

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Wednesday 7 March 2012

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Eleanor Kelly

Acting Chief Executive

Date: 28 February 2012



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DISCUSSION OF ANY CLOSED ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS URGENT.

Date: 28 February 2012

Item No.	Classification: Open		MEETING NAME: Education and children's services scrutiny subcommittee
Report title:		Free Healthy School Meals Programme – Progress Report	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Kerry Crichlow, Assistant Director Strategy and Support, Children's Services	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the committee note the report and the progress to date.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Council took a decision to introduce free healthy school meals to all pupils attending primary schools in Southwark as part of its commitment to tackle the high levels of childhood obesity, and to tackle poverty and inequality.
3. A development phase commenced in January 2011 in ten selected school. This phase operated until July 2011. A report on the evaluation of this phase was considered by this sub-committee in October 2011.
4. Members asked for a further progress report in March 2012.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. All primary schools introduced free school meals for reception and year one pupils from the first day of the school year in September 2011.
6. In September 2012 the programme will be rolled out to all pupils in years two to four and extended to years five and six in September 2013 when it will include all primary aged pupils.
7. To be eligible for a free healthy school meal parents complete an application form which is assessed against the criteria for Government funded free school meals. If the child is not eligible for a Government funded free school meal, then the meal is funded by the Council.
8. A capital programme of £500k was agreed by Council in July 2011 to support schools that need additional equipment as the pupil numbers taking up a school meal increases. The programme was split into three phases. Phases one and two were completed in 2011, with phase three being put in place during 2012. The additional equipment requirements will not exceed the 500K allocated budget.
9. Initial information for the roll out from September 2011 suggested a take up in Reception and Year One of 84.5%. The take up as of January 2012 across these two year groups is now at 87%.

10. The evaluation framework for this programme is attached as appendix one.
11. In LA maintained schools Governors are responsible for ensuring that the meals provided are in accordance with Department of Education advice on food and nutrition standards published in September 2011, attached at appendix two. As part of the support given to schools, there is a governor's toolkit on the Councils website. Schools are also actively encouraged to sign their school up to the food 4 life partnership award scheme.

AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director for Legal and Democratic Services	No	No
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Cabinet Member	Yes	Yes
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Appendix One

Free Healthy School Meals Programme – Progress Report

Evaluation Framework – Southwark Free Healthy School Meal (FHSM) programme

As part of its commitment to reducing poverty and tackling the high levels of childhood obesity, the Council has made a commitment to fund a free healthy school meal (FHSM) for all primary school aged children attending Southwark schools,.

Southwark children have consistently been amongst the most overweight and obese in England since the introduction of the national child measurement programme, with data for 2011 confirming this trend. FHSM is one significant piece of a local jigsaw of intervention that aims to support and challenge parents, schools and therefore pupils to make healthier food choices for life.

The evaluation of the FHSM programme will focus on the aims set out below.

Evaluation Aims:

1. To evaluate the impact of the FHSM programme on the take up of school meals.
2. To evaluate the contribution of the programme to tackling the high levels of childhood obesity.
3. To evaluate the contribution of the programme in mitigating the effects of child poverty.

Methodology

This will be both through a universal approach with all primary schools asked to take an annual snapshot of the views of parents, children and staff, alongside a targeted approach in partnership with public health colleagues in those Southwark schools where obesity and overweight data indicates there is the greatest need.

All schools

1. Measuring the take up of meals by year group during the roll out and comparing with take up prior to the programme – annually from 2012/13
2. Measure numbers of children eligible for Government funded free school meals during the roll out and comparing with numbers eligible prior to the programme – annually from 2012/13
3. Annual feedback from parents and children to assess the overall impact of the programme, through focus groups. Topics to include impact on or changes in eating behaviours at school and at home, impact on family budgets, changed attitudes to food and nutrition for children and for families as well as opportunities for parents and children to suggest improvements to the programme at school and local community level – annually from 2012/13

4. Comparing the overweight and obesity levels of pupils using the national weighing programme statistics in comparison with their levels in reception - at the soonest available national weighing point: as the current Year 1 pupils reach year six

Targeted schools

In addition to the above a targeted support programme for schools with consistently high levels of overweight and obese reception and year six pupils will be delivered by the Healthy Schools Health Inequalities public health consultant on an ongoing basis. School level plans to be devised that continue to build upon the Healthy Schools approach to involve the 'whole school community' of staff, parents and pupils in activities which promote healthy weight.

Resource implication for FHSM evaluation

1. Support with the provision of information
2. Tools and templates to hold focus groups and carry out surveys, wherever possible involving children directly as authors, designers and editors. Maximise on-line responses e.g. survey monkey.
3. Partnership support from other agencies e.g. public health, the wider children's services department to ensure alignment with the Healthy Weight Strategy, environment and leisure for sports and active life access in targeted areas.
4. Support to provide effective communication with parents, to maximise the levels of Government funded free school meals claimed.

Outcomes measures

1. Year on year increase in take up and consumption of a healthy school meal at lunchtime.
2. Increase in identification of families who are entitled to Government funded free school meals.
3. Positive parent/child feedback on the impact of FHSM on children's eating habits and families' finances.
4. Positive impact on levels of childhood obesity as measured through the national child measurement programme.

Appendix Two**Free Healthy School Meals Programme – Progress Report**

Department of Education advice on food and nutrition standards published in September 2011

www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/advice/f00197541/departamental-advice-for-school-food-in-england/nutrient-based-standards-for-school-lunches.

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 7 March 2012	Meeting Name: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Sub- Committee
Report title:		Southwark Schools for the Future: New School Rotherhithe	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Project Director, Southwark Schools for the Future	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Education and Children's Services' Scrutiny Sub-Committee note the briefing provided below.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. In 2007 Southwark's Outline Business Case (OBC) established the case for a new 5 form entry (750 place) secondary school with a further 150 place sixth form to meet the needs of an expanding population in Bermondsey and Rotherhithe that would be delivered as part of Phase 3 of Southwark's Building Schools for the Future (BSF).
3. In April 2010 Partnerships for Schools provisionally allocated £19.6m to fund the delivery of a new school in Rotherhithe.
4. In July 2010 Southwark was informed that all our projects, including New School Rotherhithe, were unaffected by the cuts to the BSF programme that were announced.
5. In October 2010 Partnerships for Schools (PfS) - the government's delivery agent for capital investment programmes in schools, informed the council that projects referred to as 'unaffected' in July would be subject to a value for money review to be carried out on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE).
6. In November 2010 the DfE wrote to the council advising us of their decision to no longer support New School Rotherhithe. The Council continued to argue the case to the DfE and PfS that there was a need to deliver the New School Rotherhithe to meet current local demand and anticipated future boroughwide need.
7. In April 2011 Southwark was invited by PfS to submit revised and current Pupil Place Planning data. This submission was made on the 18 April 2011 and it reiterated the need for investment to create new places.
8. This Pupil Place Planning submission concluded that new Year 7 places will be required boroughwide from September 2016, with 5 FE (forms of entry) required by 2019/20 – 150 Year 7 places. It is considered by the Council that these places should be provided in SE16 to respond to and support the ongoing regeneration in the area.

9. On 10 October 2011 the DfE advised that a 700 place University Technical College (UTC) for 14-19 year olds based at Southwark College's Bermondsey site will proceed to the pre-opening stage of the UTC development process with a view to it being open in September 2012.
10. Southwark is working closely with the College and Partnerships for Schools in regard to the progression of these proposals and has been asked to act as contracting party for the necessary development works.
11. The DfE have also advised that they have provisionally agreed to fund a new Free School sponsored by the Compass School Trust which intends to offer 500 mixed secondary places.
12. On the 21 December 2011 the Department for Education advised the Authority in a letter that, in light of the Local Authority's pupil place planning submission, it considered a further 100 secondary places were required in addition to those that would be delivered through Compass and the UTC.
13. The letter invited the Council to 'work with the Department and Compass to consider whether an expanded Free School could be the most appropriate solution to addressing basic need in the area, or whether the additional places could be provided through expanding an existing school. If the latter route proves to be more sensible, the Department would be prepared to release funding to the Authority for this purpose.'

UPDATE

14. All Southwark's secondary schools and academies have been advised of the content of this letter and invited to express an interest in expansion. Compass will also be considering the implications of providing an additional 100 places as part of their project development. The Local Authority will then consider all responses, come to a view on the preferred way to create these additional 100 places, and make a recommendation to the DfE in order that the most appropriate route to deliver places can be identified.

We understand that Compass Schools are continuing to investigate potential sites and that currently no site is confirmed.

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**Education and Children's Services scrutiny committee
Workplan 2011/12**

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8 February 2012
1. Review of universal Free Healthy School Meals. Consider Islington report and plan school visits.
2. Review of parenting support – part 2: A :Support for parents: consider officer response to, and summary of, evidence from parent & carers of disabled children B : Reports on CVS conference on 'Volunteers in Child Protection'
3. Rotherhithe School : Consider reports
4. Adult Education
5. Rotherhithe School
6. Discuss themes for Cabinet member interview
7. Work programme planning

7 March 2012
1. Cabinet member interview
2. Children and Young Peoples Plan with Southwark Youth Council and Speakerbox – quarterly review
3. Review of universal Free Healthy School Meals. Officer report on progress. Consider evidence gathered from School visits.
4. Review of parenting support – part 2 A: Draft report on support for parent & carers of disabled children and request for comments.
5. Adult Education
6. Rotherhithe School
7. Update work programme

23 April 2012
1. Safeguarding – annual report presented by independent chair.
2. Update Review of Childhood obesity and sport provision
3. Review of parenting support – part 2 A: Finalise report on support for parents & carers of disabled children B: Receive report back from CSV (Community Service Volunteers) to present on their scheme matching volunteers with families and children on protection plans to give practical advice and support
4. Review of universal Free Healthy School Meals : finalise report
5. Rotherhithe School
6. Adult Education

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