



School Organisation Committee

AGENDA ITEM 7

Title: The Removal of Temporary Classrooms in the Financial Year 2003-2004

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Electoral Divisions Affected:

Chalfont St. Giles – Jeremy Ryman
Taplow, Dorney, Lent Rise – Mark Taylor
Aylesbury North Western – Mary Baldwin
Marlow North – Frank Sweatman
Chalfont St. Peter West – Pam Bacon
Waddesdon and Whitchurch – John Cartwright
Flackwell Heath – David Shakesphere
Marlow Rural – Bob Woollard
Princes Risborough – Dennis Green

Summary

This report provides details of the removal of 26 temporary classrooms from school sites during the financial year 2003-2004. Of those 26 classrooms, 12 have been replaced by permanent accommodation and 2 have been removed in order to reduce surplus capacity. The other 12 temporary classrooms were used only during building projects, whilst some accommodation at the respective schools was unavailable.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to note the report and the continued progress in removing surplus temporary classrooms.

Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

SCHOOL	NO. OF CLASSROOMS	YEAR PURCHASED (OR LEASED)	MONTH/YEAR REMOVED	COMMENT
Chalfont St Giles Infant	2	1968	April 03	Replaced with permanent
Lent Rise	2	Leased	April 03	Replaced with permanent
Haydon Abbey	1	Leased	May 03	Temporarily needed

				during building project
Thomas Hickman	6	Leased	July 03	Temporary needed during building project
Great Marlow Upper	2	2000	July 03	Replaced with permanent
Robertswood	2	Leased	Sept 03	Replaced with permanent
Whitchurch	2	1970 + 1971	Oct 03	Replaced with permanent
Loudwater	2	1973(?)	Oct 03	Surplus to new school capacity
Burford	2	1973	Jan 04	Replaced with permanent
Great Marlow Upper	2	Leased	Feb 04	Temporarily needed prior to permanent building being provided
Princes Risborough Upper	3	Leased	Feb 04	Temporarily needed prior to permanent buildings being provided
Total classrooms removed = 26 Approximate cost of removal = £95,000				

This report covers the last financial year, but new removals and additions are considered each month. The emphasis is placed on removals in primary schools to help to reduce surplus capacity, and additions in secondary schools to meet temporary 'bulges' and deficit places.

Resource implications

Where temporary classrooms have been removed, without replacement, there has been a saving in revenue costs. The removal of leased classrooms also provides revenue savings. These savings, however, need to be set against the increased budgets of schools where there has been permanent build, to take account of increased floor area.

Legal implications

N/A

Other implications/issues

N/A

Feedback from consultation and Local Member views (if relevant)

Formal consultation was not necessary.

Background Papers

None