

NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

DETAILS OF DECISION	
Title of Report	Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND): Education Provision Strategy
Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision	To agree the strategy for publication in accordance with the Department for Education (DfE) timeline and guidance; thereby securing access to Southwark's Special Provision Capital Fund allocation (£1,648,875) and enabling preparatory works to facilitate the offer of in-borough 19+ provision for pupils with complex SEND on the Bishop's House site.
Decision taker	Cabinet Member for Children and Schools
Date by which Key Decision must be taken	March 2018
Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan	The forward plan relating to decisions to be taken from March 2018 onwards was published on 1 February 2018. The time frame set by DfE was initially short with requirements for research, planning and consultation. The decision was not identified as a key decision until officers reached report preparation stage which was after the deadline for submission of decisions for the March forward plan.
Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan	The next forward plan relates to decisions to be taken from May 2018 onwards. The DfE require publication in March 2018. Failure to meet this deadline would potentially lead to financial cost (loss of grant), missed opportunities to develop provision and possible reputational damage.
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