

Primary Review Update

Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee

February 2020



Changes in the pupil population

- The average female resident is expected to have **1.39** children now, compared to **1.8** children ten years ago.
- Predictions for place planning have not been realised (**child yield**).
- Primary school pupil numbers have (broadly) **grown in the East but fallen in the West** of the borough.
- Secondary pupil numbers **continue to rise**.
- **Increasing complexity of need**.



Why is the population changing?

- **Rising rents and house prices:** In 2017, the average house price in Tower Hamlets was £479,000 - around 13x the average household income
- **Welfare reforms,** such as the benefit cap, which have reduced incomes for families
- **Properties which are vacant or otherwise not used as family homes** (for example, Airbnb)
- **Brexit** – both developments and population/migration



Roll projections for Reception

As of July 19 using: Jan 2019 school rolls, GLA 2016-based population projection model (UPC), and Local Plan + LLDC development trajectory, 3 4 option

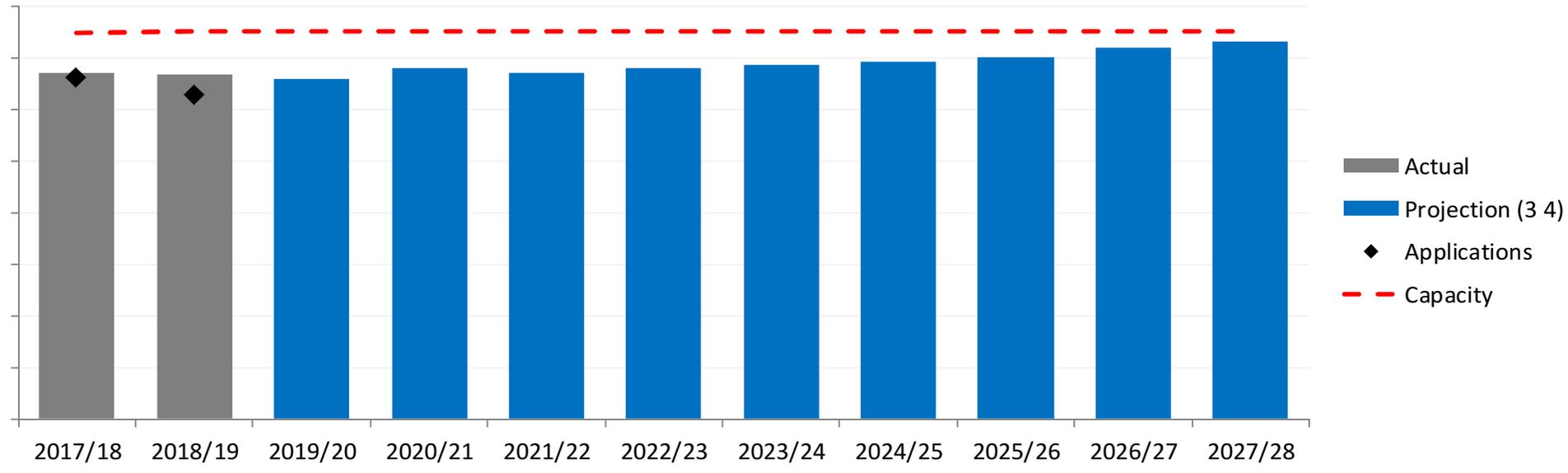
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		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Population (3 4)		3,353	3,340									
Applications				3,299	3,403	3,364	3,398	3,436	3,469	3,512	3,606	3,658
Capacity		3,305	3,136									
Total		3,740	3,766	3,761	3,761	3,761	3,761	3,761	3,761	3,761	3,761	3,761
Capacity (3 4)	Pupils	387	426	462	358	397	363	325	292	249	155	103
	FE	12.9	14.2	15.4	11.9	13.2	12.1	10.8	9.7	8.3	5.2	3.4
	%	10%	11%	12%	10%	11%	10%	9%	8%	7%	4%	3%



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Reception projections: borough



Primary Review

- Primary Review Group
- ‘Future Ambitions’ – maintaining and enhancing educational offer and quality.
- Over 300 surplus places in the West of the borough.

“To address these challenges, we need to reduce provision initially by 6.5 forms of entry – equivalent to around 6 one form entry schools, or 3 two form entry schools. If the level of surplus provision continues to rise, there will be a need to reduce provision by up to 10FE by 2023. This will still allow a reasonable surplus for parental choice.”



Progressing Ambitions

- There are no easy answers.
- Most proposals have been led by schools based on what works for their school community.
- Interesting question of: what makes a school?
- Current proposals would see a reduction of 260 (8.5FE) reception places in the West of the borough and the addition of 160 (5FE) reception places in the East of the Borough by 2025.



Wapping

- Currently: 480 Reception places available.
- In January 2019: 62 (2FE) unfilled places.
- Projection: To rise to 92 (3FE) by 2027.

Proposals:

- Reduce PAN of Canon Barnett School from 45 to 30
- Further work being done to develop a proposal for the future of Shapla Primary for consideration later this year.
- Further consideration will need to be given on proposals for Cannon Barnett, Osmani and Thomas Buxton after 2022.
- Expansion of Hermitage from 45 to 60 to provide specialist ASD provision in line with SEND strategy.



Stepney

Currently: 840 Reception places available.
In January 2019: 110 (4FE) unfilled places
Projection: to rise to 141 (5FE) by 2027.

Proposals:

- Amalgamation of Smithy Street and Redlands (and reduce overall number of places from 120 to 90). Currently undertaking statutory consultation.
- Reduce PAN for Cayley from 90 to 60 in 2021. Proposal to Cabinet.
- Amalgamation of Guardian Angels with St Anne's. Currently undertaking statutory consultation.
- Reduce PAN for Bangabandhu from 60 to 30 from 2021. Proposal to Cabinet.



Bethnal Green

- Currently: 660 Reception places available
- In January 2019: 132 (4FE) unfilled places
- Projection: Surplus to continue through to 2027.

Proposals:

- Following the Federation of Hague and Stewart Headlam Schools. This will include a reduction to the PAN of Stewart Headlam from 60 to 30. Proposal to Cabinet.
- Proposal being developed for the future of St Matthias for consideration later this year.
- Further consideration will need to be given on proposals for Elizabeth Selby Infant and Lawdale Junior Schools.



Bow

- Currently: 450 Reception places available.
- In January 2019: 42 (1½FE) unfilled places
- Projection: To rise to 86 (3FE) by 2027.

Proposals:

- A reduction to the PAN of Malmesbury School from 75 to 60 from September 2021. Proposal to Cabinet.
- To reduce the PAN of Olga from 90 to 60 from 2021. Proposal to Cabinet.



Poplar

- Currently: 890 Reception places available in the Poplar catchment area.
- January 2019: 44 (1½FE) unfilled places;
- Projection: With anticipated growth in the pupil population, this area is expected to have a shortfall of 122 places (4FE) by 2027.

Proposals:

- Increase to the PAN of Mayflower School from 45 to 60.
- To increase the PAN at St Saviour's CE School from 30 to 60.
- Exploring potential for expansion of other schools.



Isle of Dogs

- Currently: 441 Reception places available.
- January 2019: 15 (0.5FE) unfilled places.
- Projection: With anticipated growth in the pupil population, this area is expected to have a shortfall of 156 places (6FE) by 2027.

Proposals:

- New 2FE (60) School at Wood Wharf from Sept 2022
- New 2FE School at Millharbour.
- Further work to be done to look at timescales for delivery of sites.



Reflections

- Not uniform across the borough (or within catchment areas) – although some clear trends
- Proactive .v. reactive proposals
- An art or a science?
- Need to keep flexibility in the system
- Challenges to securing capital funding for changes and delivery of new sites
- Sustaining and enhancing the educational offer for the borough

