

## Summary of Funding Streams Available for the Development of New Schools and Improving the Existing Schools Estate

The principal source of capital funding for providing additional school places is the DfE Basic Need capital grant. The funding is allocated each year on a rolling basis, usually three years in advance. It is formula-based and does not reflect post-16 need or specific growth in numbers of pupils with high needs. For 2021/22 the funding allocated by the DfE is £2.4m. It is not yet clear what funding will be allocated, if any, for 2022/23 and beyond.

The capital programme for new school capacity is also supported by use of s106 receipts which have been secured to mitigate the impact of new housing developments. Approximately £10m has been collected for new schools, with approximately a further £10.6m for schools agreed but not yet collected. However, there is no certainty about receiving the full value of the agreed sums as this will depend on the developers' programmes so this presents some difficulties in planning the use of these receipts.

The Council adopted its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule from April 2015, increasing the rates in January 2020. This replaces s106 payments for the mitigation of the impact of new developments on school provision. CIL supports a range of infrastructure provision and is allocated alongside S106 through the Councils Capital Programme. The Council's Annual Infrastructure Statement sets out the Mayor's overall approach for investing CIL. 16% of CIL funding is allocated towards 'community, education and employment' which includes schools. £5m of CIL funding is expected to be available (£8m collected less £3m already allocated to projects). 25% of CIL funding (£12m) is also allocated toward the Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF) which must be spent in the neighbourhood area where it was collected and in consultation with local residents. A proportion of LIF funding could be put towards schools, depending on the location.

In 2017, the Government committed £215 million of capital funding nationally to help local authorities create new SEND school places and improve existing facilities for children and young people with SEN and disabilities. In Tower Hamlets this funding amounts to £6m and was allocated over 3 years(2018-2021).

In addition to these funding streams that are specific to education, the Council also has the option to use its reserves, capital receipts, and/or borrow to ensure that it can deliver on its strategic priorities and statutory duties.

When the funding strategies for new school projects are being developed, these funding sources are considered and the funding allocated through the relevant governance and decision making arrangements. Funding has been allocated to the following new school projects:

Project	Estimated cost
Wood Wharf (2FE primary) – fit out of shell and core provided by developer	£5,200,000. School due to open in September 2022 Works to fit-out the building are programmed to start in June 2021.

Stepney Park Primary (amalgamation)	£1,200,000. Works to adapt Redlands and Smithy Street schools for amalgamation.
St Anne's Catholic Primary (0.5FE expansion for 15 places per year)	£1,300,000. Closure of Guardian Angels and expansion of St Anne's schools for September 2020.
Increase primary provision in Poplar catchment (1FE)	£4,000,000. Proposal to expand a school in the Poplar catchment area to provide an additional 30 places per year.
London Dock (6FE secondary and sixth form) – full development of the school	£52,000,000*. The DfE have agreed to contribute £47m towards the cost of the project. The Mulberry Schools Trust will be the school provider.
Beatrice Tate Special School (48 to 60 expansion of existing school)	£4,051,000. Works being developed for new accommodation to be available in spring 2022.
LEAP (additional places for Key Stage 4)	£2,500,000. Scheme tendered and works due to start in December 2020 and completion summer 2021.
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>£70,251,000*</b>

Further proposals that will require funding:

Oaklands School (expansion by 2FE providing 60 additional places per year)	£16,000,000. Purchase of Raine's Lower site and adaptations to provide additional teaching and other accommodation.
George Green's School (rebuild)	£50,000,000. Rebuild and adaptations to improve accommodation.
Hermitage Primary (1FE expansion providing 15 places per year)	£5,000,000. Works to provide additional accommodation and ASD unit. Proposed new accommodation for September 2022.