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To: School Organisation Advisory Board – 7 September 2011

Subject: PROPOSED PRIMARY SCHOOL AT REPTON PARK –
MODIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report is to inform Members of the latest position relating to the proposed primary school at Repton Park, Ashford

Background

1. (1) In January 2008 the Local Authority approved a proposal from three named individuals, from Homewood School and Sixth Form College, to promote the planned primary school at Repton Park, Ashford. The approval was subject to several conditions including: (i) formation of The Homewood School Trust and (ii) The Repton Park Residents Association to be added as a Trust Partner.

(2) Repton Park Primary School is due to open on 1 September 2012.

The Modification

2. (1) Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre is due to become an Academy on 1 September 2011 and will therefore not be able to form The Homewood Trust as originally planned.

(2) There is, as yet, no residents association on Repton Park.

(3) The Temporary Governing Body for Repton Park School has indicated that under the circumstances outlined above they would prefer the school to be a Foundation school without a Trust. This should afford the future governing body with a greater range of options regarding its future status.

(4) The details of this proposed modification have been discussed with the Department for Education who, in principle, are happy with the modification. This modification is not therefore viewed as a significant change to the original proposal.

Recommendation

Members of the School Organisation Advisory Board are asked to recommend that the Cabinet Member for education, Learning and skills agree to the change of status of the school from a Trust school to a Foundation school

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