

## **SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Schools Capital Programme has been allocated overall capital funding of £7.4m for 2012/13. The capital allocation for condition and basic need projects is £6.8m. This includes capital funding brought forward from 2011/12. The allocation of £6.8m has been prioritised in line with priorities set out in the Schools Asset Management Plan.
- 1.2 The capital funding will mainly be directed at dealing with essential school condition and suitability issues, and basic need – providing additional school places where necessary.
- 1.3 The schools capital programme priority schemes for 2012/13 will primarily fall into a number of categories such health and safety, fire precaution work, buildings at risk issues, mechanical projects and basic need projects. A full list of proposed projects will be tabled at the meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To note the Schools Capital funding for 2012/13.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 An ongoing programme of work is required in school premises to deal with essential condition issues and to provide additional school places.
- 3.2 Work is necessary to ensure that school buildings are safe and remain open. The Local Authority also has a statutory requirement to provide sufficient school places.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Department for Education (DfE) issued capital allocations to Local Authorities. The Council has also developed the Council's Corporate Capital Programme for the next three years. Capital funding is mainly directed at two issues: dealing with essential condition issues and basic need, i.e. providing additional school places.
- 4.2 At a national level, the DfE announcement confirmed the following details on the allocations for 2012 /13:
- £800 million of basic need funding to Local Authorities to provide school places;
  - £686m of maintenance funding to Local Authorities to support the needs of maintained schools;
  - £276 million of maintenance capital for Academies;
  - £174 million for the locally co-ordinated Voluntary Aided Schools programme;
  - £200 million of devolved formula capital funding for schools.
- 4.3 In relation to capital funding for schools maintained by the Council, the 2012/13 allocation is £6m, which is a combination of funding for maintenance, and basic need funding for additional school places. The funding allocated for the locally co-ordinated Voluntary Aided schools programme is £539k for 2012/13. The Devolved Formula capital funding for schools is £845k for 2012/13, which is for maintained and voluntary aided schools. Similar to previous years, this will be allocated to individual schools primarily on the basis of pupil numbers, in accordance with the DfE formula. See Appendix 2 for full breakdown of funding.
- 4.4 As outlined in paragraph 4.2 above, the DfE has retained £276m centrally to meet the maintenance needs of academies. This is based on the number of Academies already open and those due to open. The £6m capital funding allocation to Derby for 2012/13 is for maintained schools only, and academy funding is being retained centrally by the DfE.
- 4.5 Despite recent investment, there remains a significant backlog of condition issues across the primary, secondary and special schools estate in Derby, which is well in excess of £58 million. This condition backlog only covers building condition issues and excludes costs associated with betterment, asbestos identification/removal, work identified as a result of fire risk assessments, any water hygiene remedial work or any work related to mechanical (heating and boilers) and electrical elements.

4.6 The Schools Asset Management Plan outlines the following key priorities:

- Fire precaution works – highest priority work arising from fire risk assessments carried out under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order
- Renewing life expired boilers and heating systems
- Upgrading electrical installations
- Upgrading fire alarms and emergency lighting
- Replacement windows
- Re-roofing
- Structural repairs
- Security and safeguarding issues
- Other relevant health and safety issues, such as asbestos
- Basic Need – additional school places

4.7 The capital allocations for the maintenance of school buildings and funding for additional school places is £6m in 2012/13. An additional £483k basic need funding and additional re-allocated funding of £349k has been brought forward from 2011/12, resulting in overall funding of £6.8m for the schools capital programme in 2012/13. See Appendix 2 for a full breakdown of funding.

4.8 School capital programme priorities are likely to be limited to ensuring that buildings are safe by addressing urgent health and safety issues and dealing with Buildings at Risk issues. The LA also has a statutory responsibility to provide sufficient school places.

4.9 The schools capital programme priority schemes for 2012/13 primarily fall into one of three categories – fire precaution work, Buildings at Risk issues and mechanical projects. The proposed projects for 2012/13 will be tabled at the meeting.

4.10 Budget provision has also been made for £550k in 2012/13 for any Buildings at Risk projects when urgent work is required. Budget provision for £150k has also been made for Schools Access Initiative projects to improve disabled access in schools.

4.11 In relation to Homefields Primary, as previously reported, £1m was committed from the 2012/13 programme for the approved project to expand Homefields Primary. Similarly, £857k has been allocated as the 2012/13 funding for the significant expansion project at Arboretum Primary School for additional places, as previously reported.

4.12 The Council has also received an allocation of £539k LA Co-ordinated Voluntary Aided Programme – LCVAP – funding for 2012/13 for capital schemes at voluntary aided schools. The Voluntary Aided schools capital programme schemes for 2012/13 have been developed in consultation with the Church of England and Catholic diocese. The proposed projects for 2012/13 will be tabled at the meeting.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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- 5.1 No other options have been considered. The available funding has been prioritised in line with the Schools Asset Management Plan to deal with the most urgent condition issues and to ensure the Local Authority meets its statutory obligation to provide sufficient school places.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 The capital allocation for Derby for maintained schools is £6m for 2012/13. In addition to this, £483k basic need funding has been brought forward from 2011/12, and additional re-allocated funding of £349k has also been brought forward from 2011/12, resulting in an overall allocation of £6.8m for the schools capital programme in 2012/13. The Voluntary Aided schools allocation for 2012/13 is £539k. The breakdown of these figures and priority projects are outlined in Appendix 2.

**Legal**

- 2.1 The Disability Discrimination Act, as amended by the SEN and Disability Act 2001, places a duty on all schools and Local Authorities to plan to increase over time the accessibility of schools for disabled pupils.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None for consideration.

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 The Council aims to take reasonable steps to remove, alter or provide reasonable means of avoiding physical features that make it impossible or unreasonably difficult for disabled people. Capital funding has been allocated for disabled access improvements and specialist equipment.

**Health and Safety**

- 5.1 The priority projects are important for Health and Safety reasons and to conform to Building and Workplace Regulations 1992. Health and Safety procedures will be followed.

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 6.1 All school capital programme schemes will be carried out in line with the latest regulations on sustainable development.

**Asset Management**

- 7.1 The available funding has been prioritised in line with the key priorities set out in the Schools Asset Management Plan.

**Risk Management**

- 8.1 The priority projects will reduce the risk of future school closures due to structural, mechanical or electrical failure and will reduce the risk of a major school fire.

## **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 9.1 All people in Derby will enjoy achieving their learning potential for a brighter future.

## Appendix 2

### Capital Allocations and Categories of Work for 2012/13 (indicative allocations for 2013/14 & 2014/15 for illustrative purposes only)

	Devolved Formula Capital		Maintenance		Total	Basic Need (School Places)	Total	
	LA	VA	LA	VA	DFC and Maintenance	LA	LA Funding	Total for LA and its schools
Derby LA Allocations	£731,687	£114,807	£3,439,931	£539,974	£4,826,399	£2,586,598	£6,758,216	£7,412,997

### Blocks of Capital funding 2012 /13, 2013/14 & 2014/15

Capital Allocations	2012/13	2013 /14	2014/15	3 Year Total
School Condition / Suitability projects	£2,651,491	£3,026,529	£6,026,529	£11,704,549
Basic Need Primary - Homefields Primary	£1,000,000			
Basic Need Arboretum Primary	£857,000			
Basic Need - Secondary	£1,650,000	£2,350,000		£4,000,000
School Access Initiative	£150,000	£150,000		£300,000
Buildings at Risk	£550,000	£500,000		£1,050,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,858,491</b>	<b>£6,026,529</b>	<b>£6,026,529</b>	<b>£18,911,549</b>
<b>Funding Source:</b>				
DfE Capital Funding 2012/13	£6,026,529	£6,026,529	£6,026,529	£18,079,587
Est. Additional re-allocated funding:	£349,000			£349,000
Additional Basic need funding	£483,000			£483,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,858,529</b>	<b>£6,026,529</b>	<b>£6,026,529</b>	<b>£18,911,587</b>
Voluntary Aided Projects	£539,974	£539,974	£539,974	£1,619,922
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,398,503</b>	<b>£6,566,503</b>	<b>£6,566,503</b>	<b>£20,531,508</b>

**School Capital Programme 2012/13 – Proposed Projects and Phasing**

[TO BE TABLED AT THE MEETING]



**Local Authority Co-ordinated Voluntary Aided Schools Programme**

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