

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1**

**25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010**

**BRIEFING NOTE**

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA ITEM**

**NORTHAMPTON SCHOOLS PFI DEVELOPMENT**

1. Further to Paragraph 2.4 of the substantive report, the details of the community use agreements have now been received from the County Council. Copies will be available at the meeting.
2. From a planning point of view, the details considered and approved pursuant to the conditions attached to the planning approvals for the schools listed in Para 2.3 of the report are enforceable by the County Council. Therefore, in calculating the community and sports facilities, including the playing fields, in a playing pitch audit it is appropriate to include these facilities as they have to be made available for community use under the terms of the planning consent.
3. As far as the remaining PFI schools are concerned, community access arrangements are as set out in the report to this Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 and the letter from Northampton Schools Ltd dated 18<sup>th</sup> May. The contractual arrangements relating to community access to the facilities are unknown and therefore, the issues as set out in the report of 12<sup>th</sup> October remain unresolved as a true picture of sports and playing pitches available for community, use cannot be quantified.
4. The Council's objections to the release of Kingsthorpe and Parklands schools are therefore maintained until the whole question of access to the PFI playing pitches has been resolved. The County Council's agents have been advised of the position of both this Council and Sport England.
5. The Council's Planning Committee re-considered Bective School at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January. WNDC has been advised that the proposals for this site should make provision for on-site community facilities.