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Scrutiny Update: School Place Planning & Sufficiency

November 2016

Education Infrastructure

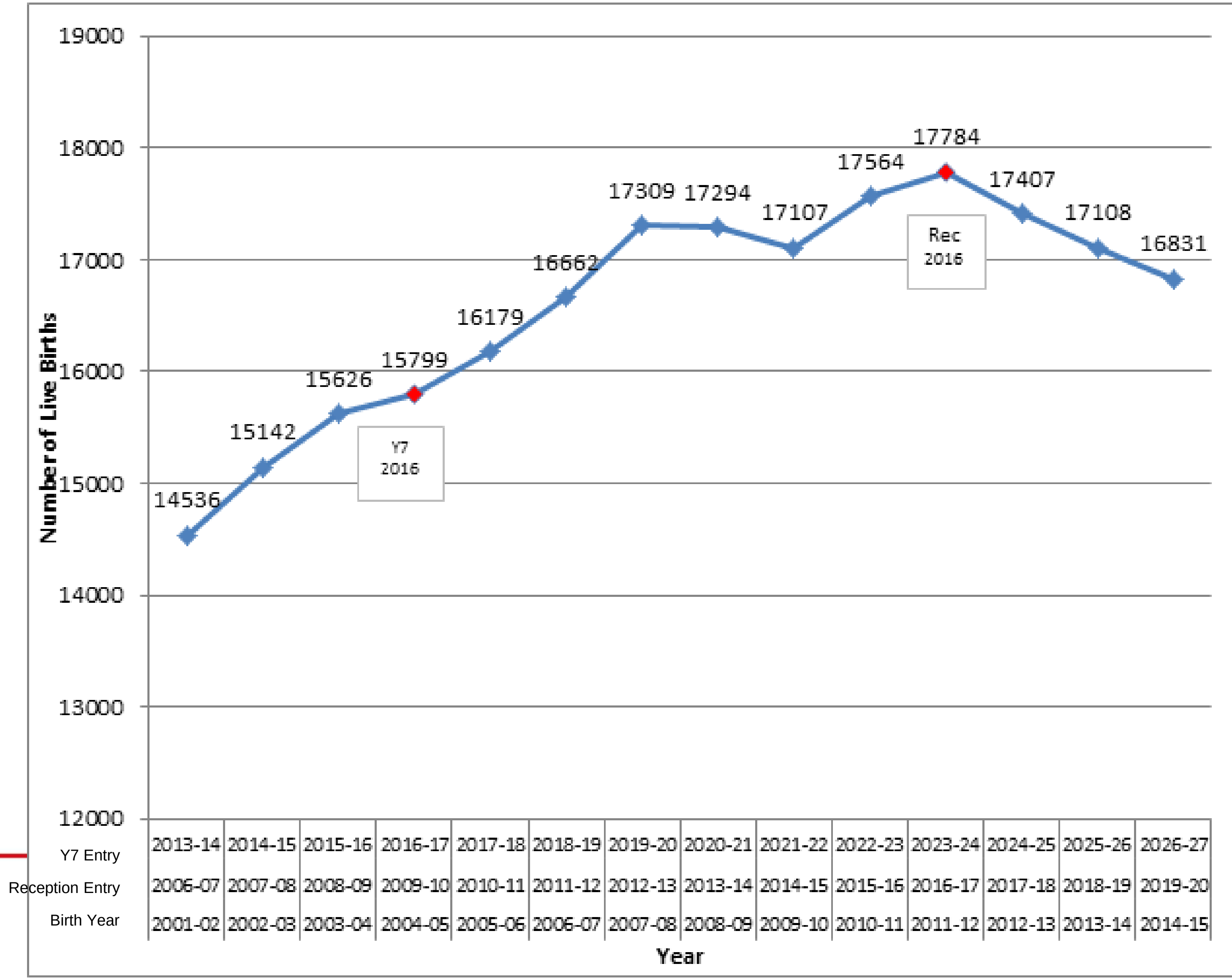
Outline

- Provide an update on sufficiency of school places.
- Advise on expected requirements for future school place provision
- Share key challenges and opportunities !

Headlines:

- Birth rates are declining after sustained increase since 2010
- Cohort growth and demand for places in-year continues to surpass previous levels
- Secondary school places are still in excess of demand, 80% of vacancies are concentrated in 8 schools. There are some local hotspots where there is pressure for secondary places
- There is pressure in some parts of the city for some primary phase year groups as a result of cohort growth

Birth Rates



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Conversion from Birth to Reception

Birth/YR Comparison	Conversion births to requirement for Reception place	Number of births converted to Reception places in comparison to previous year
Births 2007/8 : Reception Oct 2012	88.2%	
Births 2008/9 : Reception Oct 2013	88.6%	+66.00
Births 2009/10 : Reception Oct 2014	89.5%	+167.00
Births 2010/11 : Reception Oct 2015	91.0%	+225.00

Conversion from Year 6 to Year 7

Year 6 / Year 7 comparison	Conversion rate from Yr6 to Yr 7	Number of places converted to Year 7 compared to previous rate of conversion
Year 6 May 2012 : Year 7 Oct 2012	91.5%	
Year 6 May 2013 : Year 7 Oct 2013	90.6%	-111
Year 6 May 2014 : Year 7 Oct 2014	93.0%	+269
Year 6 May 2015 : Year 7 Oct 2015	93.6%	+42

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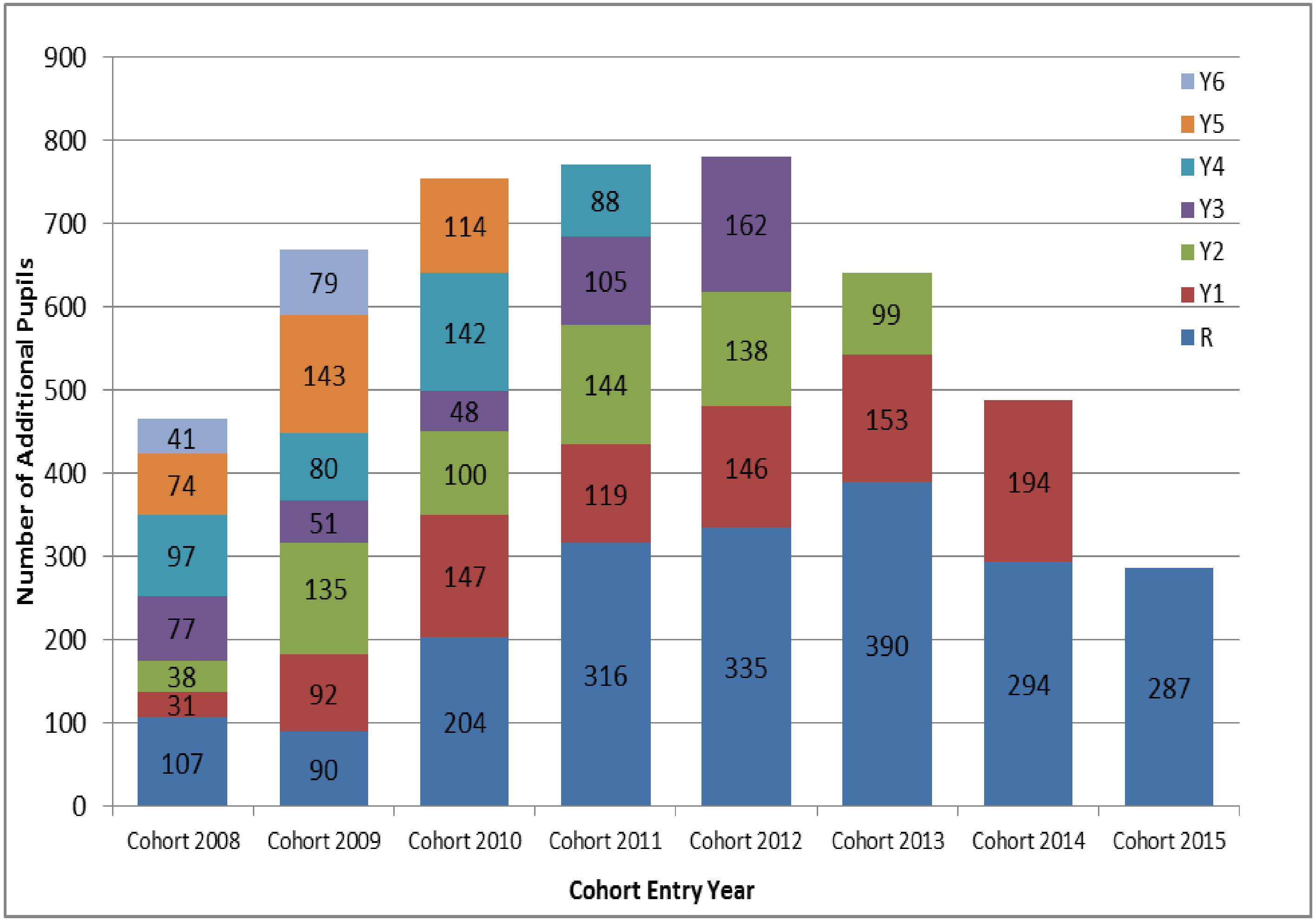
Primary Cohort Growth

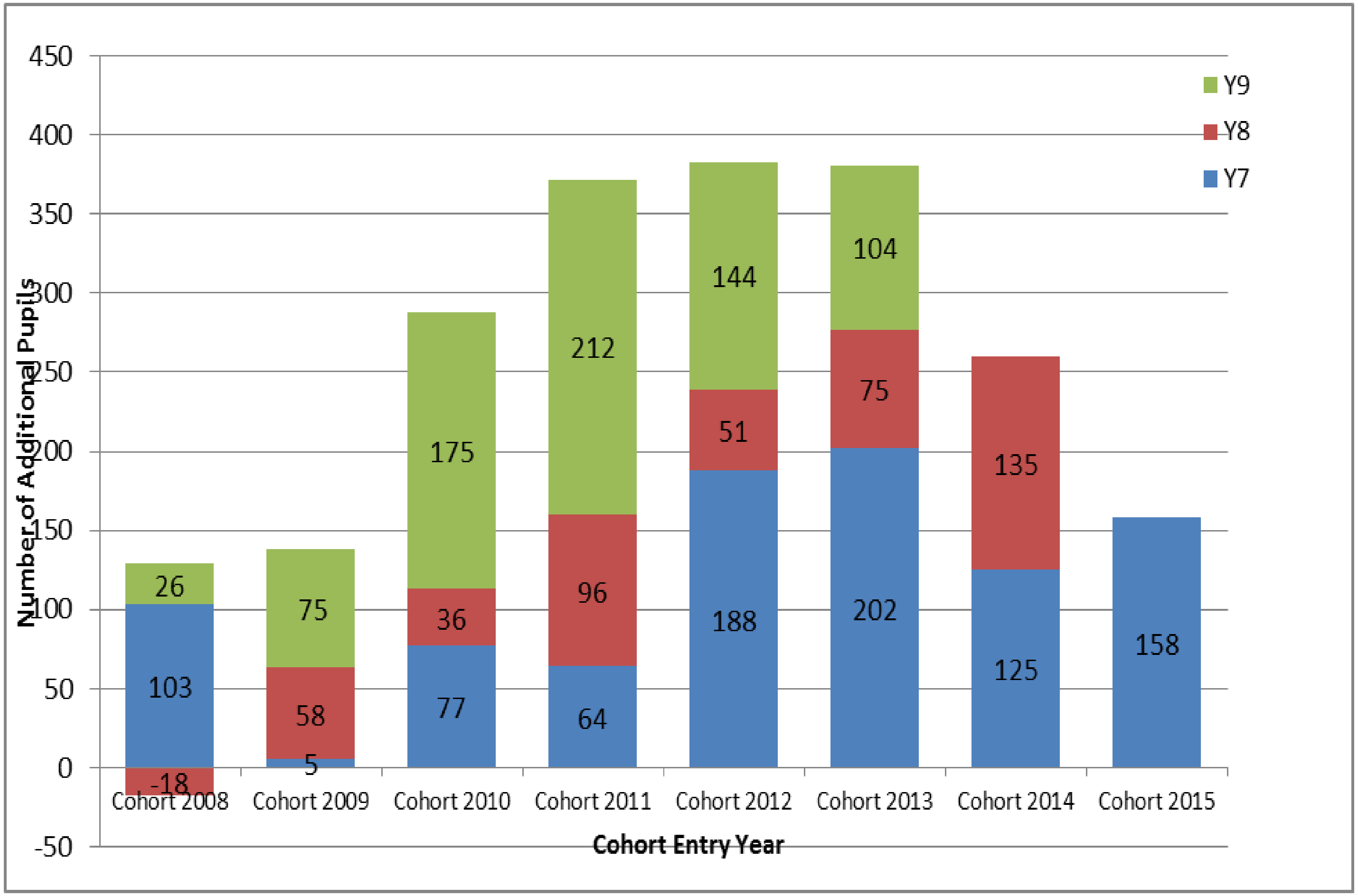
(to May 2016)



Year Cohort	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of Years Growth R-Y6	7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Total Pupil Net Growth to May 2016	465	670	755	772	781	642	488	287

Secondary Cohort Growth Y7-Y9

(to May 2016)



Year Cohort	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of Years Growth Y7-Y9	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1
Total Pupil Net Growth to May 2016	111	138	288	372	383	381	260	158

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How well do we forecast demand for places?

Year Group	Entry Year	Forecast	Actual NOR	% Error Margin[1]
Reception	2013/14	15903	15584	2.0
	2014/15	15627	15540	0.6
	2015/16	16116	16278	1.0
Year 7	2013/14	12272	12001	2.3
	2014/15	12721	12806	0.7
	2015/16	13430	13501	0.5

Additional Places since reporting to Scrutiny in October 2015

- 165 additional Reception places for September 2016 start.
- 677 additional in-year places Y1-6 for September 2016 start.

- We are continuing to make best use of existing space within our schools to provide additional places within available resource.

- We have developed a cost-effective model of delivery - Learning Chalets

- Starbank All-Through School new-build opened September 2016

3 Big Challenges

– In-year admissions : volume, visibility and timescales

– Co-ordination of school place supply : BCC, DFE, Schools

– Managing demand within available resource (capital, revenue, human)

3 Key Opportunities

- Improved data sharing with schools

- Alignment of Free School approvals with Basic Need

- Maximise use of existing space across the secondary school estate

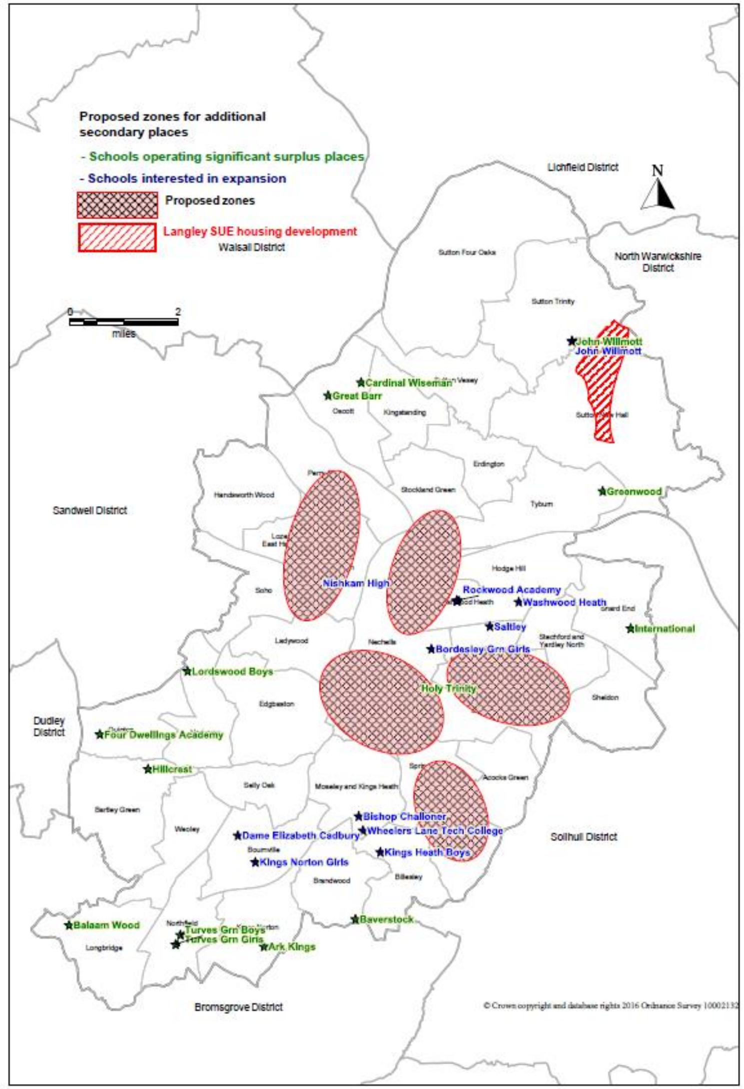
Additional Secondary Places: Next steps

- Between 78 and 99 FE by 2022
- By Jan 17, confirm appetite from existing schools to expand
- Identify those areas where new schools would meet need and align with feedback to DFE on Free School proposals
- Commission new places where and when needed using basic need capital and co-ordinating with DFE Free Schools

Co-Design and Co-Delivery of Additional Secondary Places

	Forecast Demand									Supply Model - mid-point							Surplus				
	Minimum			Average Growth Forecast			Maximum Growth Forecast (SCAP)			Unco-ordinated	Surplus	Fair Access	Existing	New Schools	Total	Contingency	Decommission	Forecast Surplus: from starting point of 33FE surplus places Sept 2015		%	PAN reductions
	Actual difference in current cohorts, without cohort growth			Forecast demand based on average cohort growth			Forecast demand based on upward trend of cohort growth														
Year of Entry	Additional Places	Additional FE	Cumulative FE	Additional Places	Additional FE	Cumulative FE	Additional Places	Additional FE	Cumulative FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	Places		
2017	386	13	13	461	15	15	536	18	18	(7)											
2018	493	16	29	601	20	35	709	24	42	(7)											
2019	584	19	49	655	22	57	726	24	66	(7)											
2020	-88	-3	46	53	2	59	193	6	72	(7)											
2021	-174	-6	40	-80	-3	56	15	1	73	(7)											
2022	481	16	56	636	21	78	791	26	99	(7)											
TOTAL	1682	56		2326	78			99													

Indicative zones for additional secondary places / new schools



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