



## COUNCIL CABINET 8 February 2005

Report of the Director of Education

### Education Capital Funding 2005/06 and 2007/08 – Response to Education Commission

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the recommendation of the Education Commission be deferred until the Council Cabinet meeting on 15 March, when a further recommendation of the Commission is anticipated.

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Following the meeting of the Education Commission on 17 January 2005, the Chair of the Commission met with the Assistant Director of Education (Resources and Strategic Planning) on 26 January 2005 to discuss the way forward with the consideration of the Commission's recommendations about school place planning.
- 2.2 New guidance is being drafted by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES), which will have a significant impact on place planning strategies. Officers from the Education Service have been consulted by the DfES as part of the development of this guidance, and it is anticipated that the guidance will be published shortly.
- 2.3 A comprehensive report will be prepared for Council Cabinet as soon as possible after the new national guidance is finalised. This report will propose a strategic approach to school place planning, building on the recommendations of the Commission, and taking into account developments in the timing of the Building Schools for the Future programme.
- 2.4 It has been agreed with the Chair of the Commission that the Director of Education will present a report to the next meeting of the Commission, on 21 February 2005, outlining the action already taken or proposed on each of the Commission's 30 recommendations about primary and secondary place planning.

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