

Meeting:	Schools Forum
Date:	16 January 2024
Subject:	Item 7: School Roll Projections
Responsible Officer:	Jo Frost, Finance Business Partner – Children’s Services

Section 1 – summary

1. Schools Forum at its meeting in November 2023 requested that the Cabinet Report in respect of School Roll Projections was shared and discussed at this meeting.
 - Schools Forum is asked to note the report

Section 2 – report

School Organisation Update and School Capital Programme – Cabinet Report

2. This report is attached as an Appendix. Also attached is the more detailed report appendix which is the demography report

Overall projections

3. Harrow, along with many other London boroughs, commission the GLA’s School Roll Projections Service to prepare school roll projections. A range of data is used to project school rolls, including the underlying population projection base incorporating births, migration and housing development, and school factors including applications and pupil numbers on roll.
4. The roll projections are prepared for the whole borough to provide a strategic and overarching picture and for Planning Areas. For primary school places there are five geographic Planning Areas. There are three secondary school geographic Planning Areas.
5. The GLA provides the baseline projections to which local knowledge is applied to make reasonable adjustments in line with demand at Reception, Year 7 and other school year groups. The School Roll Projections 2023/24-2035/36 are presented at Appendix A.
6. The 2023 GLA pupil projections continue to indicate a change to the trends of the last 5 years when the trend had been an increase in primary pupil numbers followed by a plateau. The Reception place projections last year indicated a plateau over the

period covered in the report. The Reception projections are projected to reduce from 2023 to 2025, followed by a gradual increase that continues until the end of the period in 2035-36. The Year 7 projections in 2023 continue to gradually decline until the end of the period in 2035-36.

Section 3 – contact details

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