

## Executive Decision Individual Decision Notice



**Decision Maker:** Cabinet, 3 Mar 2021

**Classification:**  
Unrestricted

### **Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) provision at Ben Jonson School'**

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is required to be given of the intention to take Executive Key Decisions.

Notice is given either through an Individual Decision Notice or through the Forward Plan. Notice must normally be given 28 Days' before the decision can be taken.

<b>Key Decision?</b> Yes	<b>Ward(s)</b> All Wards
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	<p>As part of the Borough SEN Strategy and Implementation Plan for Social, Emotional and Mental Health Primary provision, Bowden House Special School and Ben Jonson Primary Schools have formed a partnership to jointly run a Social Emotional Mental Health provision, on the Ben Jonson site. This partnership would enhance the educational offer for both schools and benefit all Tower Hamlets children with SEMH needs.</p> <p>This report presents the outcome of the stage one consultation, and the public representations received in response to the statutory Notice on the proposal to establish a 12 place Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) provision at Ben Jonson School from September 2021</p> <p>It also presents the outcome of the public representation received in response to the statutory notice on the proposal for a prescribed alteration to Bowden House School and Ben Jonson School, to establish a 12 place Special Educational Needs provision from September 2021.</p> <p>The report explains the background and reasons for the proposals; the links with the possible closure of Cherry Trees School. It details the consultations undertaken; the responses received with the views of parents, pupils, staff and the general public. It recommends for the Mayor in Cabinet to consider the decision on whether or not the council should agree the proposal and formally proceed with plans to establish a 12 place Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) provision at Ben Jonson School from 1st September 2021, and the prescribed alteration to Bowden House School, to establish a 12 place co-educational, primary, non-residential, Special Educational Needs provision from September</p>

	<p>2021 on the Ben Jonson site. The two provisions will be integrated.</p> <p>The report will include equalities impact assessment; risk and opportunities; officer's recommendations; decisions available to the Mayor in Cabinet.</p>
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<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Children and Schools (Councillor Danny Hassell)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>The following stakeholders have been invited to make representations:</p> <p>Parents and carers, students, Roman Catholic and Church of England Dioceses, Council of Mosques, Head Teachers, school staff, school governors, community groups, neighbouring Local Authorities, the National Education Union, local Members of Parliament.</p> <p>Stage one public consultation commenced in Summer 2020 with the publication and consultation on the social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) implementation plan, and the consultation on the proposal for the closure of Cherry Trees which included consultation with all parents, and staff who are currently working with pupils likely to be transferred to the Ben Jonson SEMH provision. Feedback from these consultations has informed this report to cabinet and the recommendation herein.</p> <p>Ben Jonson school governors undertook a further four week period of statutory consultation from 7 January 2021 to 4 February 2021. During this statutory consultation period all interested stakeholders were given an opportunity to send objections or comments to the school.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes
Contact details for comments or additional information	James Thomas (Corporate Director, Children and Culture) <a href="mailto:James.Thomas1@towerhamlets.gov.uk">James.Thomas1@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>
What supporting documents or other information will be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEMH Strategy for meeting Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs for Primary Age Children in Tower Hamlets</li> </ul>

available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cherry Trees School Closure (1st stage consultation)</li> <li>• Statutory Public Notices</li> <li>• Public Consultation Paper (1st stage consultation)</li> <li>• Analysis of the Responses to the Statutory Public Notices</li> </ul>
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?	No, Unrestricted

## NOTES

### Advance notice of Key Decisions

Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Article 13.03 of the [Constitution](#). Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor, or the Mayor in Cabinet.

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known, whilst a Forward Plan collating these decisions will be published 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Forward Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required. [The Committee pages](#) on the Council website include copies of the Forward Plan, Cabinet and other meeting dates and the publication dates of the Forward Plan.

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (including on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution will have to be followed.

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about the issues listed in the Forward Plan is to examine the consultation column of the Forward Plan, and/or contact the report author or Cabinet Lead Member as soon as possible, and no later than 10 working days before the decision is expected to be taken.

Reports, appendices and background papers will be available on the Council's website 5 clear working days before the Cabinet meeting. For all other information or to submit documents in relation to any issue, please contact the relevant officer.

### Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as

**Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session.** Should you wish to make any representations in relation to an item being considered in private please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed below. Note that this applies to Cabinet but not to Individual Mayoral Decisions outside of Cabinet.

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:-
  - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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