

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
STRATEGY FOR SCHOOL PLACES – PUPIL PLACE PLANNING IN THE BOROUGH SCRUTINY REVIEW
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Scrutiny Review Panel: Councillors Linda Holt (Lead Councillor), Gary Lawson, Anna Charles-Jones and Becky Senior

Lead Officers – Tim Bowman and Chris Harland

Strategy for School Places – Pupil Place Planning in the Borough	
Aims and Objectives	
1. Aim	To provide assurance that the processes and systems used to forward plan for school places are robust. To provide transparency about how school place planning decisions are reached.
2. Objective(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To discuss and explore the processes involved and assumptions relating to the pupil place planning in the Borough. 2. To test the system/processes in light of the projected expansion of places required due to likely new house developments across the Borough. 3. To discuss and explore how these processes inform school place planning decisions (ensuring there is sufficiency of places) and how this is influenced by parental preference.
Methodology	
4. Timescale	<p>Scoping meeting: Session 1 – 27 January 2022</p> <p>Evidence gathering: Sessions 2 – February 2022 (tbc)</p> <p>Final report to Committee: Tuesday 01st March 2022</p> <p>Date of final report to Cabinet: 15th March 2022</p>

5. Review Session 1	<p>Date of Meeting: 27 January 2022</p> <p>Purpose of Session: To consider in detail the information (data) that is used to inform school place planning decisions at borough, planning area and school level. To determine which specific key lines of enquiry should be further explored ion the second review session.</p> <p>Potential Lines of Enquiry: (Presentation – Chris Harland) Data, RAG Rating of Schools, SEND (national and Stockport view), Heat Maps, SEND projections, asset management plan, projections,</p> <p>Witnesses: Tim Bowman, Chris Harland, Craig Hughes, Mark Murray and James Kington</p>
6. Review Session 2	<p>Date of Meeting: February 2022 (tbc)</p> <p>Purpose of Session: To look further at the specific key lines of enquiry agreed in the first review session.</p> <p>Potential Lines of Enquiry: To consider the data and information submitted to date and to look to draw together the conclusions from the review which will look to include a number of recommendations for the Children and Families Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.</p> <p>Witnesses: TBC</p>
7. Additional Evidence Gathering	<p>Witnesses and Invited Guest: Chris Harland - School Places, Admissions and Transport Manager (CSS Manager) Tim Bowman – Director of Education</p> <p>Background Papers: School Sufficiency Investment Plan</p>