

Additional paper (1) for Cabinet – 10 July 2008 (Email)

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Subject: letter from Mr Moynihan

Mrs Hyde

As a member of the Education Scrutiny Committee, I received a copy of John Moynihan's letter, dated 27th June, exhorting the cabinet to re-open St Martin's Pool. The letter implies that Mr Moynihan's group has the backing of the Primary Heads' Forum, and is written on behalf of the Forum. This is not the case. Mr Moynihan has addressed the Forum on several occasions, and no doubt has some support amongst colleague heads, but the Forum has not voted on the issue, and has no identified 'corporate' view.

Mr Moynihan makes some valid points in his letter, and there are health and safety and child protection issues that need to be considered very carefully before a final decision is taken. Nevertheless, the St Martin's pool issue is essentially one for city schools. Even though my own school uses the pool, as Chair of the Forum I have to take the wider view that other county schools should not subsidise city schools' swimming.

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