



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1
(PARTNERSHIPS, REGENERATION COMMUNITY SAFETY AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)**

25Th JANUARY 2010

BRIEFING NOTE

NORTHAMPTON SCHOOLS PFI DEVELOPMENT

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To receive an up date on the community access arrangements for PFI schools in Northampton.

2 Background

- 2.1. At its meeting on 12th October, Committee requested further details of the planning consents for the PFI schools as they relate to community access and use of the premises.
- 2.2. The County Council submitted applications in 2004/05 as part of the school review to change education in Northampton from a three tier to a two tier system. Some 35 applications were considered and approved. Of these 8 schools contained specific provision for community use agreements including sports development plans to be submitted and approved by the County Council.
- 2.3. The schools in question are:

Bridgewater Primary
The Duston School
Green Oaks Primary School
Kingsthorpe Community College
Mereway Community College
Northampton Girls School site
St Lukes School
Weston Favell School site

- 2.4. Details in respect of the condition were considered and discharged by the County Council on 11th December 2006. A copy of the community use agreements and sports development plan has been requested from the County Council and at the time of writing had not been received. A full up-date will be provided at the meeting.
- 2.5. It is understood, that whilst the planning conditions relate to those schools listed above, the community use agreements have now been applied to all the schools in Northampton, bringing a consistent approach to hiring the facilities (including charges), compared to individual schools having their own arrangements in place.
- 2.6. Committee is referred to the agenda item and addendum of 12th October which sets out the arrangements implemented by Northampton Schools Ltd in a letter dated 18th May 2009. However, it is understood that the web-based booking system schoolbookers.com has still not gone live.
- 2.7. Any further information will be brought to Committee.
- 2.8. The outstanding issues remain as set out in the 12th October report, although it is understood that WNDC will shortly be considering the Bective Road Middle School site application for residential development.

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