

## 125. **NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN NORTH KINGSTON - STATUTORY CONSULTATION**

Minutes:

Kingston was formally accepted into the Building Schools for the Future programme on 14 December 2009 in partnership with the London Borough of Croydon. The programme will enable every secondary school, Pupil Referral Unit and Special School in Kingston to be rebuilt or refurbished over the next ten years, at a cost currently estimated to be over Â£280 million.

Following pre-statutory consultation last autumn, the Executive agreed to develop a proposal for a new secondary school on the North Kingston Centre to be provided by September 2015, and carry out the statutory consultation process. This has now been completed and 2,141 responses were received.

The consultation showed a significant majority in favour of a new school being provided in North Kingston and strong support for the school to be co-educational and non-selective. There was a more balanced response to the aspects of the proposal to base the school on the North Kingston Site and for the school to have 8 Forms of Entry. More responses agreed than disagreed with each of the aspects of the proposals with the exception of the proposed size of the school (8FE). In this case more respondents disagreed than agreed with the proposal (40.8% disagreed compared with who 38.7% agreed).

The next steps for establishing a new school, the competition stage to determine the provider of the new school, and the preparation of a Planning Brief for the site, have been considered.

**RESOLVED** that

1. the outcomes of the consultation be noted and the specification for the new school as set out in the consultation document be confirmed;
2. it be agreed to proceed to the competition stage of the statutory process to establish a new secondary school; and
3. the work being undertaken to develop the design proposals and the development brief approach be noted.

### **Reason for decision**

To progress the proposals to provide a new school in North Kingston area and meet the Councils duty to provide secondary school places for the increasing population in Kingston.