



Report for:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 19 November 2013	Item Number:	
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Title:	School Expansions
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Ward(s) affected: All	Report for Key/Non Key Decisions: Non key decision – update report
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1. Describe the issue under consideration

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has requested an update report on:

- proposals to expand St James' CE Primary School and St Mary's CE Primary School
- the issue of revised admission arrangements for these schools.

2. Background

Proposals to expand St James CE Primary School and St Mary's CE Primary School

- 2.1. The annual School Place Planning Report went to Cabinet in July 2013. The report and related data appendix set out pupil projections for the coming years. It provided information about when and where additional places will be needed to ensure that every Haringey resident of the relevant age will have access to a school place.
- 2.2. As part of the work to ensure additional places are secured, paragraph 5.18 of the Cabinet report set out the Authority's intention to undertake expansion feasibility studies on three primary school sites across the borough. For ease of reference, this paragraph is given below:

5.18 For September 2014 and beyond, we have considered where suitable additional capacity is required and those schools that could be expanded to meet this identified demand. Following an identification of those parts of the borough where additional provision is required we have begun discussions with head teachers and governors at St James' CE Primary, St Mary's CE Primary and



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Bounds Green Primary schools to scope out how they might be permanently expanded. As part of these discussions we are undertaking feasibility work to establish whether or not an expansion can physically be delivered on these sites.

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- 2.3. In accordance with statutory timescales, the governing bodies at St James' CE Primary and St Mary's CE Primary determined (i.e. set) the admission arrangements for the respective schools before 15 April 2013.
- 2.4. These arrangements are attached to this report as Appendices 1 & 2.
- 2.5. The governors at St Mary's CE Primary School will prioritise 36 of their 60 available places to children of the faith (foundation places) and the remaining 24 places will be offered to pupils who do not qualify for foundation places (community places)
- 2.6. The governors at St James' do not currently use the foundation/community place model and applicants who would only qualify for a place based on their home to school distance are considered after all children of the faith who have applied.

3. Update

Proposals to expand St James CE Primary School and St Mary's CE Primary School

St James CE Primary

- 3.1. It has been agreed that an additional (one off) reception class will be delivered at the school for September 2014. This will ensure that there are sufficient local reception places for 2014.
- 3.2. The feasibility study for the potential permanent expansion of the school described in the Cabinet report, is currently being undertaken and this will be presented to St James' governors before the end of this term for their consideration.
- 3.3. Exactly when, whether and how the school expands is subject to the outcome of the feasibility study. The study is exploring the possibility of permanent expansion of the school for September 2015. In accordance with the statutory processes for expanding a maintained mainstream school, to achieve this deadline, officers would need to seek Cabinet's approval for public consultation to take place before the end of the Autumn term 2014.

St Mary's CE Primary

- 3.4. Work is underway to deliver two additional classes on the foundation/key stage 1 site. This will accommodate one additional year 1 class (who have already started at the school). The other class will be used for an additional form of entry, as required, in the future.
- 3.5. Subject to the outcome of the feasibility study, there will be a further update in the July 2014 place planning report on the likely timescales for permanent expansion in light of the most up to date pupil projections and our evidence of demand and supply of school places.



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St James CE Primary

- 3.6. The governing body support in principle a foundation/community model and are aware of the statutory timeframes for consultation.

St Mary's CE Primary

- 3.7. Further discussions relating to arrangements would take place with the governors of the school at the appropriate time in advance of any permanent expansion.