

Extract of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Children and Young People's Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 21ST DECEMBER 2006

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PORTFOLIO

EXB70 BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Children and Young People regarding Building Schools for the Future (BSF). It was noted that BSF aimed, through substantial capital investment, to transform secondary educational standards by providing 21st century learning environments.

The Council was advised on 15th December that it had been selected to join the programme in Wave 6. A reorganisation of the Authority's secondary provision would need to be completed by January 2008 to start the programme. The aim of any proposal would be to reform and redesign the pattern of secondary education, its curricula and schools' infrastructure to best serve the Borough's communities for decades to come.

The funding arrangements, together with information about factors to be considered and the process to be undertaken, were outlined for the Board's consideration. It was noted that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 25TH JANUARY 2007

EXB76 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/2008

The Board considered a report of the Acting Strategic Director – Children and Young People providing a summary of the funding available for the Schools Capital Programme 2007/08. The report outlined the process for prioritisation for Capital Repairs together with the proposed programme.

It was noted that the main source of funding for the Schools Capital Programme was the DfES Capital Allocation. For 2007/08 capital funding available totalled £1,938,007 and current commitments were outlined for information. Following an annual short survey of all schools, as well as a more detailed survey for one quarter of Halton Schools each year, the key capital repairs requirements had been prioritised through the use of a condition score matrix attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

The Board was advised that the Capital Programme identified would allow the Council to continue to meet its requirement to enhance the learning environment through capital projects allocated in accordance with the priorities identified in the Asset Management Plan.

RESOLVED: That full Council be recommended to approve the Capital Programme identified in Appendix 1 to the report for 2007/08.