2015, to enable urgent works to facilitate move from James Dixon Primary School. Practical completion reached 3rd November 2015. Contract now in Defects Liability period, which expires on 2nd November 2016

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ecm_21730	Education - Construction - Enabling Works Package at Beacon House	Randall Contracting Ltd	15	1.25	10-Nov-16	£485,068	£485,068	0	£0	£485,068	£485,068	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by AD 19 Jun 2015 following tender process. Start delayed from July to September. Includes 12 month defects liability period.
ecm_21786	Education - Construction Works at Charles Darwin Academy and Valley Primary School	Neilcott Construction Ltd	16	1.33	20-Nov-16	£934,745	£934,745	0	£0	£934,745	£934,745	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by AD 03 Jul 2015 following tender process. Practical Completion achieved 20th November 2015. In defects Liability period, which ends 20th Nov 2016.
ecm_3392	Education - Construction Works to Expand from a 2FE to 3FE at Worsley Bridge Primary School	Built Offsite Ltd	24	2.00	20-Nov-16	£3,607,599	£3,607,599	0	£0	£3,607,599	£3,607,599	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by Executive 15 Oct 2014 (Report ED15106), following direct call-off from Lewisham Framework. Sectional completion of all phases achieved: Main works practical completion achieved 20th November 2015. In defects liability Period, which ends 20th Nov 2016.
ecm_21614	Education - Construction Works at Midfield Primary School	Lakehouse Construction Ltd	20	1.67	23-Dec-16	£720,612	£720,612	0	£0	£720,612	£720,612	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by Director 23 Apr 2015 following tender process. Practical Completion achieved 23rd December 2015. In Defects Liability period, which ends 23rd Dec 2016.
ecm_3390	Education - Construction of New 2FE Primary School and Ancillary Works inc. Demolition of Existing School at Clare House	Built Offsite Ltd	24	2.00	01-Jan-17	£5,462,187	£5,462,187	0	£0	£5,462,187	£5,462,187	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by Executive 15 Oct 2014 (Report ED15106), following direct call-off from Lewisham Framework. Works currently continuing on site (MUGA Pitch). Main works completed. Sectional completion achieved phases 1 & 2 10th August & 2nd November 2015 respectively.
ecm_36853	Education - Construction of new MUGA Pitch at Keston CoE Primary School	Blakedown Sport & Play Ltd	15	1.25	07-Mar-17	£258,451	£258,451	0	£0	£258,451	£258,451	£0	Contract approved by AD 04 Nov 2015 following tender exercise. End date includes Defects Liability. Practical Completion expected 7th March 2016
ecm_21729	Education - Construction - Hall Extension with Hygiene Room, 2 Class Extension, Car Park Works at Unicorn Primary School	Bolt & Heeks Ltd	20.5	1.71	18-Mar-17	£896,208	£896,208	0	£0	£896,208	£896,208	£0	One-off building contract. Contract approved by CE 17 Jun 2015 following tender process. Projected completion date due 18th March 2016; if completed then, defects liability period will end 18 Mar 2017.
ecm_3319	Education - Sims Licences on behalf of schools	Capita Business Services Ltd	24	2.00	31-Mar-17	£90,000	£56,000	0	£0	£56,000	£55,903	-£97	Fully recharged to the remaining maintained schools. Discussed with Commissioner and Corporate Procurement to continue this arrangement. Waiver for new 2 year contract approved by Director 19 Mar 2015.
ecm_3452	Education - Intensive Supervision and Surveillance (ISS)	NACRO	36	3.00	31-Mar-17	£215,184	£71,728			£71,728	£71,728	£0	New contract approved to March 2017 by Education PDS (report ED15101 - typo in recommendation; see 3.2.7); award of the new contract was delayed by a late agreement of the contract price which, at the request of the Council, NACRO have held at the previous year's level. To be terminated in March 2016, as per lead officer. (History: Contract approved for 2 years by exemption in 2011 which included authorisation for option to extend for one year. Extension option of one year approved at Education PDS January 2013. Contract allows for CPI increases, however CPI not approved to date).
ecm_21552	Children's - Adoption Medicals	Bromley Healthcare Community Interest Company Ltd	24	2.00	31-Mar-17	£64,000	£32,000	0	£0	£32,000	£32,000	£0	Waiver approved by Portfolio Holder (20 April 2015) for a new contract for 2 years in order to end in line with the Bromley Healthcare one in March 2017.

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ecm_3683	Education - Mapping of school to home distances	Hometrack Data Systems Ltd	156	13.00	31-Mar-17	£52,875	£4,230	0	£0	£4,230	£2,115	-£2,115	<p>This is a requirement to ensure measurements from home to school are correct to meet the proximity criterion of all applications. Previous figures incorrectly included VAT.</p> <p>This company is terminating the datamap side of the company wef the end of 2016. We had the choice of the following: Option 1: continue contract for a further 4 month with tech support - cost would be annual licence fee calculated for the 4 month term. Option 2: continue contract for a further 12 months unsupported (at a 50% reduced annual licence fee). Option 3: pay a one off fee equivalent to 150% of your current licence fee for an in perpetuity licence unsupported.</p> <p>We opted for Option 2 with a payment of £2,115, which will allow us to pursue an alternative.</p>
ecm_3409	Education - Consultancy Services - Multi-Disciplinary Lead Consultancy for expansion works at the Glebe	Pick Everard	40	3.33	30-Apr-17	£241,019	£230,469	0	£0	£241,019	£241,019	£0	<p>Contract approved by Director 16 Dec 2013, following mini-competition process from Haringey Framework. Demolition works complete. Main contract awarded with start of site 22 June 2015. End of construction contract revised to April 2016. Fee increase due client request design changes & EA services. Due to delays on the main contract, the consultancy service will now run until 31/7/17 i.e. end of the defects liability period.</p>
ecm_21866	Training - Step Up To Social Work Project	Royal Holloway, University of London	22	1.83	30-Apr-17	£282,282	£153,972	0	£0	£153,972	£153,972	£0	<p>Contract approved by Care Services PDS on 23 Jun 2015 (report CS15023) following tender process, for 22 months with option to extend for a further 22 months. Year 1 £153,972 (12 months) Year 2 £128,310 (10 months)</p>
ecm_21957	Education - Construction - Main Fit-Out Works at Beacon House	Chas Berger & Sons Ltd	23	1.92	30-Aug-17	£2,064,320	£2,064,320	0	£0	£2,064,320	£2,064,320	£0	<p>Contract approved by PH 06 Oct 2015 following tender process. Completion date includes 12 months defects liability period.</p>
ecm_21699	Education - Construction of Modular Accommodation at Malcolm, Midfield, Scotts Park and Worsley Bridge Primary Schools	Built Offsite Ltd	28	2.33	31-Aug-17	£370,500	£370,500	0	£0	£370,500	£370,500	£0	<p>One-off building contract. Waiver approved by Executive 19 Jun 2015 (Ref EDD15029), to vary contract. Currently awaiting Practical Completion certificate.</p>
ecm_3207	Education - Consultancy Services - Multi-Disciplinary Services for the Refurbishment of Beacon House	Keegans Ltd	35	2.92	30-Sep-17	£155,259	£74,700	1	£11,705	£155,259	£155,259	£0	<p>Contract approved by Director 06 Nov 2014, following mini-competition process from Haringey Framework. Value varied in line with construction value estimates and also variation of £11,705 for additional services. Current value £155,259.13 (as at 23 Jul 2015), which may be increased further due to changes in how CDM is to be managed leading to this consultant taking on some additional services to provide Principal Designer services. Includes 12 month defects liability period.</p>
ecm_3352	Education - Consultancy Services - M&E inc. CDM-C at 60 no. Schools and Education Premises	Pinnacle ESP Ltd	34	2.83	30-Sep-17	£183,315	£128,440	3	£54,915	£183,315	£183,315	£0	<p>Contract approved by Director 02 Oct 2014, following mini-competition process from Lewisham Framework. Variation approved by AD 28 Apr 2015; further variation approved by AD 12 Jun 2015; further variation approved by AD 30 Jul 2015.</p>
ecm_3520	Education - Consultancy Services - Project Management and Employer's Agent re new modular building and int/ext works at Worsley Bridge Primary School	Bailey Partnership	43	3.58	30-Sep-17	£117,950	£103,250	1	£14,700	£117,950	£117,950	£0	<p>Contract approved by Director 30 Jan 2014, following call-off from Lewisham Framework. Variation approved by AD 26 Feb 2015, adding £14,700 to fee. Contract period includes 12 months defects liability. Awaiting Final Account to address final consultant's fee.</p>

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ecm_3522	Education - Consultancy Services - Project Management and Employer's Agent re refurb/int/ext works at Bromley Road School	Bailey Partnership	43	3.58	30-Sep-17	£52,444	£27,444	1	£25,000	£52,444	£52,444	£0	Contract approved by Director 30 Jan 2014, following call-off from Lewisham Framework. Variation approved by AD 13 Feb 2015, adding £25,000 to fee. Contract period includes 12 months defects liability. Awaiting final account to address final fee cost.
ecm_3521	Education - Consultancy Services - Project Management and Employer's Agent re new modular building and int/ext works at Princes Plain Primary School & Bishop Justus Secondary School	Bailey Partnership	43	3.58	30-Sep-17	£314,085	£115,050	1	£177,035	£314,085	£314,085	£0	Contract approved by Director 30 Jan 2014, following call-off from Lewisham Framework. Variation agreed by Director 24 Oct 2014 (adding £177,035k to original fee). Further variation approved by AD 29 Jun 2015 (adding £22k).
ecm_3523	Education - Consultancy Services - Project management and architectural feasibility services to support the delivery of a new classroom - RIBA Stage D	Bailey Partnership	44	3.67	30-Sep-17	£147,500	£147,500	0	£0	£147,500	£147,500	£0	Waiver approved by Director 17 Feb 2014. Previously appointed under Lewisham Framework to provide architectural, project management and feasibility.
ecm_3515	Education - Consultancy Services - Project Management and Employer's Agent Services in support of the Expansion at Scotts Park Primary School	Bailey Partnership	40	3.33	30-Sep-17	£103,000	£78,000	1	£25,000	£103,000	£103,000	£0	Contract approved by Director 08 May 2014, following call-off from Lewisham Framework. Variation agreed by Director 11 Jul 2014 (adding £25k to original fee). Project currently on hold due to planning issues.
ecm_3513	Education - Consultancy Services - Project Management and Employer's Agent Services in support of the Expansion at Midfield Primary School	Bailey Partnership	40	3.33	30-Sep-17	£59,500	£34,500	1	£25,000	£59,500	£59,500	£0	Contract approved by Director 08 May 2014, following call-off from Lewisham Framework. Variation agreed by Director 11 Jul 2014 (adding £25k to original fee); further variation agreed by AD 23 Mar 2015 (nil cost). Awaiting final account to address final fee cost.
ecm_3516	Education - Consultancy Services - Project Management and Employer's Agent Services in support of the Expansion at St Marks C of E Primary School	Bailey Partnership	40	3.33	30-Sep-17	£140,000	£115,000	1	£25,000	£140,000	£140,000	£0	Contract approved by Director 08 May 2014, following call-off from Lewisham Framework. Variation agreed by Director 11 Jul 2014 (adding £25k to original fee); further variation agreed by AD 23 Mar 2015 (nil cost).
ecm_3517	Education - Consultancy Services - Project Management and Employer's Agent Services in support of the Expansion at Unicorn Primary School	Bailey Partnership	40	3.33	30-Sep-17	£54,395	£29,395	1	£25,000	£54,395	£54,395	£0	Contract approved by Director 08 May 2014, following call-off from Lewisham Framework. Variation agreed by Director 11 Jul 2014 (adding £25k to original fee).
ecm_3514	Education - Consultancy Services - Project Management and Employer's Agent Services in support of the Expansion at Oaklands Primary School	Bailey Partnership	40	3.33	30-Sep-17	£251,000	£226,000	1	£25,000	£251,000	£251,000	£0	Contract approved by Director 08 May 2014, following call-off from Lewisham Framework. Variation agreed by Director 11 Jul 2014 (adding £25k to original fee) to undertake specialist surveys in support of the planning application.
ecm_3427	Education - Consultancy Services - Project Management and Employer's Agent re new school buildings and int/ext works at 4 no. Schools	Bailey Partnership	35	2.92	30-Sep-17	£545,113	£448,001	2	£97,112	£545,113	£545,113	£0	Contract approved by Director 24 Oct 2014, following call-off from Lewisham Framework. Defects Liability Period ends Sep 2017. Variation approved by AD 13 Feb 2015, adding £21,650 to fee (£6,000 for James Dixon and £15,650 for Stewart Fleming). Further variation approved by AD 03 Mar 2015 for Stewart Fleming, adding £75,462 to fee. Contract period includes 12 months defects liability
ecm_3426	Education - Consultancy Services - Project Management and Employer's Agent re new school buildings and int/ext works at 3 no. Schools	Baily Garner LLP	35	2.92	30-Sep-17	£330,717	£330,717	0	£0	£330,717	£330,717	£0	Contract approved by Director 24 Oct 2014, following call-off from Lewisham Framework. Defects Liability Period ends Sep 2017.

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ecm_3425	Education - Consultancy Services - Project Management and Employer's Agent re new modular building & int/ext works & 5 no. Hygiene Rooms at Farnborough, Dorset Rd, Mead Rd, Castlecombe, Mottingham, Redhill, Green St Green	Pellings LLP	35	2.92	30-Sep-17	£540,887	£540,887	0	£0	£540,887	£540,887	£0	Contract approved by Director 24 Oct 2014, following call-off from Lewisham Framework. Defects Liability Period ends Sep 2017.
ecm_3348	Education - Consultancy Services - PM, Architectural and Employer's Agent Services for expansion at Edgebury Primary School	Pinnacle ESP Ltd	32	2.67	30-Sep-17	£168,434	£168,434	0	£0	£168,434	£168,434	£0	Waiver approved by Director 10 Mar 2015 to enable continuity of project. Contract period includes 12 months defects liability.
ecm_21665	Education - Construction Works at Princes Plain Primary School, Phase 2	Lengard Ltd	28	2.33	30-Sep-17	£195,579	£195,579	0	£0	£195,579	£195,579	£0	Contract approved by Director 12 May 2015 following tender process.
ecm_21856	Education - Post-16 Learner Tracker and Transition Support	Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames	36	3.00	31-Mar-18	£126,390	£42,130	0	£0	£42,130	£42,130	£0	Waiver for new contract approved by Education PDS 08 Jul 2015 (report no. ED15102).
ecm_21669	Education - Construction - Mechanical Services Maintenance at Various Schools re H&S Audit	Mitie Property Services (UK) Ltd	36	3.00	31-May-18	£87,993	£87,993	0	£0	£87,993	£87,993	£0	Contract approved by AD 28 May 2015 following tender exercise, to ensure schools within this contract are compliant with Gas Safety & Kitchen Regs. End date includes 12 months Defects Liability.
ecm_21671	Education - Construction - Electrical Services Maintenance at Various Schools re H&S Audit	Melray Ltd	36	3.00	31-May-18	£121,884	£121,884	0	£0	£121,884	£121,884	£0	Contract approved by AD 28 May 2015 following tender exercise, to ensure schools within this contract are compliant with Electrical Safety & Fire Alarm Regs. End date includes 12 months Defects Liability.
ecm_21674	Education - Construction - Water Hygiene Maintenance at Various Schools re H&S Audit	Mitie Property Services (UK) Ltd	36	3.00	31-May-18	£64,884	£64,884	0	£0	£64,884	£64,884	£0	Contract approved by AD 28 May 2015 following tender exercise, to ensure schools within this contract are compliant with Water Hygiene Regs. End date includes 12 months Defects Liability.
ecm_21676	Education - Construction - Lightning Protection Services at Various Schools re H&S Audit	Mitie Property Services (UK) Ltd	36	3.00	31-May-18	£97,163	£97,163	0	£0	£97,163	£97,163	£0	Contract approved by AD 28 May 2015 following tender exercise, to ensure schools within this contract are compliant with Lightning Protection Regs. End date includes 12 months Defects Liability.
ecm_21678	Education - Construction - Asbestos Services at Various Schools re H&S Audit	Riverside Environmental Services Ltd	36	3.00	31-May-18	£132,610	£132,610	0	£0	£132,610	£132,610	£0	Contract approved by AD 28 May 2015 following tender exercise, to ensure schools within this contract are compliant with Asbestos Regs. End date includes 12 months Defects Liability.
ecm_3336	Education - Consultancy Services - Multi-Disciplinary Services for Hygiene Room Equipment Store at Leeson Primary School	Keegans Ltd	48	4.00	31-Oct-18	£95,220	£95,220	0	£0	£95,220	£95,220	£0	Contract approved by AD 07 Nov 2014, following mini-competition process from Haringey Framework. Feasibility complete. Progressing with permanent school expansion proposals. Contract will need to be extended to Oct 2018 to cover these works and defects liability. Original tender was based on permanent expansion but with break clause at end of RIBA stage B.
ecm_3682	Education - Co-ordination of admissions between 32 London boroughs	London Grid For Learning Trust	192	16.00	31-Mar-20	£112,000	£14,000	0	£0	£14,000	£14,000	£0	

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London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: EDUCATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: 8 March 2016

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

Title: SUMMARY OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOLS COMMISSIONER

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Chief Officer: Assistant Director: Education (ECHS)

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

For Members of the PDS Committee of the report

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

For members of the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee to note the contents of this report.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People: his report relates to schools and their role in supporting Bromley's children to attain and achieve to their potential.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Education
 4. Total current budget for this head: £n/a
 5. Source of funding: n/a
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional):
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: n/a
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1. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): n/a
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 On January 13th 2016 the Parliamentary Commons Select Education Committee published a report 'The Role of the Regional Schools Commissioner'¹ [RSC]. Building on relevant aspects of the previous Committee's inquiry into Academies and Free Schools, this inquiry was established in 2015 to explore the expanding role of RSCs, their resources, impact and accountability. The inquiry set out to address the following key points:
- What the role of Regional Schools Commissioners currently is, how this might change as the academies landscape evolves, and what the role of RSCs should be
 - Whether there are sufficient RSCs and Headteacher Boards to fulfil their expanding role, and whether they have adequate resources
 - What evidence exists on the early operation of RSCs in terms of their impact, and how this impact should be measured
 - What relationship RSCs should have with Ofsted, local authorities, the DfE, individual schools and local communities
 - How RSCs should be held to account in their role
- 3.2 The committee considered evidence from a range of witnesses, written submissions and existing reports and data.
- 3.3 The report raises some interesting issues and findings in the context of the Borough of Bromley moving towards all state funded schools being academies. The report asserts that the role of the Regional Schools Commissioner in securing school improvement for Academies in the place of the local authority needs to evolve and become clearer and give more confidence to the sector.
- 3.4 The report states that in the schools landscape the RSCs *now form part of an increasingly complicated system of oversight, accountability and inspection. A more fundamental reassessment of accountability and oversight for all schools will be required in the future to provide coherence (p3)*. The report highlights that *the relationships that RSCs build with other components of this system, including local authorities, Ofsted, teaching schools, and parents and local communities, are crucial to securing impact on school improvement. An emphasis on working with and through these key partners will help ensure that RSCs have the capacity to cope with planned expansion of their role. (p3)*. Due to the expanding workload of the RSCs the report suggests that *there should be an increased emphasis on working through others to secure school improvement....possibly multi-academy trusts rather than individual schools (p.30)*.
- 3.5 The report concludes that *further work is needed to improve their transparency, accountability and working relationships in order to continue with progress towards appropriate intermediate structures between Whitehall and individual schools. Without attention to these issues, RSCs will be seen as undemocratic and opaque, and the Government must ensure that such concerns are acted on. (p.49)*
- 3.6 The committee concludes that the RSCs are a pragmatic solution to the policy agenda related to Academisation at this stage in the roll out, but indicates a more fundamental reassessment of accountability and oversight of all schools will be required going forward to support coherence in the school landscape.

¹ <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmselect/cmeduc/401/401.pdf>

3.7 Recommendations in the report for improving the role and accountability of the RSCs include:

- Clarifying the relationship between the RSCs and
 - the National Schools Commissioner
 - other components in the system involved in oversight, intervention, inspection and accountability of schools and the division of responsibilities with Ofsted and local authorities, including in relation to safeguarding
- Making its role clear to parents and schools
- Exploring regional variations in work of RSCs so a common set of standards is more transparent
- Reconfiguring the regions, creating an RSC for London
- Reviewing the role of the Headteacher Boards
- Focusing KPIs for RSCs on improvements in young people’s education and outcomes, not just volume of conversions
- Improving the direct accountability of RSCs for their work
- For the government to publish a protocol for interaction between RSCs and local authorities to ensure a shared understanding of roles and responsibilities and to secure clearer expectations for information sharing between them and with multi academy trusts
- Improve engagement by the RSC with local communities, including parents.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Financial Implications Personnel implications Legal Implications, Policy implications
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