

THE CABINET

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Title: Urgent Action – Dagenham Park Church of England School: BSF Contract Variation and Funding Support	For Information	
<p>Summary</p> <p>At its meeting on 28 September 2010 (Minute 44 refers), the Cabinet approved the arrangements for the Local Education Partnership (LEP) to deliver the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) scheme for Dagenham Park Church of England School and the Design and Build (D&B) scheme for Sydney Russell Comprehensive School.</p> <p>Following the incorporation of the LEP, a review of the schemes took place with both schools to ensure that the new education provision met the educational requirements of the schools and also aligned with the wider Council priority of providing additional school places. By Minute 69 (23 November 2010), Cabinet agreed to fund a number of scheme variations at Sydney Russell Comprehensive School by way of a loan to be repaid by the school from within existing school budgets. More recently, the Dagenham Park Church of England School requested that the Council also provide it with a loan of £650,000, repayable by the school, to fund variations to the PFI contract which would similarly provide much needed additional learning space within the school.</p> <p>Under the terms of the PFI contract it was necessary for the agreement to be entered into by 31 May 2011 - the full details of the proposal and its implications are contained in the attached report (Appendix A and supporting appendices) which are included within the private and confidential section of the agenda due to the commercially confidential information contained therein.</p> <p>In order to facilitate this and to avoid the Council incurring considerable costs associated with delaying the decision, the Chief Executive, following consultation with appropriate Councillors, dealt with the matter under the Urgent Action provisions of the Constitution.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>The Cabinet is asked to note the action taken by the Chief Executive under the urgency procedures contained within paragraph 17 of Article 1, Part B of the Council's Constitution in approving the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) A loan of £650,000 to Dagenham Park Church of England School to support the proposed scheme changes identified in the report;(ii) That the loan be repaid by the School over three years as set out in Option 3 in the report; and(iii) That instructions be given to the LEP for a variation of the works to Dagenham Park Church of England School as specified within the PFI contract.		
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Background Papers

- Letter and enclosures from the Chief Executive of 31 May 2011 entitled “Urgent Action under Paragraph 17, Article1, Part B of the Constitution – Dagenham Park Church of England School: BSF Contract Variation and Funding Support”.

List of Appendices

- **Appendix A (incorporating Appendices 1 & 2)** - Report and appendices re “Dagenham Park Church of England School: BSF Contract Variation and Funding Support” (**contained within the private and confidential section of the agenda**)