Education Portfolio Priorities

(Including the Education Covenant & Commitments)

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The London Borough of Bromley Education Covenant

This Covenant complements our 17 Education Commitments approved by the Full Council on 21 January 2013

Our 17 Educational Commitments set out this Council's educational philosophy and general principles. In those Commitments we make it clear that the LEA working with Governing bodies welcome and encourage all schools to become Academies with all the independence of action that such Academy status brings. We support the creation of new Free Schools and the expansion of selective education. Three Free Schools have only recently been approved to open in the north of the Borough.

We are mindful of the fact that education in this Borough is being provided through public funds, in buildings which in many cases were paid for by the local community or by the churches and with public support to provide an education for the children of the Borough and surrounding area. We as a Council and indeed as a community all have an obligation to children and young people and we outline our commitments to them and our expectation of them below.

As a Council:

We retain more than 250 statutory educational duties including some major overarching responsibilities. As the civic leader of the community, we have a duty to the residents of the borough: to ensure that there are sufficient school places; that the quality of the education provided is of the highest standard; that our children leave school prepared for a successful and fulfilled adult life; and that our young people are able to play their part as citizens in a democratic, economic prosperous Britain.

For Parents:

We will provide a choice of good and outstanding schools (including academies and Free Schools) in which your children can thrive socially and academically. In return, we expect you to support your children by ensuring they attend school, behave well, undertake school and homework, and co-operate with school staff.

For Pupils:

We will work to ensure that your school provides a first rate education suited to your needs in safe and secure buildings. In return, we expect you to attend regularly, work hard, be well behaved and co-operate with your teachers.

Of School Governors:

Rightly we are very grateful for the voluntary service you give to your community as Governors. Your school or academy will give you access to high quality training and development to enable you to do your job well. In return, you will be expected to take an active part in the governance of your school, ensuring that it delivers a high quality education in a safe and secure environment, providing good value for public money.

For School Leaders:*

To work with children and young people is a huge privilege. We expect all our schools to co-operate with the local authority in delivering on the five outcomes given in Every Child Matters:

- Be Healthy
- Stay Safe
- Enjoy and Achieve
- Make a Positive Contribution
- Achieve Economic Wellbeing

For Residents:

We will ensure: that there are sufficient school places in the borough; that schools are monitored to ensure a high quality of education and behaviour; and that there is value for money provided to the tax payer. In return, we hope that you will support your local school in fundraising, charitable and other activities to support the wider community they serve.

For Local Business:

We will encourage schools to ensure: that pupils leave school well equipped for the world of work; and that they have the skills and attributes to be good citizens. In return, we hope that you seek to employ local young people wherever appropriate and provide Saturday part-time work or work experience where possible. We will also encourage and welcome applicants from local businesses to play an active role as school governors.

* Academies

Academies have a Section 10 of the Children Act 2004 duty to co-operate with the LA to ensure children's well-being. The LA has a duty under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 to safeguard children in its area.

There is a statutory obligation on academies to co-operate with LAs pursuant to Section 10 of the Children Act 2004; Section 10 provides for "co-operation and well-being".

It is considered that such obligations do not interfere with an academy's independence; the creation of an academy does not rid the LA of its (pre)existing obligations regarding the welfare of children. Academies should view this in the spirit of co-operation rather than bureaucracy.

(We would expect that this duty to co-operate would include the provision of statutory information and data to the Council).

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We believe in the right of parents (where practicable) to have as much choice of schools as possible including faith schools	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>					
We will support and encourage all Bromley LA schools to convert to academy status			<u>✓</u>	✓			
3 We support the creation of 'Free Schools' and, where appropriate, will encourage local parents to apply for one			✓		✓		
4 We will continue to support the expansion of selective education, including Grammar Schools, in particular in the central and northern part of the borough		✓	<u>✓</u>				
5 We will continue to improve the provision of SEN education in the borough						<u>✓</u>	
6 We support the concept of an education voucher system which gives additional support to children with different educational needs, including academically gifted pupils						<u>✓</u>	
7 We will continue to encourage all Bromley secondary schools to ensure that all suitable pupils are prepared for the universities which best meet their aspirations							<u>✓</u>
8 We support the concept of a University Technical College (UTC) providing high quality technical education for 14-19 year olds							<u>✓</u>
9 We support the creation of 'modern apprenticeships' for a wide variety of skilled trades							<u>✓</u>

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10 We support the concept of 'lifelong learning' and the important work of adult education							✓
11 We support schools in ensuring that all teachers and other staff are competent in their role	<u>✓</u>						
12 We support schools in maintaining good discipline	<u>√</u>						
13 We work to improve school governance		<u>√</u>					
14 We work to improve the chances for under performing children, particularly in the early and primary years and will work to encourage the continuing development of high quality early years provision in the Borough through existing and new primary and voluntary providers	<u>✓</u>						
15 We encourage schools to identify children with exceptional talents or academic ability and ensure that their needs are provided for						✓	
16 We support changes to improve the quality and rigour of the exam system	<u>✓</u>						
17 We support measures (including reading through Phonics) to ensure that no child leaves primary school unable to read and write English and without a good competence in basic maths	<u>✓</u>						

Note:- Ticks are hyperlinked to the relevant Priority

Priority 1
Promote educational opportunity in the borough ensuring all families have a choice of good and outstanding schools and early years providers; Education Commitments 1, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17
This will be achieved by:

	Actions for 2014				
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term		
Aim 1a Undertake a process of market testing for the Admissions and School Improvement Services, developing recommendations for the future delivery and quality monitoring of these services Lead Officer: Laurence Downes, Commissioner	Develop specifications for each service, with input from service teams, and engagement from key stakeholders (including, but not limited to schools, early years providers, parents and children) Develop a procurement plan for the market testing tendering process, finalising relevant financial and legal considerations. Seek Member approval for the procurement plan and proposed specifications as appropriate	Market testing tendering in process	Report back to Members on the outcome of the market testing exercise, presenting recommendations for consideration on the future delivery of services based on a 'best value' approach		
Spring Term Update March 2014	Specification workshops are in place workshops, LBB staff and school govern	with drafts in progress. Information brief	fings given to: all schools; early years		
Green					

Promote educational opportunity in the borough ensuring all families have a choice of good and outstanding schools and early years providers; Education Commitments 1, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17
This will be achieved by:

	Actions for 2014				
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term		
Aim 1b Through a continuous review of school categorisation based on risk, agree intervention and support to ensure improvement in underperforming schools Provide intensive support to Category 4 (High Priority) schools, building capacity to bring about the necessary improvements with achievements and standards Lead Officer: Nina Newell Head of Schools and Early Years Commissioning and Quality Assurance	Ensure sufficient resource is in place to provide intensive support to high priority under performing schools as required, commissioned either though in-house resource or through a flexible framework of specialist school improvement advisors Provide ring fenced resources to support action plans in under performing schools. Monitored by Primary Schools Advisory Group (PSAG) Finalise Local Authority Self Evaluation Framework (SEF) for school improvement, in line with Ofsted requirements, and develop action plan	Provide an update to Education PDS on the schools identified as under performing Half termly Primary Support Team meetings led by Head of Service to plan levels of school support and evaluate impact 'High priority' challenge meeting with the Head Teacher, Chair of Governors, Head of Service and Assistant Director Half termly Primary Support Advisory Group meetings to identify schools which may require early intervention	Improvements to under performing schools reported to Education PDS Half termly Primary Support Team meetings led by Head of Service to plan levels of school support and evaluate impact 'High priority' challenge meeting with the Head Teacher, Chair of Governors, Head of Service and Assistant Director Half termly Primary Support Advisory Group meetings to identify schools which may require early intervention		
Spring Term Update March 2014	The current 'Category Four' (high priority) school is in the process of conversion to Academy. Challenge meetings and support continue during the conversion process.				
Green		The Primary Schools Advisory Group has now combined with the Academy Working Group to provide joined up support as schools move towards Academy status.			

Promote educational opportunity in the borough ensuring all families have a choice of good and outstanding schools and early years providers; Education Commitments 1, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17

Actions for 2014				
Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term		
In conjunction with Bromley Adult Education College, deliver the 'Child Minding: Understand how to set up a home based child care service' module to prospective child minders who wish to practice in the borough 5 courses planned for Spring term (max 15 places each course) Develop the self assessment Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) and safeguarding audit tools to enable providers to assess their service in line with Ofsted and Early Years Foundations Stage requirements. Analyse responses and identify training needs	In conjunction with Bromley Adult Education College, deliver the 'Child Minding: Understand how to set up a home based child care service' module to prospective child minders who wish to practice in the borough 4 courses planned for Summer term (max 15 places each course) Deliver focused support in individual settings and group workshops as identified by the QIP and safeguarding audit tools	In conjunction with Bromley Adult Education College, deliver the 'Child Minding: Understand how to set up a home based child care service' module to prospective child minders who wish to practice in the borough 4-5 courses planned for Autumn term (max 15 places each course) Deliver focused support in individual settings and group workshops as identified by the QIP and safeguarding audit tools		
Child minding courses continue to be over subscribed. Discussions are in course with Bromley Adult Education College to explore how to meet the increased need. Of the five courses planned to commence March 2014, three courses will be delivered during the evening and two during the day, one of which is planned to run on a Saturday morning.				
From April 2014, training for Early Years providers will be delivered through Bromley Adult Education. This will include single agency (Early Years sector) safeguarding training. Training as identified through visits to settings will be delivered at a small charge to cover costs of delivery. Support continues in individual settings to work through the QIP and safeguarding audit tool.				
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Promote educational opportunity in the borough ensuring all families have a choice of good and outstanding schools and early years providers; Education Commitments 1, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17

This will be achieved by:

Actions for 2014				
Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term		
Through partnership working with schools and early years providers, proactively implement the on line application process to increase the number of on line applications to primary and secondary schools The aim is to receive 85% of applications on line from 2014 (2013 figures – primary 64%, secondary 49%) Undertake advertising poster campaign on public transport		Addini Telli		
97% of the 4,015 primary school and 9		lications received on time for the		
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Zero schools will be causing concern by 2015

No school will remain in a high priority category for more than 18 months 85% of on time school applications to be submitted on line for 2014 admissions

Priority 2
Work with governing bodies, the Department for education and others to expand popular and successful schools and create additional early years capacity; Education Commitments 1, 4 and 13
This will be achieved by:

Actions for 2014

	Actions for 2014				
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term		
Aim 2a Undertake a process of market testing for Governor and Early Years Services, developing recommendations for the future delivery and quality monitoring of these services Lead Officer: Laurence Downes, Commissioner	Develop specifications for each service, with input from service teams, and engagement from key stakeholders (including, but not limited to schools, early years providers, parents and children) Develop a procurement plan for the market testing tendering process, finalising relevant financial and legal considerations. Seek Member approval for the procurement plan and proposed specifications as appropriate	Market testing tendering in process	Report back to Members on the outcome of the market testing exercise, presenting recommendations for consideration on the future delivery of services based on a 'best value' approach		
Spring Term Update March 2014	Specification workshops are in place with drafts in progress. Information briefings given to: all schools; early years providers, LBB staff and school governors.				
Green					

Work with governing bodies, the Department for education and others to expand popular and successful schools and create additional early years capacity; Education Commitments 1, 4 and 13

	Actions for 2014				
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term		
Aim 2b Implementation of the Primary Schools development plan (including expansions) will provide additional reception places for September 2014 and beyond Lead Officer: lain Johncock Head of Strategic Place Planning	Keep under review the number of school places to ensure a sufficient supply to meet current and forecast demand for all on time applicants (2013 – 3,820 on time applications 2018 – 4,041 projected) Update on Proposed School Expansions for 2014/15 From the initial cohort of 13 schools identified for expansion and feasibility studies to assess the scope and cost of school enlargement, finalise the programme of summer delivery Basic Need Programme Update Report 6 (17th September 2013)	Place planning commences with consideration of 2015 and beyond Deliver the basic needs programme as defined in the Spring term	Report 'Updated Primary Schools Development Plan' to Education PDS in light of primary admissions for 2014/15, taking into account revised population projections and making further recommendations for changes in primary school capacity for admissions in the school year 2014/15 Review basic need programme, designing and developing school enlargement options to meet the expansion needs of the Primary School Development Plan		
Spring Term Update March 2014	An additional £42m has been secured Primary Schools Basic Need Program	for Basic Need (school expansion) with	feasibility work completed at 14		
Green	The outcomes of Pupil Placement Working Group and an update on the Basic Need Programme were reported to Education PDS on 17 th September. Proposed school expansions for 2014/15 Review of Primary School Development plan Planning commenced for 2014/15 and 2015/16 Primary School expansion.				

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Work with governing bodies, the Department for education and others to expand popular and successful schools and create additional early years capacity; Education Commitments 1, 4 and 13

This will be achieved by:

	Actions for 2014				
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term		
Aim 2c Development of the strategic plan to create additional secondary school places 2016 – 22 (inc feasibility study) Lead Officer: Iain Johncock Head of Strategic Place Planning	Following consultation with Head Teachers during October/November 2013, present 'Strategic Plan – Development of Secondary School Places 2016-2022' paper to Education PDS detailing proposals for expansion	Commence implementation of Strategic Plan recommendations	Update Education PDS on the implementation of the strategic plan.		
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green		School expansions reported to Janual further consideration of a new Catholic n.			
Aim 2d Build capacity to deliver an additional 600 places (1200 overall) for two year olds within the private, voluntary, independent and maintained early years provision by September 2014 Lead Officer: Nina Newell Head of Schools and Early Years Commissioning and Quality Assurance	Actively support the development of early years provision via the small business model in Bromley thorough: - Support to prospective new providers - Collaborative working with the Planning department - Potential sale or lease of LBB owned sites Report sufficiency of childcare and free early education across the borough to Education PDS	Implement adopted schemes to create additional places by autumn 2014			

Work with governing bodies, the Department for education and others to expand popular and successful schools and create additional early years capacity; Education Commitments 1, 4 and 13

This will be achieved by:

-	Actions for 2014				
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term		
Spring Term Update March 2014	Following the government announcement of additional funding to schools to develop childcare provision, this will be linked closely to the school expansion programme.				
Green	A full update on the Basic Needs Provision (Capital) is available on this agenda under report reference ED 14028.				
		o year olds. An additional 320 childre rrals are received weekly, the majority			

We will measure achievement by:

All on time applicants are able to receive a school place within published timescales (2013 - all children who applied for a primary place on time received a school place. Of the 3820 children, 76% received their first choice (compared to 78% last year) and 5% were directed).

Increase the number of early years places by an additional 600 (1200 overall) by September 2014

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Use the academy and Free School programme to promote and develop further that choice; Education Commitments 2, 3 and 4
This will be achieved by:

•	Actions for 2014			
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term	
Aim 3a Support organisations to open Free Schools, (including identification of potential sites in areas of basic need) (Application phases January 2014 and May 2014 for proposed Free Schools opening in 2015) Lead Officer: Jo Twine Interim Project Manager Academies and Free Schools	Support Langley Park Boys and Girls schools with progression of joint application to provide a two form entry Primary Free School on their grounds in 2015 Work with the Secondary Schools Consultative Group on proposals for a Secondary Free School Support any other schools wishing to submit applications for a Free School Report to Education PDS updating on Free School submissions	Support the schools who have submitted applications for Free Schools in their interviews with the DfE to be held this term Report to Education PDS updating on Free School submissions	Support the schools who have submitted applications for Free Schools with their land and property matters Report to Education PDS updating on Free School submissions	
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green	Primary School on their grounds to ser	consored by Langley Park Boys and Girl rve both Planning Areas 2 and 3 (Copered Coney Hall) closed on 2nd December as required, throughout the process.	s Cope, Kelsey and Eden Park;	
Aim 3b Promote partnership working for school improvement. Ensuring that school improvement opportunities are sustained into the future (VfM). Lead Officer: Nina Newell Head of Schools and Early Years Commissioning and Quality Assurance	In partnership with academies and training schools, pilot delivery of forums to support new Head Teachers in the borough			

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Use the academy and Free School programme to promote and develop further that choice; Education Commitments 2, 3 and 4

This will be achieved by:

	Actions for 2014					
Aims	Spring Term Summer Term Autumn Term					
Spring Term Update March 2014	Forum to support new Head Teachers in the borough well received. It is envisaged that this will continue, with leadership responsibility transferring to the Academies.					
Green	Funding application for National Leade 'Special Measures' and schools require		will fund the provision of support for			

We will measure achievement by:

All schools involved in a collaborative developing structure to move forward to become academies. Three or more Free School providers exploring opportunities within Borough.

Priority 4
Support all maintained schools to enter into the academy programme to allow them to benefit from the opportunities it presents; **Education Commitment 2**

·	Actions for 2014			
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term	
Aim 4a Undertake a process of market testing for Workforce Development, developing recommendations for the future delivery and quality monitoring of the service Lead Officer: Laurence Downes, Commissioner	Develop specifications for the service, with input from service teams, and engagement from key stakeholders Develop a procurement plan for the market testing tendering process, finalising relevant financial and legal considerations. Seek Member approval for the procurement plan and proposed specifications as appropriate	Market testing tendering in process	Report back to Members on the outcome of the market testing exercise, presenting recommendations for consideration on the future delivery of services based on a 'best value' approach	
Spring Term Update March 2014	Specification workshops are in place with drafts in progress. Information briefings given to: all schools; early years providers, LBB staff and school governors.			
Green				

Support all maintained schools to enter into the academy programme to allow them to benefit from the opportunities it presents; Education Commitment 2

	Actions for 2014			
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term	
Aim 4b Support all financially viable schools to convert to academy status by December 2015	Explore all options with maintained schools for conversion to academy status, including formal and informal	Explore all options with maintained schools for conversion to academy status, including formal and informal	Explore all options with maintained schools for conversion to academy status, including formal and informal	
Ensure that all remaining primary schools are in discussion with the Local Authority on federations/sponsors by December 2015	collaborative groups Facilitate partnership arrangements between primary and secondary academies with schools yet to convert	collaborative groups Facilitate partnership arrangements between primary and secondary academies with schools yet to convert	collaborative groups Facilitate partnership arrangements between primary and secondary academies with schools yet to convert	
(Primary schools conversion status as at 7 th October 2013:-23 (31%), converted 13 (18%), conversion in progress 11 (15%), potential conversion 27 (36%), maintained)	Provide packages of support (HR/Finance/Legal/Brokerage) to schools proactively converting and tailored support to the 'hard to reach' sector	Provide packages of support (HR/Finance/Legal/Brokerage) to schools proactively converting and tailored support to the 'hard to reach' sector	Provide packages of support (HR/Finance/Legal/Brokerage) to schools proactively converting and tailored support to the 'hard to reach' sector	
Lead Officer: Jo Twine Interim Project Manager Academies and Free Schools	Positively support popular outstanding schools to become local academy sponsors (two per term) Report to Education PDS updating on Academy progress	Positively support popular outstanding schools to become local academy sponsors (two per term) Report to Education PDS updating on Academy progress	Positively support popular outstanding schools to become local academy sponsors (two per term) Report to Education PDS updating on Academy progress	
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green	As at 17 th February 2014, the Primary School Academy conversion programme had achieved 28 (38%), converted 9 (12%), conversion in progress 28 (38%), exploring conversion 9 (12%), not actively exploring conversion The Bromley Academy Programme update is available on this agenda under Briefing Item reference ED 14034.			

Support all maintained schools to enter into the academy programme to allow them to benefit from the opportunities it presents; Education Commitment 2

	Actions for 2014				
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term		
Aim 4c Work with the Archdiocese of Southwark to enable the Catholic cluster of schools to move forward to become academies (Primary school RC conversion status as at 7 th October 2013:- Converted - 1 Application received by DfE – 5 No formal application – 2) Work with the Diocese of Rochester to enable the Church of England (CE) cluster of schools to move forward to become academies (Primary school CE conversion status as at 7 th October 2013:- Academy Order received - 1 No formal application – 6) Lead Officer: Jo Twine Interim Project Manager	Support a minimum of one CE school per term to achieve academy status Maintain dialogue with the Archdiocese providing support as required	Support a minimum of one CE school per term to achieve academy status Maintain dialogue with the Archdiocese providing support as required	Support a minimum of one C of E school per term to achieve academy status Maintain dialogue with the Archdiocese providing support as required		
Academies and Free Schools Spring Term Update March 2014	maintained schools to become acade	nversion of the Church of England and emies. Four Catholic Primary Schools			
Green	School are on target to convert to Acad	demy status by 1 st April 2014.			

Support all maintained schools to enter into the academy programme to allow them to benefit from the opportunities it presents; Education Commitment 2

This will be achieved by:

	Actions for 2014			
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term	
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We will measure achievement by:

December 2015 all Bromley schools that are financially viable will be academies.

December 2015 all remaining maintained primary schools will be in discussions with the LA on Federations/sponsors.

The range of models will include standalone convertors, MAT, Umbrella Trusts, informal partnerships, Federations and sponsored academies.

Priority 5
Encourage parents, faith groups and others to work with the borough to increase the range & diversity of the outstanding schools on offer; Education Commitments 3
This will be achieved by:

		Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term	
Aim 5a Support the Diocese of Rochester to undertake primary school expansion in the borough Lead Officer: Jo Twine Interim Project Manager Academies and Free Schools	Support Bishop Justus with the progression of an application for a 2 Form Entry Free School in an area of basic need in Bromley	Support Bishop Justus with the progression of an application for a 2 Form Entry Free School in an area of basic need in Bromley	Support Bishop Justus with the progression of an application for a 2 Form Entry Free School in an area of basic need in Bromley	
Spring Term Update March 2014	Initial discussions have taken place. S throughout the process.	Support from the London Borough of Bro	mley remains in place, as required,	
Green				
Aim 5b Support the Archdiocese of Southwark as to the feasibility of secondary school expansion in the borough Lead Officer: Jo Twine Interim Project Manager Academies and Free Schools	Work with the Archdiocese of Southwark on proposals for a Catholic Secondary Free School	Work with the Archdiocese of Southwark on proposals for a Catholic Secondary Free School	Work with the Archdiocese of Southwark on proposals for a Catholic Secondary Free School	
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green	Dialogue continues with the Archdiocese with a new Catholic secondary school provision in the Borough support in principle. Update on School expansions			

Encourage parents, faith groups and others to work with the borough to increase the range & diversity of the outstanding schools on offer; Education Commitments 3

This will be achieved by:

		Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term	
Aim 5c Ensure that the good working relationship continues with the Diocese and Archdiocese through open dialogue and challenge during the categorisation process and intervention in under-performing schools Lead Officer: Nina Newell Head of Schools and Early Years Commissioning and Quality Assurance	Deliver a package of support to the two RC and one CofE 'high priority' schools	Undertake annual categorisation process and work in partnership with the Diocese and Archdiocese in delivering a package of support to schools identified as under performing	Work in partnership with the Diocese and Archdiocese in delivering a package of support to schools identified as under performing in the summer term annual categorisation process	
Spring Term Update March 2014	Support continues to the Church of England 'high priority' school whilst it transfers to Academy status (planned conversion date April 2014).			
Green	Work in ongoing with all 'requiring improvement' Catholic schools during the transition to Academy status.			
We will measure achievement by:				

We will measure achievement by:

100% Church of England schools converted under MAT or 'chain' arrangement with relevant Diocese by December 2015.

100% Roman Catholic schools converted under MAT or 'chain' arrangement with relevant Diocese by December 2015.

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Ensure those pupils with special educational needs have good outcomes; Education Commitments 5, 6 and 15 This will be achieved by:

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Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term	
Aim 6a Undertake a process of market testing for SEN Inclusion Support, developing recommendations for the future delivery and quality monitoring of this service Lead Officer: Laurence Downes, Commissioner	Develop specifications for the service, with input from service teams, and engagement from key stakeholders (including, but not limited to schools, early years providers, parents and children) Develop a procurement plan for the market testing tendering process, finalising relevant financial and legal considerations. Seek Member approval for the procurement plan and proposed specifications as appropriate	Market testing tendering in process	Report back to Members on the outcome of the market testing exercise, presenting recommendations for consideration on the future delivery of services based on a 'best value' approach	
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Warch 2014	providers, LBB staff and school govern	iors.		
Green				
Aim 6b Commence discussions with relevant schools on management arrangements for the primary and secondary hearing impairment units Lead Officer: Laurence Downes, Commissioner	Discussions with relevant schools in progress	Development of recommendations for consideration by Members	Implementation of recommendations	

This will be achieved by:			
		Actions for 2014	
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Spring Term Update March 2014	Initial discussions held with schools and senior managers of the provision.		
Green			
Aim 6c Implement the SEN Education Reform as laid out in the Children and Families Bill. Commence the process for transition of Statements of Special Educational Needs to Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans Lead Officer: Mary Çava Head of SEN and Disability	Establish the framework for transition of Statements of Special Educational Need to Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans	Roll out Education, Health and Care plans in line with annual reviews All new assessments will follow the Education, Health and Care framework	Roll out Education, Health and Care plans in line with annual reviews All new assessments will follow the Education, Health and Care framework
Spring Term Update March 2014	Early discussions are in place for the transition pending confirmation of the requirements of the Code of Practice. Paper presented to January 2014 Care Services and Education PDS highlighting the implications of the new legislation.		
Green	legislation. SEN Pathfinder Project and Children and Families Bill SEN Pathfinder Project - Code of Practice		

Priority 6
Ensure those pupils with special educational needs have good outcomes; Education Commitments 5, 6 and 15
This will be achieved by:

	Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Aim 6d Establish the SEN local offer provision of both schools and the Local Authority as specified in the draft Special Educational Needs (SEN) Code of Practice for 0-25 year olds (Oct 2013) Lead Officer: Mary Çava Head of SEN and Disability	Publication of the SEN Local Authority local offer defining thresholds of SEN and top up resource available to meet needs Publish guidance documentation for schools to access top up funding Facilitate a workshop with Special Educational Needs Coordinators to ensure understanding of the process Implement template with schools to enable them to meet DfE requirements on information provision for their SEN local offer	Publication of the School local offer	
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green	Conference to launch the Local Offer took place on 5 th February 2014. Further workshops are planned to ensure that the information and process is embedded consistently across schools. Banded funding guide completed and distributed to all Secondary Head Teachers (January 2014). Distribution to Primary Head Teachers is planned for this quarter. SEN Local Offer template completed and distribution planned for this quarter.		

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Ensure those pupils with special educational needs have good outcomes; Education Commitments 5, 6 and 15.

This will be achieved by:	Actions for 2014			
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term	
Aim 6e Expand the Glebe School by two forms of entry from September 2014 to extend good practice and high quality provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Lead Officer: Mary Çava Head of SEN and Disability	Building works to be undertaken to deliver additional capacity Support school with preparation for additional 16 Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) pupils from September 2014	Building works to be undertaken to deliver additional capacity Support school with preparation for additional 16 Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) pupils from September 2014	Opening of expanded Glebe School	
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green	Feasibility study for Glebe School options considered by Education PDS. Works realigned in line with demand for places, with one form of entry now planned for September 2014. Building works are progressing at Riverside.			
Aim 6f In conjunction with Croydon, Merton and Bexley, proactively manage SEN educational placements with the independent market focusing on market development, negotiation and commissioning strategies, modelling future demand and sharing best practice. Use collective 'voice' to negotiate consistency in practice as well as seeking increased value for money.	Undertake a review of eight schools using outcomes to drive local market provision and ensure consistency and cost effectiveness of placements Use review data to develop a value for money market to meet future need and shape place planning	Undertake a review of eight schools (per borough) using outcomes to drive local market provision and ensure consistency and cost effectiveness of placements Use review data to develop a value for money market to meet future need and shape place planning		
Lead Officer: Mary Çava Head of SEN and Disability				

This will be achieved by:		Actions for 2014	
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green	Launched joint approach to the market at a provider event in November 2013. Targeted meetings held with 'top ten' providers in terms of spend. Ongoing engagement with the market to shape future provision including development of a joint commissioning strategy to maximise the benefits of collaboration.		
Aim 6g Enable young people with more complex Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities (LDD) to live, learn and work within their own community by developing mixed education packages across mainstream and specialist provision Lead Officer: Debi Christie, Commissioning Manager (Specialist Provision)	Identification of a small cohort of young people (maximum six) with more complex needs, leaving school in July 2014 requiring a mixed education package across mainstream and specialist to enable them to remain within their local community. Meetings between Bromley College, Nash College and the Local Authority taken place to develop packages of support	Packages of support developed and agreed and detailed in each young person's Education, Health and Care Plan. Provision/support commissioned through the 2014/15 High Needs Student (HNS) placement process	Young people move from school to their further education placement, with appropriate package of support in place to meet need
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green We will measure achievement by:	care and health to ensure a holistic partnership between schools, colleges Work has commenced with Oxleas Nethe curriculum, together with identifyin Occupational Therapy to access and page 15 per 16	x needs currently being assessed at Brockage is in place to enable them to remain, young people, families and the voluntated Trust to develop skills at Bromley Columbia young people requiring Speech and Laborogress in education. Currently exploring Y College to aid smoother transition and	ain within their local community. The iry sector continues to strengthen. lege around integrating therapies into anguage Therapy, Physiotherapy and ing ways to develop more formal link

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Ensure those pupils with special educational needs have good outcomes; Education Commitments 5, 6 and 15

This will be achieved by:

	Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term

September 2014:

- Reduction in reliance on out borough placements for ASD complex and Aspergers Syndrome
- 16 additional ASD places at Glebe School
- the Single statutory Education, Health and Education Plan (EHC) will be in place for those children with the most complex and enduring needs including Pathfinder modifications.

Priority 7
Ensure high quality provision continues for vulnerable groups, those leaving school and others over the school leaving age whether through preparation for employment, apprenticeships or higher education; Education Commitments 7 – 10

	Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Aim 7a Undertake a process of market testing for the Behaviour Service, developing recommendations for the future delivery and quality monitoring of this service Lead Officer: Laurence Downes, Commissioner	Develop specifications for each service, with input from service teams, and engagement from key stakeholders (including, but not limited to schools, parents and children) Develop a procurement plan for the market testing tendering process, finalising relevant financial and legal considerations. Seek Member approval for the procurement plan and proposed specifications as appropriate	Market testing tendering in process	Report back to Members on the outcome of the market testing exercise, presenting recommendations for consideration on the future delivery of services based on a 'best value' approach
Spring Term Update March 2014	Specification workshops are in place with drafts in progress. Information briefings given to: all schools; early years providers, LBB staff and school governors.		
Green			

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	Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Aim 7b Undertake a full market test of the Bromley Adult Education Service, to establish the opportunities for maintaining high quality education opportunities, representing good value for money for the local authority, taxpayers and clients of the service Lead Officer: Debi Christie,	Approach and timeline outlined and options appraisal completed, resulting in a preferred service specification option presented to Education PDS for endorsement	Outcome of market testing exercise and best value analysis completed, presented to Education PDS for decision to appoint and contract	Contract negotiations complete and contract commences with smooth transition from existing to new service
Commissioning Manager (Specialist Provision)			
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green	Approach and timeline agreed by Members. Investigative work with internal colleagues and meetings with the Skills Funding Agency (funder) taken place. The SFA have provided four possible options to Local Authorities in their approach to potentially externalising the service, which are currently being evaluated.		

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	Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Aim 7c In conjunction with Job Centre Plus (JCP), deliver approved qualification courses for adult learners designed with employability in mind Lead Officer: Carol Arnfield, Head of Service, Adult Education	Review progress made towards Skills Funding Agency allocation targets in autumn term. Plan interventions if underperformance identified (provision in addition to that listed below) Key targets for Spring term: 5 CV Writing courses 5 Level 1 Award in Computing courses 2 Level 1 Award in Retail courses 3 Job Search and Interview Skills courses 3 Level 1 Office Skills courses	Review progress made towards Skills Funding Agency allocation targets in spring term. Plan interventions if underperformance identified (provision in addition to that listed below) Key targets for summer term • 5 CV Writing courses • 5 Level 1 Award in Computing courses • 2 Level 1 Award in Retail courses • 3 Job Search and Interview Skills courses • 3 Level 1 Office Skills courses Plan SFA funded provision for autumn term to meet 2014/15 SFA funding targets	Submit final data return to Skills Funding Agency reporting end of 2013/14 full year performance Review progress against enrolment targets for full year courses
Spring Term Update March 2014	Nationally, the autumn term Skills Fun update from the SFA is expected to re	ding Agency (SFA) funding performance assess the position.	e report was inconclusive. A mid year
Green	Courses planned for the spring term in	3	

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	Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Aim 7d			
In partnership with the voluntary and third sector, devise and deliver a programme of educational support for 'hard to reach' groups	Develop and deliver a programme of courses enriching life and enhancing employment opportunities	Develop and deliver a programme of courses enriching life and enhancing employment opportunities	Undertake a needs analysis of 'hard to reach' groups for targeted provision for 2014/15
Lead Officer: Carol Arnfield, Head of Service, Adult Education	 Work with 10 partners to deliver 20 enrichment courses including - basic IT/digital literacy - health and fitness - arts and crafts - cookery - sewing skills To support: - learners with learning difficulties/disabilities - learners with mental health issues - unpaid carers - gipsy and travellers - 3 BME groups In partnership with the LBB employment and skills team at Mottingham and Cotmandene outreach centres, deliver a programme of 8 courses to include Family Learning, personal development, and basic IT 	 Work with 1 new partner delivering basic IT to low income families Work with 11 partners to deliver 23 enrichment courses 	Develop and deliver a programme of courses enriching life and enhancing employment opportunities

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	Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green	20 courses are currently being delivered, working with 11 partners. A further 10 courses are planned to start later in the term. In addition to working with the identified groups, provision will also support marginalised mothers. In partnership with the LBB employment and skills team at Mottingham and Cotmandene outreach centres, 6 courses including family learning, personal development and basic IT are currently running with a further 3 planned to start later in the spring term.		
Aim 7e In partnership with local providers and further education colleges, build on the recently approved alternative provision for Key Stage 4 pupils to minimise the numbers 'Not in Education, Employment or Training' (NEET) Lead Officer: John Burrell KS4 Alternative Provision Manager	Work with cohort to maximise likelihood of remaining in education, employment and training	Work with cohort to ensure that they remain in education, employment and training Undertake needs analysis to ensure provision for 2014/15 academic year is sufficient in both terms of places and breadth of subjects covered. Where appropriate, commission additional provision from partner organisations	Work with cohort to maximise likelihood of remaining in education, employment and training
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green	There are currently 32 Year 11 students enrolled in Local Authority alternative provision. The new 14-16 provision for Key Stage Four students at Bromley College will open in September 2014 and will take up to 60 students. Bromley Alternative Provision Academy (BAPA) will also be linked to Bromley College and will provide additional Vocational opportunities for up to 25 Key Stage Four students.		

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	Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Aim 7f Review provision of home/hospital and respite education services to students unable to attend mainstream school. Aim to: - improve outcomes for individuals, - promote social inclusion - minimise the numbers 'Not in Education, Employment or Training' This action will feed into the Behaviour Services element of the Education Commissioning Programme Lead Officer: John Burrell KS4 Alternative Provision Manager	In partnership with service users, review existing provision to minimise the numbers 'Not in Education, Employment or Training'	In partnership with providers, commission provision to minimise the numbers 'Not in Education, Employment or Training'	In partnership with providers, commission provision to minimise the numbers 'Not in Education, Employment or Training'
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green	Currently 23 students attend Respite education. There are also students who are unable to attend mainstream education who receive group tuition (max 10 students) from the joint 'Home and Hospital and Respite' provision. There are up to 60 students who receive home tuition elsewhere (home or libraries), and 23 at the Nightingale centre. The service also monitors those who have Elected to Home Educate (180 students) and works with those in Year 11 to assure transition to post 16.		

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	Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Aim 7g Embed the Raising the Participation Age (RPA) Strategy, Action Plan and Commissioning priorities	RPA strategy presented to Members (to include progress against RPA Action Plan)	Draft revised Action Plan for 2014-15	Review and report on progress against the Raising the Participation Age Action Plan
Lead Officer: Paul King Head of Service, Bromley Youth Support Programme	Special report on NEET to Members Schools to be updated on the Local Authority's RPA strategy and briefed on the support available from the Local Authority and its partners to young people at the risk of NEET Identify and consult with stakeholders on the Local Authority's commissioning priorities to support full participation		
Spring Term Update March 2014 Green	Not in Education, Employment or Training/Raising the Participation Age report presented to Education PDS 30 th January 2014 outlining a) The Borough's performance relating to the identification of, and provision of, support for young people currently not participating, or at risk of not participating, in Education, Employment or Training b) The Borough's strategies for improving the participation of young people in Education, Employment or Training Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) - Strategies for improving the participation of young people in EET Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) Appendix 1		

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	Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Aim 7h Ensuring the Borough's participation information and tracking services are comprehensive and, in particular, that they provide a practical basis for identifying and supporting young people who are at risk of not participating in EET or who are NEET Lead Officer: Paul King Head of Service, Bromley Youth Support Programme	Conduct a review of existing arrangements to ensure that the Borough's participation information and tracking services are comprehensive and able to support the timely identification of young people who are risk of not participating in EET or who are NEET Refresh the Local Authority workforce's knowledge of tracking expectations and procedures	Implement any changes following review required to ensure that the Borough's participation, information and tracking services are comprehensive and able to support the timely identification of young people who are at risk of not participating in EET or who are NEET Implement September Guarantee tracking exercise and ensure that those identified as without an order of EET for September are provided with support	Conduct annual survey of student destinations Conclude September Guarantee tracking exercise and ensure that all young people without an offer of EET are provided with support
Spring Term Update March 2014	Existing arrangements reviewed and exemption sought to remain with present provider as most cost effective means of providing participation tracking services.		
Green	Service leads briefed on all tracking requirements through Particiaption in Education, Employment or Training (PEET) meetings. RPA briefing page published on the Council's web site on 16 th January 2014. Raising the Participation Age Bromley Web Site Page		

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This will be achieved by:

	Actions for 2014		
Aims	Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Aim 7i Through a second phase of investment, support youth employment opportunities for Bromley Residents Lead Officer: Hannah Jackson Project Officer, Renewal and Recreation Note: Aim amended to reflect revised parameters of project	Form a task and finish group to undertake an options appraisal Bromley Youth Employment Project	This aim is monitored and reported via the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Plan Recreation and Renewal Portfolio Plan 2013/14 (Aim 3d page 23)	This aim is monitored and reported via the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio Plan Recreation and Renewal Portfolio Plan 2013/14 (Aim 3d page 23)
Spring Term Update March 2014	Phase One of the project has created employment opportunities for 48 young unemployed residents. A task and finish group will be established to undertake an options appraisal of Phase Two of the project.		
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We will measure achievement by:

At the end of the Summer Term the Borough will have a comprehensive overview of support that is available to young people in Bromley to enable them to participate in EET.

By Dec 2014

- the Borough will know the EET participation of school leavers 95% of all school leavers and others of school leaving age;
- more than 85% of all school leavers and others of school leaving age will be in EET

At the end of the three year project (2013-2016) a minimum of 66 apprenticeships and 132 internships

Adult Education College (available at the end of the Summer Term reported in Autumn):

- retention at adult skills courses for post 16 years is greater than 92%
- attendance at adult skills courses for post 16 years is greater than 88%
- achievement at adult skills courses for post 16 years is greater than 92%

Glossary

AD Assistant Director

ASD Autistic Spectrum Disorder

BAEC Bromley Adult Education College

BEBP Bromley Education Business Partnership

BYSP Bromley Youth Support Programme

CE Church of England

CPD Continuing Professional Development

DFE Department for Education

EET Education, Employment or Training

EHC Education, Health and Care

ESF European Social Fund

HNS High Needs Student

IAG Information, Advice and Guidance

JCP Job Centre Plus LA Local Authority

LAC Looked after Children

LBB London Borough of Bromley

LDD Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities

MAT Multi Academy Trust

NEET Not in Education, Employment or Training

NQT Newly Qualified Teachers

PAP Pre Apprenticeship Programme

PDS Policy, Development and Scrutiny

PEET Participation in Education, Employment or Training

PSAG Primary Schools Advisory Group

QIP Quality Improvement Programme

RC Roman Catholic

RONIS Risk of NEET Indicators

RPA Raising the Participation Age

SEN Special Educational Needs

SEND Special Educational Needs and Disability

SFA Skills Funding Agency

VFM Value for Money

YOT Youth Offending Team