

EXTRACT FROM

EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE FORUM MINUTES

27 JANUARY 2010

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| Chairman: | * Councillor Mrs Anjana Patel | |
| Councillors: | Mrs Camilla Bath | † Janet Mote |
| | * Miss Christine Bednell | * Raj Ray |
| | * B E Gate | * Bill Stephenson |
| Teachers' Constituency: | † Mrs D Cawthorne | Ms J Howkins |
| | * Ms A Drew | * Ms J Lang |
| | Ms C Gembala | † Ms L Money |
| | | * Lynne Snowdon |
| Governors' Constituency: | * Mrs C Millard | * Mr K Sochall |
| | * Mr N Ransley | Ms H Solanki |
| Elected Parent Governor Representatives: | * Mr R Chauhan | * Mrs D Speel |
| Denominational Representatives: | * Mrs J Rammelt | † Reverend P Reece |

* Denotes Member present

† Denotes apologies received

RESOLVED ITEMS

153 INFORMATION REPORT: Draft Revenue Budget 2010-11 to 2012-13

The Forum received a summary of the Council's draft budget plans for 2010-11 to 2012-13, as reported to Cabinet in December 2009. It was noted that comments were being sought from a variety of stakeholders including the Forum.

An officer outlined the three changes proposed to the schools funding formula, in order to take account of changes to the age of transfer, nursery funding and the provision of additional reception classes, also known as 'bulge' classes, due to an increase in pupil numbers. She added that there would be additional funding available to cover 'Bulge' classes.

A member asked if any efficiency savings had been identified from the budget for Central Items, such as Admissions, Special Education Needs (SEN), and Early Years.

In response, an officer stated that the efficiencies had been built in to the projected figures.

In response to a question about the funding of the expansion of Whitmore High School, an officer clarified that the £1.25m allocated from the Council's budget was only to fund the community elements of the project. The school build is being funded from the Education budget. The officer responded to a question in relation to the £550k allocated to fund the expansion of special school places, including the new category of behavioural support, and explained that all the special schools in Harrow were included in this provision, including Shaftesbury, Kingsley and Woodlands.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted