

## **FOLLOW-UP: MATTERS FOR CLARIFICATION FROM THE LAST MEETING**

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### **REASON FOR REPORT**

To follow-up any clarifications and information requests agreed by the Committee undertaking their role scrutinising the decisions and reports from the last Cabinet meeting. These matters are for noting only and not for call-in. If a particular Member wishes for further clarification on the information provided below, this will be for the Committee to determine.

### **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

**That the Committee note the information provided.**

### **CABINET – 12 NOVEMBER 2020**

The Committee gave consideration to the reports and the decisions made by Cabinet at this meeting and sought further information or clarifications in the reports as set out below.

### **ITEM 6 - PROPOSED LEASE OF RUISLIP GOLF COURSE FOR NEW FREE SCHOOL**

<b>Committee Clarification</b>	<b>Officer response</b>
The Committee asked how many secondary places in the school planning area are projected to be needed, where the potential new secondary free school will be located?	Projections for the north of the borough show a continuing rise to 2025-26 which then plateaus. Extra places in Year 7 will continue to be required every year to give every resident pupil starting secondary school an offer of a school place, rising from the 60 temporary places added in 2020, to between 130-190 extra each year. This creates a cumulative total extra number of local pupils far beyond the capacity of the existing schools, as most school sites and buildings are now full, with a number having extra places added in the last few years.
The report states:  HS2 Ltd has agreed to enter into a lease to regularise their occupation of the course and has also agreed that on completion of this lease it will pay the Council compensation for the loss of revenue and costs incurred by the	This response will be provided to the Committee in Part 2 of the meeting by Democratic Services on the 10 December with a short response.

<p>Council from December 2018 to the date of full possession. Compensation for the period from 2nd September 2019 to the date upon which the land is returned to the Council is covered under an Agreement between the Secretary of State for Transport, High Speed Two (HS2) Limited and the London Borough of Hillingdon dated 17th August 2017 (The Legal Agreement).</p> <p>The Committee has asked what the compensation figure is likely to be?</p>	
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## ITEM 8 - MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Committee Clarification	Officer response
<p>Further clarification of a question asked at the previous meeting, where it was asked how much of the 17.5% increase in EHCPs had been contributed by the backlog and how many cases are still outstanding?</p> <p>The response from officers answers the second part of that question but not the first. Is it possible to find out how many backlogged cases were included in the 17.5% and therefore arrive at an indication of what is the ongoing rate of increase in EHCPs?</p> <p>Note: previous response from officers below:</p> <p><i>'The increase of plans from 2297 (July 2019) to 2691 (July 2020) has been partly due to the number of backlogged EHC needs assessments completed, however there were other factors to this growth including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• New requests for assessments</i></li> <li><i>• Pupils moving into the borough with an EHCP</i></li> </ul> <p><i>There are still 55 'backlogged' Education, Health and Care needs assessments that are yet to be finalised, of which 29 will be finalised shortly, once a placement is confirmed.'</i></p>	<p>The 17.5% growth was in part contributed by backlogged cases. Backlogged cases accounted for 32% of the growth in EHCPs for last year.</p>

<p>Appendix B - Major Projects Capital Programme shows under “Total Project Variance 2019-2014”, a £7,672k underspend in the New Yiewsley Leisure Centre and a corresponding £7,672k increase in the Yiewsley/West Drayton Community Centre project.</p> <p>The Committee asked if officers advise on what the switch-around of future planned capital expenditure is on?</p>	<p>Finance have apologised for a transposition error in the table which impacted on these two lines.</p> <p>The spend of £7,672k should have been included in the Leisure Centre line but was included in the Community Centre line in error. This produced two offsetting but incorrect variances and suggested the switch-around of expenditure which generated the question. There were three columns in the table in Appendix B impacted by this and the corrected extract is given below which shows that there is currently no variance forecast against either of these projects.</p> <table><tr><th>Prior Year Cost £'000</th><th>Project</th><th>Total Project Budget 2019-2024 £'000</th><th>Total Project Forecast 2019-2024 £'000</th><th>Total Project Variance 2019-2024 £'000</th></tr><tr><td></td><td><b>Major Projects</b></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td><b>Community Commerce &amp; Regeneration</b></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>963</td><td>New Yiewsley Leisure Centre</td><td>29,037</td><td>29,037</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>69</td><td>Yiewsley and West Drayton Community Centre</td><td>1,931</td><td>1,931</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	Prior Year Cost £'000	Project	Total Project Budget 2019-2024 £'000	Total Project Forecast 2019-2024 £'000	Total Project Variance 2019-2024 £'000		<b>Major Projects</b>					<b>Community Commerce &amp; Regeneration</b>				963	New Yiewsley Leisure Centre	29,037	29,037	0	69	Yiewsley and West Drayton Community Centre	1,931	1,931	0
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<p>Has there been a delay and re-tendering of the above two Yiewsley and West Drayton projects?. If so, can officers advise whether this has achieved any savings?</p>	<p>For the Yiewsley and West Drayton Community Centre works, the contact was awarded first time around by the Cabinet in July 2020 to Portview Fit-Out Limited at the value of £1,512,810.</p> <p>The main construction contract for the new Yiewsley and West Drayton Leisure Centre has been re-tendered by officers. A decision on this contract has been delegated to Cabinet Members to make a decision on in due course and the necessary financial update on build costs for this project will be included in the report, which all Members will have access to.</p>																									
<p>Page 98 - para 74 shows the current level of families in temporary housing in July, August and September. The Committee wondered whether there is a projection of the number likely to be in temporary accommodation by the end of December 2020?</p>	<p>The Homeless Prevention Services has a set target to be at or under 130 households in B&amp;B by the end of March 2021.</p> <p>It is therefore projected that by 31 December 2020 there will be no more than 160 households in B&amp;B accommodation.</p> <p>This will be achieved by –</p>																									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventing homelessness where possible and reasonable to do so for new homeless applicants approaching the Council.</li> <li>• Increasing private rented housing options to prevent homeless households from having to move into temporary accommodation.</li> <li>• Supporting current temporary accommodation residents into a long term housing solution which will either be a social housing or private rented solution.</li> </ul>
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