

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 26 November 2012	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Education, Children's Services and Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Southwark Schools for the Future: New School Rotherhithe, Compass and Southwark Free School	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Project Director, Southwark Schools for the Future	

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## UPDATE

### Compass

2. Compass School have yet to identify a site and this non-identification of a site, both permanent and temporary, is a significant risk to the school opening as proposed in September 2013.

### University Technical College (UTC)

3. The DfE has approved the deferral of the opening of the UTC to September 2013. This date is now unlikely to be achievable and there is significant uncertainty associated with the project as a result of the proposed merger of Lewisham and Southwark College and the potential for this to result in the non-availability of the site or the necessary ancillary facilities for the UTC on the College's Bermondsey site.

### Southwark Free School

4. In 2011 Southwark Free School (SFS) secured Department for Education pre-opening approval to open in September 2012. At the time of this approval the school was proposed to be established at a site in Great Dover Street.
5. In March 2012 SFS initiated a public consultation process seeking feedback from local stakeholders in regard to proposals to establish a 420 place primary school at 399 Rotherhithe New Road.
6. The school has now been granted a 2 year lease from the Council for the Ledbury Estate Tenant's Hall to enable their establishment.
7. The school's permanent proposals for 399 Rotherhithe New Road are currently the subject of pre-application discussions with Southwark planners.

### Other Free School Proposals

8. A German/English bilingual primary school has been provisionally approved by the

Department for Education and is exploring options for establishment in the Dulwich area.

9. Another proposer will be bidding to the Department for Education to be approved in the next round of free school approvals to establish a primary school in Peckham or Camberwell for Latin-American children.
10. Neither proposer currently has an identified site.

#### AUDIT TRAIL

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