

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOLS ORGANISATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 11 JULY 2006**

COUNCILLORS: Engert (Chair), B. Harris, Meehan, Newton, Santry and 1 vacancy.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS: Ms C Andrews, Mr J Connerty, Mr T Fyles, Dr N Oparaeché & Ms B Simon.

LONDON DIOCESAN BOARD FOR SCHOOLS: Mr L Haward & Mr G Marriner.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE EDUCATION SERVICE: Mrs M Fayker & Mr M Pittendreigh and 1 vacancy.

LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL: Ms P Langton

In attendance: Cllr Emma Jones
Ian Bailey, Deputy Director, Quality & Development, Children's Service
Corrine Hilton, Quality & Development, Children's Service, LBH.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
SOC01.	<p>ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2006/2007</p> <p>Cllr Santry welcomed everyone to meeting and reminded members that at a previous meeting of the committee it was agreed to rotate the Chair and Vice-Chair on an annual basis. Members were advised that due to the absence of the majority of school governors it was prudent to defer the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2006-2007, to give all Members the opportunity to recommend nominations for the next meeting.</p> <p>Members agreed that Cllr Engert Chair this meeting only.</p> <p>Ian Bailey, Deputy Director, The Children's Service advised that it was likely that the SOC would continue until April 2007, as it was proposed that The Education Bill 2006, would enable the Council to take on the necessary decision making powers currently with the SOC.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the election of Chair and Vice-Chair be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee. Members are invited to put forward nominations for the vacant positions.</p>	
SOC02.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr J Connerty and Mr T Fyles. Members were advised that Yolande Burgess, Partnership Director would be replacing Philippa Langton as the LSC representative.</p>	
SOC03.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no items of urgent business.</p>	

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SOC04.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>None received.</p>	
SOC05.	<p>MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM 5)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2006 were approved.</p>	
SOC06.	<p>DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS</p> <p>None received.</p>	
SOC07.	<p>2006 SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING ANNUAL REPORT (Agenda item 7)</p> <p>Ian Bailey, Deputy Director, The Children’s Service, presented the 2006 School Place Planning Annual Report and advised that this was the third report to the SOC. The report updates on progress to ensure sufficient school places are available to meet local demand and summarises recent school rolls projections. These figures will be placed in the public domain. Further data had been added on mobility and special school places. All data will be available on Haringey’s website for interested parties.</p> <p>In previous years proposals had brought together infant and junior schools through amalgamation. There are no formal amalgamation proposals this year. Instead, there are four sets of schools in Haringey joining through federation.</p> <p>In future with the passing of the 2006 Education Bill, the SOC would probably cease. Partly in response to this it was proposed that new reporting arrangements for statutory consultations be referred to the Executive member for Children and Young People after the initial consultation with interested parties. A diagram on page 6 of the report sets out the arrangements.</p> <p>Mr Bailey also advised Members that developments were taking place around Haringey. Particularly in Tottenham Hale where it was proposed to develop 1250 units of housing. There was also a lot of work taking place in the Heartlands Area which could have an impact on school places in the next few years. There were no significant changes since last year for secondary schools. Members raised concern as there was scarce detail on secondary schools in the report. The Deputy Director agreed to amend the report to provide further details on individual secondary schools as provision was tight and there was a need for a new secondary school in Haringey being planned to open in 2010.</p> <p>The Committee also noted the falling numbers in admissions particularly for Blanche Neville School and had observed there would be financial implications. A comprehensive review was being undertaken.</p>	

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	<p>It was reported that the main focus for the coming year would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School rolls and surplus situations in Seven Sisters and Noel Park wards. • The impact of the Tottenham Hale and Heartlands building developments. • Developing a greater understanding of the reasons for and impact of mobility in junior years • Continued monitoring of pupil place demand. <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the deputy director provide further details on secondary school place planning. 2. That Members note the 2006 school place planning report. 																	
<p>SOC08.</p>	<p>NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HARINGEY HEARTLANDS (Agenda item 8)</p> <p>Ian Bailey, Deputy Director, Children’s Service updated Members on the new secondary school proposals. The Executive had agreed to begin the process of consultation on 26 June 2006, on the need for a new secondary school in Haringey. The consultation process would continue until 24 April 2007, when the SOC would take the decision under the new regulations which would come into force by the end of the current year. The consultation is on the principle of opening a new secondary school.</p> <p>The timetable for the consultation had been constructed to comply with the new regulations:</p> <table data-bbox="272 1384 1339 1682"> <tr> <td>Start of consultation</td> <td>26 June 2006</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public meeting</td> <td>13 July 2006</td> </tr> <tr> <td>End of consultation</td> <td>11 August 2006</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Publication of invitation to bid to promote new school</td> <td>4 September 2006</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proposal to go to the Executive</td> <td>October 2006</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Meeting to discuss bids</td> <td>16 January 2007</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Statutory notice period ends</td> <td>13 February 2007</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deadline for decision by SOC</td> <td>24 April 2007</td> </tr> </table> <p>The timetable is consistent with the development of a school for September 2010 opening.</p> <p>Following further discussions and in recognition of the enormity of the decision the SOC would be required to take in April 2007, Members felt there was a need for further legal advice and training. Members requested that a legal officer be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee to discuss this item.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	Start of consultation	26 June 2006	Public meeting	13 July 2006	End of consultation	11 August 2006	Publication of invitation to bid to promote new school	4 September 2006	Proposal to go to the Executive	October 2006	Public Meeting to discuss bids	16 January 2007	Statutory notice period ends	13 February 2007	Deadline for decision by SOC	24 April 2007	
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That members note the report and recommendations.2. That a Legal officer be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee to provide further advice on Member's decision making role.	
SOC09.	NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS None received.	
SOC10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Provisional date: 30 October 2006 at 6:00pm. THE MEETING WAS DECLARED CLOSED AT 19:15PM	

COUNCILLOR GAIL ENGERT
Chair