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Summary

This report is to inform members of the projected levels of demand for primary and secondary school places across the London local authorities where there are existing City of London academies, and/or potential academies. These projections are based on Greater London Authority data. The data shows;

- By 2020 it has been identified an additional 60,000 primary places and 105,000 secondary places will be needed in the capital.
- Primary demand is expected to peak at 704,900 in 2018/19 (an increase of 7,000 over current levels), but over the following ten years it is projected primary demand will fall by approximately 12,000 places than currently needed.
- Despite the projected fall in demand for primary across all London boroughs, except for Galleywall, local authority wards where City academies Redriff, COLPAI, and Shoreditch Park Primary are situated are showing growth in demand for primary school places over the next decade of an average of 11.5%.
- Secondary demand is expected to peak at 479,900 places in 2023/24 (an increase of 77,700 over current levels).
- By 2027/28 London will require an additional 65,200 secondary places, equivalent to roughly 2,200 classes, or 54 standard 1,200-place secondary schools, with every London borough seeing growth in secondary demand.
- Demand for secondary school places in the boroughs of Islington, Hackney, Southwark are increasing by an average of 10.8% with Newham at 15% growth over the period.

Attached as **Appendix 1** are projections for primary school places demand for wards in relation to City academies Galleywall, Redriff, COLPAI, and Shoreditch Park Primary.

Attached as **Appendix 2** are projections for secondary school places demand for the London local authorities of Southwark, Islington, Hackney, and Newham.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the demand for school places for Primary and secondary schools in relation to existing City of London academies, and potential further academy growth.

Main Report

Background

1. London has seen rapid growth in the number of children living in the city over the last decade. Between 2001/2 and 2011/12, annual births in London rose by almost 30,000 (28 per cent), with many individual authorities seeing much larger increases. The financial crisis of 2008 had a dramatic impact on London's patterns of migration. Outflows from London to the rest of the UK fell sharply in the aftermath of the crisis, with young families moving to the surrounding counties particularly affected. The combined impact of these factors was a rapid growth in the number of children living in London. This growth put immediate pressure on primary school places, necessitating a huge expansion in capacity. A decade on, local authorities now face a rising demand for secondary school places.

Current Position

Demand for primary school places

2. The National Pupil Database (NPD) recorded 697,937 children attending mainstream state-maintained primary schools in London in 2016/17. Primary school demand is closely linked to the birth rate and 2012 saw a peak in births in London. Those born in the year to mid-2012 entered the school system in 2016/17 and so a similar peak is projected in 2018/19 when 705,000 children will require a primary place. Demand will then fall gradually to a low of 683,000 in 2024/25 before stabilising towards the end of the projection period. Demand is not projected to fall any lower than the level seen in 2014/15. However, by 2027/28, London will require 12,000 less primary school places than are currently needed. This constitutes a fall in demand of around 1.7 per cent.
3. Although overall London is projected to see a fall in demand for primary places in future years, this is not the case in all London local authority wards, as around 40 per cent of wards (a total of 255) will see an increase in demand over the decade.
4. Attached as **Appendix 1** are projections for primary school place demand in London Local authorities where the City has academies. This shows except for Galleywall where there is 9% decline in demand, local authority wards where City academies Redriff, COLPAI, and Shoreditch Park Primary are situated are showing growth of an average 11% demand for primary school places over the next decade.

Demand for secondary school places

5. The NPD recorded 402,266 children in mainstream state-maintained secondary school in London in 2016/17. Over the next five years every London borough will see growth in secondary, which is projected to rise on a steep trajectory for much of the projection period to 2023/24, before peaking and falling back slightly. This peak in secondary demand projected by 2023/24 means London schools will face demand for 479,900 places. This is an increase of 77,700 over current levels, a growth of 19 per cent. The growth in secondary places is fuelled by the cohorts of the recent period of high birth rates (2006-2012) moving through into secondary school and continues the increases in demand seen since 2014/15.
6. Attached as **Appendix 2** are projections for the boroughs of Southwark, Hackney, Islington, and Newham, where there are existing City of London academies. This shows demand for secondary school places in the boroughs of Islington, Hackney,

Southwark are increasing by an average of 10.8% with Newham at 15% growth over the period.

Conclusion

7. London's pupil population projections indicate that more schools will be needed over the next decade, with greatest demand for secondary schools, and delivering on this will require close collaboration between a range of stakeholders.

Appendices

- *Projected demand for state-funded primary school places 2016/17 to 2027/28*
- *Projected demand for state-funded secondary school places 2016/17 to 2027/28*

Background Papers

- *None*

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