

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOLS ORGANISATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2006**

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERS:	Councillors *B. Harris, *Meehan, *Santry, *Alexander and *Beynon
SCHOOL GOVERNORS:	Ms C Andrews, *Ms B Simon, *Mr J Connerty, *Mr T Fyles (Vice-Chair) and Dr N Oparaeche
LONDON DIOCESAN BOARD FOR SCHOOLS:	Mr G Marriner and Mr L Haward
WESTMINSTER DIOCESE EDUCATION SERVICE:	Mrs M Fayker and Mike Pittendreigh (Chair)*.
LEARNING & SKILLS COUNCIL	Ms Mary Vine-Morris

*denotes those present.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
SOC11.	<p>ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2006/2007</p> <p>The Committee Clerk led proceedings to elect a Chair for the School Organisation Committee (SOC) 2006/7 and sought nominations from amongst the members for the position of Chair. Nominations were received from Councillor Meehan for Michael Pittendreigh, and seconded by Ms Simon. The Board unanimously voted for Mr Pittendreigh to be the Chair.</p> <p>The Chair led proceedings to confirm the Vice-Chair for the SOC 2006/7 as Mr Fyles.</p>	
SOC12.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from Ms C Andrews and Ms M Fakyer, and from Mary Vine-Morris' representative, Yolande Burgess.</p>	
SOC13.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>None.</p>	
SOC14.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>None.</p>	
SOC15.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Minutes of the SOC meeting held on 11 July 2006 be confirmed</p>	

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	and signed as a correct record by the Chair.	
SOC16.	DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS None.	
SOC17.	COLERIDGE POST APPROVAL MODIFICATION Ian Bailey, Deputy Director, The Children and Young People's Service gave a summary of the processes behind the expansion of Coleridge School and the SOC's involvement in the process. He informed the Committee that a planning application would be submitted for the expansion on 14 November 2006. Mr Bailey explained that there would have to be a town planning process. If planning were to be refused, the Committee would have to reconsider the scheduling for the expanded school. RESOLVED That the Committee unanimously agreed that the date by which planning permission had to be obtained be deferred until 30 March 2007. That the Deputy Director's Report be noted.	
SOC18.	INCLUSIVE LEARNING CAMPUSES CONSULTATION Ian Bailey, Deputy Director, The Children and Young People's Service informed the Committee that despite a change to statute, the SOC would need to continue its life in order to finalise the Inclusive Learning Campuses Consultation. This process would begin at a meeting of the Council's Executive Committee on 21 November 2006 for a consultation period to run between March and May 2007 where it would be brought back to the Committee to decide on issues such as age ranges, and the nature of the specialisms to be taught at each of the two schools. RESOLVED: That the Deputy Director's update be noted.	
SOC19.	NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL CONSULTATION Ian Bailey, Deputy Director, The Children and Young People's Service gave an update to the Committee on the development of the new secondary school proposals and process. He stated that the Committee would be asked to consider it in detail in March 2007 after a public meeting on 16 January 2007 with promoters. Mr Bailey stated that there had been no indication as yet as to any potential promoters but that Haringey was the first authority to deal with a new school proposal following this new process. It was agreed that the Committee would meet with candidate promoters before a decision was made on which one would be chosen to take on the project. Given this, the Committee discussed where it would receive impartial advice from. Mr Bailey stated	IB

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	<p>that he would be able to give advice on the process because this would be detached from a likely Haringey Council candidacy – and that lawyers from the Authority would be on hand too. The DfES would also be able to offer advice, although there would be concerns over the impartiality of this. Nonetheless, the Committee agreed that it would need assistance in its responsibilities during this process.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Committee is to explore help and advice options on dealing with the new school promoters competition, possibly from another CYP Service.</p>													
<p>SOC20.</p>	<p>CHANGES TO SCHOOL ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE</p> <p>Ian Bailey, Deputy Director, The Children and Young People’s Service drew the Committee’s attention to the plans submitted by the DfES relating to the role of the Committee (SOC) in the new Secondary School Competition process and the subsequent changes to legislation and guidance issued to SOCs. Access to all of the information relating to the new competition arrangements could be obtained by the Lead Officer in the CYP Service, Corrine Hilton. It was also re-emphasised that the Authority would need to maintain objectivity over its support for its own candidacy in the competition, whilst adhering to its responsibilities to the Committee itself.</p> <p>Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr Bailey set out some of the key issues that will arise during the competition process including a revised timetable for the process as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="300 1346 1233 1787"> <tr> <td>Publish Invitation to bid to promote the new secondary school</td> <td>4 September 2006</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deadline for bids to be received by the Council</td> <td>4 January 2007</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Publish Statutory Notice detailing the received bids</td> <td>10 January 2007</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public meeting discussing all bids</td> <td>16 January 2007</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Statutory notice period ends</td> <td>20 February 2007</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deadline for decisions by SOC</td> <td>2 May 2007</td> </tr> </table> <p>Further information can be obtained from the School Organisation website: www.dfes.gov.uk/schoolorg</p> <p>Mr Bailey also touched on other changes contained within the DfES guidance, namely changes to school categories and nursery school closures.</p>	Publish Invitation to bid to promote the new secondary school	4 September 2006	Deadline for bids to be received by the Council	4 January 2007	Publish Statutory Notice detailing the received bids	10 January 2007	Public meeting discussing all bids	16 January 2007	Statutory notice period ends	20 February 2007	Deadline for decisions by SOC	2 May 2007	
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	RESOLVED: That the Committee notes the information provided by the Deputy Director relating the School Organisation legislation and guidance.	
SOC21.	NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS None.	
SOC22.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING RESOLVED: The Committee agreed to cancel its next scheduled meeting on 23 January 2007, and to call for a new meeting to be held at 6pm on Wednesday 14 March 2007. THE MEETING FINISHED AT 19:45	

Mr M PITTENDREIGH
Chair