

MINUTES OF THE Cabinet Member Signing HELD ON Thursday, 19th March, 2026, 11.00 - 11.13 am

PRESENT:

Councillors: Zena Brabazon

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

The filming at meetings notice was noted.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / QUESTIONS

There were none.

6. EARLSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL - CONDITION WORKS - PERMISSION TO INITIATE TENDER ACTION FOR A CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACT

The Senior Project Manager, Major Projects introduced the report. The rationale for the report was outlined.

It was noted that health safety and compliance works would be undertaken as part of phase one of the proposed programme.

It was explained that the scope of window replacement would be double glazed, which was aimed to improve air permeability. It was asked that officers implement as many measures as possible, in work with the school and contractors, to mitigate air quality measures.

It was stressed by the Cabinet Member that there should be clear signage with Haringey branding be implemented on the site.

RESOLVED:

Following noting and agreement of the exempt information, that the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families:

1. Pursuant to Contract Standing Orders 0.08 and 2.01(b), approved the commencement of a tendering process for construction works contractors to deliver Phase 1 and Phase 2 condition works at Earlsmead Primary School.

Reasons for Decision

An estate-wide review of school condition and compliance had resulted in a business case and programme delivery plan submission to the September 2020 Capital Board for approval. A number of programme delivery options had been presented for consideration, and approval was subsequently granted to proceed with the most urgent projects in advance of a final decision. This project was proposed, as it had been prioritised in the 2024–25 Children’s Capital Programme.

Due to significant concerns regarding areas of the building’s condition, Earlsmead Primary School had been identified as requiring works to bring its building condition and services infrastructure up to standard.

It was essential to engage a construction works contractor to undertake the condition works required to address the health and safety concerns and priority condition issues that had been identified within the feasibility report. It was proposed that a contractor be procured on a single-stage JCT traditional form of contract using the London Construction Programme Education Framework or DPS. Soft market engagement had been programmed to be undertaken in April 2026 to ascertain interest and availability within the market.

As set out in section 1.2, it had been intended to develop the design and offer two separate tender opportunities to the market for the procurement of a construction works contractor. Phase 1 procurement activity was projected to commence in July 2026, and Phase 2 works had been scheduled for tender action in March 2027. The works had been phased to reflect available capital funding.

Alternative Options Considered

Doing nothing: The Council could have decided not to tender the scheme. This might have seemed cost-effective in the short term, but it would not have been a sustainable solution, as the school would not have met current compliance and health and safety standards. This approach would have risked the Council’s ability to fulfil its statutory responsibilities and potentially compromised the safety and integrity of the building, which could have resulted in more serious financial and operational implications in the future.

In-house: There was no resource within the Council that had the capacity, specialist expertise, or qualifications to deliver this service.

Inviting open tenders via Contracts Finder: This would have resulted in a protracted tender period and delayed delivery of the project.

Using an alternative public sector DPS: This would not have been compliant with CSO 8.02, given that the LCP Framework or DPS had been deemed suitable for the requirements being sought.

7. MULBERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL - CONDITION WORKS - PERMISSION TO INITIATE TENDER ACTION FOR A CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACT

The Senior Project Manager, Major Projects introduced the report. The rationale for the decision was outlined.

It was explained that phase one of the proposed project was expected to be on site in January 2027 following approval. It was expected that phase one works were expected to be 12 months, and phase two works would be expected to be around 10 months.

It was stressed by the Cabinet Member that there should be clear signage with Haringey branding be implemented on the site.

RESOLVED:

Following noting and agreement of the exempt information, that the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families:

1. Pursuant to Contract Standing Orders 0.08 and 2.01(b), approved the commencement of a tendering process for construction works contractors to deliver Phase 1 and Phase 2 condition works at Mulberry Primary School.

Reasons for Decision

An estate-wide review of school condition and compliance had resulted in a business case and programme delivery plan submission to the September 2020 Capital Board for approval. A number of programme delivery options had been presented for consideration, and approval was subsequently granted to proceed with the most urgent projects in advance of a final decision. This project was proposed, as it had been prioritised in the 2024–25 Children’s Capital Programme.

Due to significant concerns regarding areas of the building’s condition, Mulberry Primary School had been identified as requiring works to bring its building condition and services infrastructure up to standard.

It was essential to engage a construction works contractor to undertake the condition works required to address the health and safety concerns and priority condition issues that had been identified within the feasibility report.

It was proposed that a contractor be procured on a single-stage JCT traditional form of contract using the London Construction Programme Education Framework or DPS. Soft market engagement had been programmed to be undertaken in April 2026 to ascertain interest and availability within the market.

As set out in section 1.2, it had been intended to develop the design and offer two separate tender opportunities to the market for the procurement of a construction

works contractor. Phase 1 procurement activity was projected to commence in July 2026, and Phase 2 works had been scheduled for tender action in March 2027. The works had been phased to reflect available capital funding.

Alternative Options Considered

Doing nothing: The Council could have decided not to tender the scheme. This might have seemed cost-effective in the short term, but it would not have been a sustainable solution, as the school would not have met current compliance and health and safety standards. This approach would have risked the Council's ability to fulfil its statutory responsibilities and potentially compromised the safety and integrity of the building, which could have resulted in more serious financial and operational implications in the future.

In-house: There was no resource within the Council that had the capacity, specialist expertise, or qualifications to deliver this service.

Inviting open tenders via Contracts Finder: This would have resulted in a protracted tender period and delayed delivery of the project.

Using an alternative public sector DPS: This would not have been compliant with CSO 8.02, given that the LCP Framework or DPS had been deemed suitable for the requirements being sought.

8. CROWLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - CONDITION WORKS - PERMISSION TO INITIATE TENDER ACTION FOR A CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACT

The Senior Project Manager, Major Projects introduced the report. The rationale for the decision was outlined.

It was explained that there was expectation to be on site in February 2027 following approval of the proposals. It was noted that this would be undertaken in a single phase of works.

It was asked that a note be circulated to all parents explaining the scope of the works.

It was stressed by the Cabinet Member that there should be clear signage with Haringey branding be implemented on the site.

RESOLVED:

Following noting and agreement of the exempt information, that the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families:

1. Pursuant to Contract Standing Orders 0.08 and 2.01(b), approved commencement of a tendering process for a construction works contractor to deliver condition works at Crowland Primary School.

Reasons for Decision

An estate-wide review of school condition and compliance had resulted in a business case and programme delivery plan submission to the September 2020 Capital Board for approval. A number of programme delivery options had been presented for consideration, and approval was subsequently granted to proceed with the most urgent projects in advance of a final decision. This project was proposed, as it had been prioritised in the 2024–25 Children’s Capital Programme.

Due to significant concerns regarding the building’s condition, including fire safety and compliance, Crowland Primary School had been identified as requiring works to bring its building condition and services infrastructure up to standard.

It was essential to engage a construction works contractor to undertake the condition works required to address the health and safety concerns and priority condition issues that had been identified within the feasibility report.

It was proposed that a contractor be procured on a single-stage JCT traditional form of contract using the London Construction Programme Education Framework or DPS. Soft market engagement would be undertaken to ascertain interest and availability within the market.

Alternative Options Considered

Doing nothing: The Council could have decided not to tender the scheme. This might have seemed cost-effective in the short term, but it would not have been a sustainable solution, as the school would not have met current compliance and health and safety standards. This approach would have risked the Council’s ability to fulfil its statutory responsibilities and potentially compromised the safety and integrity of the building, which could have resulted in more serious financial and operational implications in the future.

In-house: There was no resource within the Council that had the capacity, specialist expertise or qualifications to deliver this service.

Inviting open tenders via Contracts Finder: This would have resulted in a protracted tender period and delayed delivery of the project.

Using an alternative public sector DPS: This would not have been compliant with CSO 8.02, given that the LCP Framework or DPS had been deemed suitable for the requirements being sought.

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as items contain exempt information as defined under paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

10. EXEMPT - EARLSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL - CONDITION WORKS - PERMISSION TO INITIATE TENDER ACTION FOR A CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACT

The exempt recommendations were discussed.

RESOLVED:

The exempt recommendations were noted and approved.

11. EXEMPT - MULBERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL - CONDITION WORKS - PERMISSION TO INITIATE TENDER ACTION FOR A CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACT

The exempt recommendations were discussed.

RESOLVED:

The exempt recommendations were noted and approved.

12. EXEMPT - CROWLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - CONDITION WORKS - PERMISSION TO INITIATE TENDER ACTION FOR A CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACT

The exempt recommendations were discussed.

RESOLVED:

The exempt recommendations were noted and approved.

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CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date