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To: All Members of the Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Forum and Committee

Dear Member,

Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Forum and Committee - Wednesday, 27th June, 2012

I attach a copy of the following report for the above-mentioned meeting which was not available at the time of collation of the agenda:

**1. AREA FORUM AGENDA ITEMS (PAGES 1 - 8)**

**(i) Local School Places – particularly at Reception**

- **Jennifer Duxbury - Head of Admissions and School Organisation will be in attendance to advise on the matter, and answer questions**

Yours sincerely

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**Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Forum and  
Committee**

**WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 2012**

**AGENDA ITEM 1.i**

**Local School Places – particularly at Reception  
(6.40pm – 7.10pm)**

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<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Muswell Hill AF/AC</b>	<b>Item Number:</b>	
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>School places in the Four Wards of the Area Forum</b>
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<b>Report Authorised by:</b>	<b>Jan Doust, Deputy Director, CYPS</b>
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<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>Jenny Duxbury, Head of Admissions and School Organisation</b>
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<b>Ward(s) affected: Muswell Hill, Fortis Green, Alexandra and Highgate</b>	<b>Report for Key/Non Key Decisions:</b>
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### **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

The purpose of this briefing is to provide an overview of school place planning and provision in the Muswell Hill Area.

### **2. Background information**

We work with the Greater London Authority (GLA) to project the pupil numbers.

The data used to inform the 2012 GLA projections includes: birth rate, population data, migration (national and international) and the potential child yield from known new residential schemes, (both those which have started and which are projected to start on site), plus any revisions to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).

We also use local knowledge to tailor the projections, which includes the use of modelling.

School place demand is dynamic and affected by factors such as school standards, perceptions, popularity of individual schools, where they are located in the borough, mobility and new housing developments, school roll projections and plans are re-visited annually.

### **3. Providing additional places**

Where the projections indicate that additional places are required to ensure that every Haringey pupil has a school place, there are three main ways additional places can be delivered:

- Additional classes ( a 'one off' additional class in just one year group)
- Permanent expansion (an additional class in every year group)

- New Schools (new schools must be either Academies or Free Schools and the local authority cannot open any new community schools)

A Pupil Places Steering Group looks at all primary schools in Haringey and assesses each school's suitability to take additional pupils against a series of gateways including, among other things, physical suitability, school standards, local demand (including shortfall of places in a given area), building developments in the local area and the school's leadership and governance capacity.

The group makes recommendations to School Place Planning based on detailed and carefully considered evidence for the most appropriate and sustainable way in which additional places could be provided, taking into account all known free school and academy proposals. For a detailed explanation of this work, please refer to the School Place Planning report. The 2012 report will go to Cabinet in July 2012.

#### 4. School place planning in Muswell Hill, Fortis Green, Alexandra and Highgate

##### 4.1 Planning Area 1 (Muswell Hill, Fortis Green, Alexandra)

The projections for 4 year olds show a continuing upward trend. This is supported by a high birth rate that is projected to continue. Planning area 1 is characterised by low mobility and an overall high demand for school places.

For September 2012 entry, there are currently no vacant reception places. Planning area 1 still has pressure for places. This is evidenced by the high demand and low surplus capacity of 1.2%.

We have recently expanded both Tetherdown and Coldfall within this planning area to alleviate some of this pressure. Rhodes Avenue admitted an additional reception class and Eden Primary School (Haringey's first Free School) admitted its first reception cohort in September 2011. We are currently giving consideration to local provision and whether further provision is required locally to meet demand for the future. The outcome of this consideration will be reported in the July 2013 Cabinet report.

School	Planned admission number 2012	Current reception Nos.	Current Unfilled reception places
Coldfall Primary	90	90	0
Muswell Hill Primary	60	60	0
Our Lady of Muswell RC Primary	60	60	0
Rhodes Avenue Primary	90	90	0
St. James' CE Primary	30	30	0
Tetherdown Primary	60	60	0
Eden Primary	30	30	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>0</b>

##### 4.2 Planning area 2 - This planning area incorporates Highgate ward.

The roll projections for 4 year olds show a flatten trend over the next ten years. This area is characterised by high mobility. There are relatively few major building works and no known housing developments in the area that would have additional impact upon the demand for school places.

Demand for school places in Highgate has slightly decreased for September 2012, particularly at St Michael's Primary School. The situation will be closely monitored to ensure the recent school expansion programmes do not create instability within these schools.

The need for school places in this PA will be kept under regular review.

School	Planned admission number 2012	Current reception Nos.	Current Unfilled reception places
Highgate Primary School	56	56	0
St Michael's CE Primary N6	60	60	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>0</b>

### 5. Current unmet demand

There are currently 26 pupils who live across planning areas 1 & 2 who are without the offer of a school place for September. Additional classes have been identified and places have been offered. Additional offers are being made as parents decline places when they are offered higher preferences or if they move out of the borough. All pupils will be offered a place for September 2012.

Out of the 26 unplaced pupils, 6 applied late. The table below shows how many preferences each of these families listed on their application form

1 preference	2 preferences	3 preferences	4 preferences	5 preferences	6 preferences
4	0	3	7	2	10

### 6. Maximising the chance of ensuring pupils are offered a local school

**Apply On time** - It is essential that parents/carers submit their application on time. Late applicants will find that the popular schools are already full. The deadline is 15 January in the academic year when a child turns 4.

**List 6 preferences** - If we cannot offer any of the school listed on the form then we will offer a place at the nearest school with an available place (if there is one). This may be some distance away.

**Doing research** – The application process opens on 1 September in the academic year when a child turns 4. Parents should read the booklet which outlines how to apply for a school place and lists the admissions criteria for each school. For many schools it is important where you live. Once the application process is open, parents/carers can find out the distance to their preferred schools and see if they would have been offered a place in

the previous year. The booklet explains how to do this. Although it is no guarantee of an offer, it will help to make realistic preferences.

## **7. Nursery provision**

The re-organisation of full time nursery places has removed all full time places from maintained schools in the Muswell Hill and neighbouring wards. This has meant that there should be more part time places provided where full time places have gone. However some schools may sell the other half of a part time place to continue to deliver full time nursery provision.

All other nursery place provision is in the PVI (private, voluntary, independent) sector or in Stonecroft Children's Centre. In our recent audit (Autumn 2011) 95 children took up 3&4 year old places in PVI settings in the Muswell Hill ward. In 2012 the settings reported that there is capacity for 121 3&4 year old places. This would indicate some spare capacity to deliver more 3&4 and or 2 year old places.

Each PVI setting is registered for a specific number of children under 5. Required staffing ratios vary with the different ages of children under 5. However settings work flexibly as parents take up places and may, therefore, have more or less places for 1, 2 or 3&4 year olds at any one time.

Muswell Hill and Tetherdown schools do not have any nursery class places.

There would seem to be a reported lack of childcare, especially for very young children and babies in the area. However nursery education places are not all full and given the possible extra capacity provided by the re-organisation of full time places, we do not expect to need any further expansion of nursery places in the near future but need to continue to provide at the level we are doing now.

### **7.1 Two Year Old place planning;**

8 places have been identified for 2012, which will be accessed by children in the area of the 4 local wards on the present (children in need) criteria for the programme. (please see chart below). Planning for the creation of further places within the new programme, across the area of the 4 wards for 2013 is now underway. We estimate that we will need 7, 2 year old places for September 2013 for children living in the Muswell Hill ward.

Places for the new programme will be for any 2 year old whose family would be eligible for free school meals. Any places for this programme will only be taken up in good or outstanding quality settings and could be in schools, children's centres or PVI settings. Any provision will be based on multiples of 4 as the staff to child ratio for 2 year olds is 1- 4.

### **7.1 Two Year Old place planning;**

We estimate that we will need 7-10, 2 year old places for September 2013 in the Muswell Hill area (please see chart below). Places for this programme will be for any 2 year old whose family would be eligible for free school meals. Any places for this programme will only be taken up in good or outstanding quality settings and could be in schools, children's centres or PVI settings. Any provision will be based on multiples of 4 as the staff to child ratio for 2 year olds is 1- 4.



<b>Ward</b>	<b>Total number of settings</b>	<b>No. settings rated good or outstanding by Ofsted</b>	<b>No. settings rated inadequate or satisfactory by Ofsted</b>	<b>Estimated FSM eligible 2 year olds - 2013</b>	<b>No. of 2yo places required based on 70% take-up of FSM eligible 2 yos for Sept 2013</b>	<b>No. 2yo places planned for Sept 2012</b>	<b>Average score IMD 2010</b>
Alexandra	4	4	0	15	10	0	18.6
Fortis Green	11	9	2	18	13	0	17.8
Highgate	6	5	1	11	8	0	17.8
Muswell Hill	8	7	1	10	7	8	19.2

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