

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 23 April 2013	Meeting Name: Education, Children's Services and Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Report title:		Southwark Schools for the Future: New School Proposals	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		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. Previous advice that the Education Funding Agency (EFA) had acquired the former Bermondsey campus of Southwark College on behalf of Compass School was inaccurate. It is understood that the College have now accepted an alternative offer from a developer. The developer has advised that they will continue to work with the EFA to facilitate the delivery of the Compass Free School.
3. Compass Free School intends to open in September 2013.

University Technical College (UTC)

4. As a result of the acceptance of the alternative offer outlined above the future of the proposed University Technical College is uncertain. No explicit advice has been received in regard to the ongoing support for this proposal from the purchaser and no further advice has been received from the EFA.

Southwark Free School

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The school was granted a 2 year lease in 2012 from the Council for the Ledbury Estate Tenants' Hall to enable their establishment.
8. The school's permanent proposals for 399 Rotherhithe New Road are currently the subject of a planning application for which consultation is open.

Other Free School Proposals

9. A German/English bilingual primary school – Judith Kerr Primary School - has been provisionally approved by the Department for Education and is exploring options for establishment in the Dulwich and Rotherhithe areas. Officers have met with representatives of the proposer and the Education Funding Agency (the body tasked with delivering the new school) to discuss their proposals and provide advice and assistance where possible. The school has currently not secured a site.

10. Announcements in regard to two other proposals, a two form of entry primary school for Latin-American children, and a two form entry primary school sponsored by the Harris Federation are due to be made by the Department for Education in May 2013. The Latin-American proposer has not identified a site but has advised that they wish to establish in the Peckham and Camberwell Area. The Harris Federation is seeking for their proposal to be established at the site of the former East Dulwich Hospital.

AUDIT TRAIL

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