

## **URGENT BUSINESS SHEET**

**Report Title:** Proposals to expand Belmont Infant School and Belmont Junior School from two to three forms of entry, to take effect from September 2013 at Belmont Infant School and September 2016 at Belmont Junior School.

## Committee/Sub etc: Cabinet

Date: 19 July 2012

## The report is late because:

Following the publication of the earlier report, further representations were received by the Council.

The key themes of the representations were as follows:

- Concerns about the negative impact on special educational needs provision and inclusion
- Finance and the indicative budget
- New schools and potential expansions of other schools
- Current school role numbers
- Averages of place planning assumptions
- Revised GLA projections

In order for the decision makers to have the necessary information made available to them to enable them to consider the representations made, the earlier report to cabinet on 10 July was withdrawn, and the decision postponed.

## The report is too urgent to await the next meeting because

In accordance with the Department for Education (DfE) Expanding a Maintained Mainstream School by Enlargement or Adding a Sixth Form regulations the decision to expand a school must be made within 2 months of the end of the representation period. The representation period for this consultation ended on 1 June so the decision must be made by 1 August. Failure to do so will mean that the proposals would be sent to the Adjudicator for a decision. Alternatively the Statutory Notice (and therefore the proposal) would have to be withdrawn and therefore no decision would be required.

The Head of Local Democracy & Member Services concurs with the admission of this item.