

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission

Item No

June 27th 2023

Item 7 - School Estates Strategy - Falling School Rolls

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Outline

An update on the School Estates Strategy was taken at Cabinet on 22nd May 2023, which, due to falling school rolls, proposed to informally consult on the closure of two primary schools (De Beauvoir and Randal Cremer) and the merger of a further four primary schools (Baden Powell with Nightingale and Colvestone with Princess May). The informal consultation will take place from **5th June to 16th July 2023.**

The Children and Young people Scrutiny Commission has agreed to scrutinise the proposals put forward by Cabinet and to make a submission to the informal consultation.

To inform the scrutiny process, the Commission has made a number of approaches to include representation from parent groups from the most impacted schools and Hackney National Education Union. At the time of agenda publication - no groups have as yet confirmed their attendance.

In attendance:

Paul Senior, Director of Education and Inclusion David Court, Head of School Organisation and Commissioning Laura Stagg, Parent Carer Engagement System Leader

Parents Groups - to be confirmed Hackney NEU - to be confirmed

Reports

- Cabinet Report School Estates Strategy May 20th 2023
- Cabinet Decision School Estates Strategy May 20th 2023
- Appendix A Primary and Secondary Schools by type
- Appendix B Published Admission Number (PAN) reductions
- Appendix C Education Sufficiency Strategy
- Appendix D Community feedback by school and theme
- Appendix E Raw submitted feedback from questions
- Appendix F-K In person engagement event at <u>De Beauvoir</u>, <u>Princess May</u>, <u>Colvestone</u>, <u>Baden-Powell</u>, <u>Nightingale</u> and <u>Randal Cremer</u>
- Appendix L Equalities Impact Assessment
- Appendix M PAN Capacity
- Appendix N Letter to Secretary of State

Background Reports

Opening and Closing Maintained Schools Statutory Guidance for proposers and decision makers DfE 2023

Managing Surplus Places in London Schools London Councils 2023

<u>Falling pupil rolls in England and school closures in London</u> House of Parliament 2023