

LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

OFFICER NON KEY DECISION

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| Subject | Decision following formal consultation re age range change from 3-11 to 2-11 at Grange Primary School |
| Department/Section: | Early Years, Operations and Safeguarding, Children's Services |
| Delegated authority (under scheme of delegation or specific authority):- | General Management Powers 3: To make all non-key decisions to discharge the functions and powers of services under their management |
| Decision Maker | Tim Aldridge Corporate Director of Children and Young Peoples Services |
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| Date | 8th July 2020 |

1. Cost & Funding Availability:

Tender returns have now been received for the capital works required to create the space for the new two year old provision. Following a value engineering exercise the cost of the project is £ 199,764. The Department for Education has awarded £ 157,569 to the project through the School Nurseries Capital Fund and LBN has also committed £ 10,000 to the project through the bid submission. The balance of £ 32,195 can be met by a capital fund held within the Council which was derived from Department of Education two year old trajectory funding that the Council gained agreement to capitalise.

2. Background

Twenty six part time early education places for eligible two year olds are planned at Grange Primary, following a successful capital bid to the Department for Education. Eligible families will be from lower incomes or where children are eligible in their own right due to their circumstances. Statutory guidance requires a formal consultation to take place where a community school lowers its age range. In this case the age range change proposed is from 3 - 11 to 2 to 11.

A Public Notice was published in the Newham Recorder on 2nd of June 2020. A copy is attached at Appendix 1. Additionally a notice was sent to all Ofsted registered early years providers located within 0.5 miles of the provision and notices were displayed on school gates. A four week period was allowed for responses to the consultation on the proposal to change the age range. The consultation period expired on 30th of June 2020.

No responses were received to the consultation and accordingly this decision notes no reason to not proceed is known so as the Council has the said duties regarding Education the expansion is recommended on these terms.

3. Recommendations


The Corporate Director of Children and Young People (DCS) approves the age range change from 3-11 to 2 to 11 at Grange Primary School.

4. Decision made

5. Date decision made

6. Alternatives considered and rejected

To limit early years provision in the borough by not pursuing the proposed change.

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| <p>Signature Delegated officer [Corporate Director of Children and Young Peoples Services]:</p> <p>AGREED/NOT AGREED</p> <p>Comment</p> | <p>Signed:</p> <p>Print: Tim Aldridge</p> <p>Date:</p>  |
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