

# Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission

Draft Recommendations for the Year 2022-2023

## Education

1. That the Cabinet review the council's current working process with the Greater London Authority (GLA) on matters related to sharing and use of Council data to produce pupil place projections and also to ensure that Council data is used to develop the GLA's modelling methodology to produce more accurate projections in the coming municipal year 2023-2024.
2. That the Cabinet commission officers to explore the different mechanisms through which there could be a temporary reduction in Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN) from a two-form to a one-form entry for schools facing closure or amalgamation prior to any decisions of closure or amalgamation.
3. That the Cabinet commission officers to explore options in transforming mainstream schools facing amalgamation or closures into schools with SEND provisions for children with special needs prior to any decisions of closure or amalgamation.
4. That the Cabinet devise a long-term proactive strategy in response to projected budget deficits in schools by early intervention by subsequent reduction in PAN numbers and ring fencing budgets around affluent schools which could help provide financial support for schools with falling rolls.
5. That the Cabinet commission officers to devise a strategy for unused and closed school buildings in terms of repurposing and planned delegations such as for recreation and community activities.

## Local Economy

1. That the Cabinet look at utilising the benefits of central areas of successful businesses like Bermondsey and Elephant by providing Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money for East Street in the 2023-2024
2. That the Cabinet look to review and invest more in the council's governance and management structure for support to Local Businesses by appointing business liaison officers and local traders to be involved as a co-operative manager and also reviewing the progress of Local Businesses management especially longstanding businesses such as East Street Traders quarterly.
3. That the Cabinet review the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Business & Town Centres portfolio for the coming municipal year to provide clear remits as it currently does not include business rates; this is to avoid businesses reaching a crisis point due to being unable to afford increase in business rates.