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| <b>Report title:</b>                   |                                | Southwark Schools for the Future: New School<br>Proposals |   |
| <b>Ward(s) or groups<br/>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. The developer who has acquired the former Bermondsey site of Southwark College has advised that they will continue to work with the EFA to facilitate the delivery of the Compass Free School.
3. Compass Free School opened in September 2013 in the existing accommodation on the site.
4. Their permanent facilities are anticipated to be completed in approximately 4 years time.

### University Technical College (UTC)

5. As a result of the recent acquisition of the Bermondsey site of Southwark College the future of the proposed University Technical College is uncertain. There is ongoing engagement with the developer, the sponsor and other stakeholders to seek to secure the future of the UTC.

### Southwark Free School

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The school's permanent proposals for 399 Rotherhithe New Road were refused by planning committee in June 2013 and the decision has been called in by the Mayor with a hearing due for November
9. The school was granted a 2 year lease in 2012 from the Council for the Ledbury Estate Tenants' Hall to enable their establishment. An extension to this

arrangement has been negotiated with Southwark Property.

### **Judith Kerr Free School**

10. A 2 form entry German/English bilingual primary school – Judith Kerr Primary School - has acquired a site on Half Moon Lane and opened in September 2013 in temporary accommodation ahead of their permanent establishment on the same site. The school will be accepting pupils in both reception and in higher year groups.

### **Harris Federation**

11. The Harris Federation’s proposal for a new 2 form entry free school in Dulwich has been approved for pre-opening. Their preferred location is the former East Dulwich Hospital site and they are engaging directly with the NHS with a view to acquiring a part of the site. They intend to open in September 2014.
12. Southwark have been contacted in regard to potential temporary and alternative permanent sites for the school as the 2014 date is considered to be at risk as a result of slow progress with negotiations with the landowner. The EFA are also exploring alternative sites on their behalf.
13. The Harris Federation have submitted an application to the DfE for a further Free School in the Nunhead area potentially utilising their existing East Dulwich Girls Academy site.

### **AUDIT TRAIL**

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