

# THE CABINET

23 AUGUST 2011

## REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION

<b>Title:</b> Urgent Action – Demographic Growth Capital Fund Grant: Sixth Form Accommodation at Robert Clack Comprehensive School	<b>For Information</b>	
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Attached at Appendix A is a report advising on a successful bid to the Young People Learning Agency (YPLA) for grant funding in the sum of £3.058m to facilitate the improvement of provision of sixth-form classroom accommodation at Robert Clack Comprehensive School.</p> <p>The Council was invited by the YPLA in June this year to bid for funding to increase sixth-form capacity at ‘outstanding’ secondary schools in the Borough. An urgent evaluation of options, based on information contained in the Council’s Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Business Case, identified Robert Clack Comprehensive School as the only viable project that met the criteria and could be delivered by the YPLA’s deadline of March 2012.</p> <p>The Council was notified on 18 July that the full bid had been successful, subject to a range of conditions which included the requirement for the Council to formally sign and accept the terms and conditions of the grant by 15 August 2011. As was not possible for the decision to wait until this Cabinet meeting, the Chief Executive, acting under the Urgent Action provisions of the Council’s Constitution and after full consultation with Cabinet Members and notification to the Lead Member of the Children’s Services Select Committee, implemented the recommendations within the report on 10 August 2011.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></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 agreeing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) the acceptance of the capital grant of £3,058,000 from the Young People Learning Agency to support the provision of 16-19 student teaching accommodation at Robert Clack Comprehensive School;</li><li>(ii) the Corporate Director of Children’s Services be authorised to sign and accept the grant on behalf of the Council for submission to the YPLA, together with information confirming the project, by 15 August 2011; and</li><li>(iii) the procurement proposals as set out in the report and to authorise the Corporate Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources and the Cabinet Member for Children and Education, to approve the appointment of the final contractor and the placing of an order.</li></ul>		
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### **Background Papers**

- Letter and enclosures from the Chief Executive of 10 August 2011 entitled "Urgent Action under Paragraph 17, Article 1, Part B of the Constitution – Demographic Growth Capital Fund Grant – Sixth Form Accommodation at Robert Clack Comprehensive School of Science".

### **List of Appendices**

- **Appendix A** - Report and appendices re "Demographic Growth Capital Fund Grant – Sixth Form Accommodation at Robert Clack Comprehensive School of Science"