

SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE – PROGRESS UPDATE

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

Strategic Priorities: Learning City

Corporate Improvement Objectives:

C101 – Delivering customer focused services

C103 – Efficient and effective Council

1. Why has this Report Come to the Committee?

- 1.1 For the Committee to receive a further progress report on the School Place Planning for the Future process.

2. Background

- 2.1 The School Place Planning for the Future exercise began in November 2007.
- 2.2 Stage One was consultation with all primary and nursery headteachers and chairs of governors on the data. Stage Two in May 2008 involved cluster meetings with headteachers, governors, staff and parents. Stage Three of the process began with the circulation of information to schools and parents about a range of options in five clusters; Castle View, Hylton Red House, Monkwearmouth, Hetton and Houghton Kepier.

3. Next Steps

- 3.1 The Stage Three consultation process is now complete and final proposals will be presented to Cabinet in February for approval prior to further public consultation and statutory procedures, if applicable.
- 3.2 At its meeting in November the Review Committee was advised that options would be analysed to inform the final proposals for further consultation. At its meeting on 4 December the Review Committee agreed to set up a Working Group to ensure members involvement in the process of formulating proposals. The Working Group met on 12 December. Members were Councillors Stewart, Bell, Kelly and Mrs Butler.

4. Recommendation

To receive an update on progress from the Working Group and officers

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