



Derby City Council

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
**21 June 2017**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Education  
and Skills

# ITEM 9

## Secondary School Place Planning: Schools Capital Programme

### SUMMARY

- 1.1 Local authorities have a legal duty to ensure that sufficient school places exist for all children and young people residing within their boundary.
- 1.2 Pupil projections are showing an increasing trend in secondary pupil numbers. Following a significant level of growth in pupil numbers in the primary sector, proposals have been developed to provide additional secondary school capacity. This is to ensure that there are sufficient secondary places available, with growth in pupil numbers projected for the Year 7 in-take from September 2018, and September 2019. Pupil projections are regularly updated and reviewed and proposals developed as necessary.
- 1.3 This report sets out proposals for accommodating increasing secondary pupil numbers from September 2018 and September 2019. The proposals relate to the schools below.

#### September 2018

- Bemrose School (proposal already approved by Council Cabinet);
- Derby Cathedral School;

#### September 2019

- Derby Moor Community Sports College (additional 170 places);
- Murray Park School (additional 550 places);
- West Park School (additional 150 places).

- 1.4 In relation to the expansion proposals for Derby Moor Community Sports College, Murray Park School and West Park School, initial meetings have taken place with schools and approval, in principle, has been given to the proposals. The Council is now working very closely with these schools in taking forward feasibility studies.
- 1.5 In relation to the proposed Derby Cathedral School, the original proposal had been for the free school to open with an admission number of 120. In view of significantly increasing secondary pupil numbers, the Council is working closely with Derby Diocesan Academy Trust and the Education Funding Agency on opening Derby Cathedral School with a higher admission number of 180 from September 2018.
- 1.6 The Council will be required to make a capital contribution towards the cost of providing the additional places at the Derby Cathedral School as basic need funding

has been allocated to the Council by the Department for Education (DfE) specifically to increase pupil places. A further report setting out proposals on the Council's capital contribution will be presented to Council Cabinet for consideration later in the year, once further information is available in relation to the Derby Cathedral project.

- 1.7 This report seeks Council Cabinet approval to add the proposed secondary school expansion schemes at Derby Moor, Murray Park, and West Park schools to the Council's School Capital Programme. It is proposed to fund an initial commitment of £700,000 to complete the detailed feasibility and design works in 2017/18 from basic need funding available. A further report will be presented to Council Cabinet for final capital programme approval once scheme costs and final DfE Basic Need allocations are confirmed.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To note the secondary school place planning proposals outlined in this report.
- 2.2 To approve the Secondary school expansion schemes for Derby Moor, Murray Park and West Park Schools to be added to the Council's capital programme.
- 2.3 To approve consultation on the proposal to expand Murray Park School by 550 places from September 2019, as part of the required statutory process.
- 2.4 To amend the 2017/18-2020/21 approved Capital Programme following the DfE announcement of 2019/20 Basic Need funding as detailed in Appendix 2.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Pupil projections are showing an increasing trend in secondary pupil numbers. Following a significant level of growth in pupil numbers in the primary sector, proposals have been developed to provide additional secondary school capacity. This is to ensure that there are sufficient secondary places available, with growth in pupil numbers projected for the Year 7 in-take from September 2018 and September 2019.
- 3.2 The Murray Park School expansion proposal is subject to a statutory process as the proposal is to add over 200 school places. The process involves consultation, publication of a statutory notice and consideration of the responses received.
- 3.3 In accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, amendments to the Council's capital programme are required to be reported to Cabinet.

<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
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- 4.1 Local authorities have a legal duty to ensure that sufficient school places exist for all children and young people residing within their boundary.
- 4.2 Pupil projections are showing an increasing trend in secondary pupil numbers. Following a significant level of growth in pupil numbers in the primary sector, proposals have been developed to provide additional secondary school capacity. This is to ensure that there are sufficient secondary places available, with growth in pupil numbers projected for the Year 7 in-take from September 2018 and September 2019. Pupil projections are regularly reviewed and proposals developed as necessary.
- 4.3 School place planning proposals have been developed with a view to creating additional capacity across a number of schools. This is to ensure sufficient secondary places across the City as a whole. In developing proposals, a range of factors have been considered including whether school sites allow for expansion.
- 4.4 The table below sets out proposals to accommodate growth in secondary pupil numbers for September 2018 and September 2019. For these schools, the proposal is for the increased admission numbers to apply to Year 7 only, initially, and then roll through the schools gradually year by year.

Academic Year	School Name	Proposed increase in admission number *	Additional places per year group	Additional places across Years 7-11
<b>2018-19</b>	Bemrose School – Secondary Phase <i>(Already approved by Council Cabinet)</i>	180 to 220	40	200
	Derby Cathedral School	120 to 180	60	300
<b>2019-20</b>	Derby Moor Community Sports College	266 to 300	34	170
	Murray Park School	220 to up to 330*	110	550
	West Park School	260 to 290	30	150
<b>Total</b>			<b>274</b>	<b>1370</b>

\*Admission number is likely to increase on a phased basis.

#### 4.5 Bemrose School – Secondary Phase

The Bemrose School expansion has already received Council Cabinet approval. The expansion will provide an additional 200 secondary school places which will open up on a phased basis from September 2018.

#### 4.6 Derby Cathedral School

The original proposal was for Derby Cathedral Free School to open with an admission number of 120. In view of significantly increasing pupil numbers, the Council is working closely with Derby Diocesan Academy Trust and the Education Funding Agency on opening Derby Cathedral School with a higher admission number of 180 from September 2018. The higher admission number would eventually result in an additional 300 places for 11 – 16 year olds across the school (an additional 60 places in each of the five year groups). The Derby Cathedral School proposals are subject to statutory consultation which will be carried out by the Academy Trust as soon as possible following election purdah.

- 4.7 The Council will be required to make a contribution towards the cost of providing the 300 additional places as basic need funding has been provided to the Council by the DfE specifically to increase pupil places. A further report setting out proposals in relation to the Council's capital contribution will be reported to Council Cabinet for consideration later in the year, once further information is available.

#### 4.8 Derby Moor Community Sports College

The proposal is for the school's admission number to increase from 266 to 300 from September 2019, which would eventually result in an additional 170 places across the school. The school is well located to deal with growth to the South of the City. The school's Governing Body has given agreement, in principle, to the school expansion proposal.

#### **4.9 Murray Park School**

An expansion of 550 places is proposed at Murray Park School from September 2019. The proposal is to increase the admission number of the school, on a gradual basis, up to a maximum admission number of 330. Pupil numbers and projections will continue to be monitored and reviewed, liaising closely with the school over the phasing of the opening of the places.

- 4.10 The proposal would result in additional capacity to serve the South / West of the City. The school's Governing Body has given agreement, in principle, to the school expansion proposal. The legally required consultation and a statutory process for this school expansion is currently being developed. Subject to approval, the consultation process is likely to start in early July 2017.

#### **4.11 West Park School**

The proposal is to expand the school by 150 places, with an increase in admission number from 260 to 290 from September 2019. The proposal would provide additional capacity to serve the North / East of the City. The school has given agreement, in principle, to the expansion proposal.

#### **4.12 Schools Capital Programme**

The indicative capital costs of delivering the above secondary school expansions at Derby Moor (£1.5m), Murray Park (£8.5m) and West Park (£1.5m) are set out in appendix 2. Approval is sought to amend the capital programme to add these three expansion schemes the programme.

- 4.13 The proposal is commit £700,000 from 2017/18 Basic Need funding to progress feasibility studies for these three expansion projects. See Appendix 1. This commitment will be for the completion of the detailed design works required for the expansions, including Murray Park. If the DfE reduce the 2018/19 Basic Need Funding allocation, to a level insufficient to meet the cost of the capital works in 2018/19, the expenditure on feasibility and design works would be abortive. However, it should be noted that the Council would acquire full ownership of the detailed design work, which could be utilised for a future scheme. The proposal is to fund the full capital costs of the schemes from 2018/19 Basic Need funding, and a further report will be presented to Cabinet to approve proposals later in the year.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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- 5.1 School place planning proposals have been developed with a view to creating additional capacity across a number of schools. This is to ensure a spread of additional school places across the City as a whole. In developing proposals a range of factors have been considered, including whether school sites to allow for expansion.

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

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b>  <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b>  <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	Emily Feenan, Principal Lawyer, Legal Services Alison Parkin, Head of Finance – People Services Toni Nash – Head of Finance – Organisation and Governance None Philip Derbyshire, Head of Property Design & Maintenance Jayne Sowerby-Warrington, Head of Strategic Asset Management and Estates Gurmail Nizzer, Director of Commissioning (Acting) - People Services
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## IMPLICATIONS

### Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Basic Need funding is provided to the Council, by the DfE, for the provision of additional school places. The Council has a balance of £1,883,828 funding in 2017/18, and is to be allocated a further £14m in 2018/19, and £12m in 2019/20. See Appendix 2.
- 1.2 During 2017/18, the proposal is to commit £700,000 of the unallocated 2017/18 Basic Need funding for the proposed Secondary school expansion schemes detailed in appendix 2. This commitment will be used to complete the detailed site surveys and investigations, detailed design works, and pre-construction costs associated with the schemes. A further report will be presented to Cabinet for capital programme approval of the full schemes later in the year, once feasibility studies have been completed.
- 1.3 The amendments to the 2017/18-2020/21 approved Capital Programme detailed in this report are in addition to the amendments set out in the Contract and Financial Procurement Matters report also to be tabled at this Cabinet meeting.
- 1.4 With regard to Derby Cathedral School, the Council will be required to make a contribution towards the cost of providing 300 additional places as basic need funding has been provided to the Council by the DfE specifically to increase pupil places. A further report setting out proposals in relation to the Council's capital contribution will be reported to Council Cabinet for consideration later in the year.
- 1.5 In terms of revenue funding, under the Council's current growth funding criteria, schools are eligible for growth funding if their admission number is to increase by 30 pupils or more. For each multiple of 30, schools attract 7/12ths of £50K = £29,166. Growth funding is met through Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) contingency funding in the first year that a school's admission number is increased. In subsequent years, each school's census figures are updated to reflect the higher admission number, until it has reached all year groups in the school.
- 1.6 The DfE is reviewing the National Funding Formula for Schools. From April 2018, the Council may not be able to hold DGS contingency to allocate growth funding to schools.

### Legal

- 2.1 Each local authority with responsibility for education has to secure sufficient primary and secondary education to meet the needs of the population of their area, under s.13 Education Act 1996.

- 2.2 Local authorities are able to propose the enlargement of the premises of community, foundation and voluntary schools. A statutory process must be followed as set out in The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 if the proposed enlargement of the premises of the school is permanent and would increase the capacity of the school by:

- more than 30 pupils; and
- 25% or 200 pupils (whichever is the lesser).

The Murray Park School proposal is, therefore, subject to a statutory process. The process involves consultation, publication of a statutory notice and consideration of the responses received.

## **Personnel**

- 3.1 None arising from this report.

## **IT**

- 4.1 None arising from this report.

## **Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 None arising from this report.

## **Health and Safety**

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

## **Environmental Sustainability**

- 7.1 All school capital programme schemes will be carried out in line with the latest Building Regulations on environmental performance.

## **Property and Asset Management**

- 8.1 Proposals are as set out in this report.

## **Risk Management**

- 9.1 In providing additional capacity at Derby Cathedral School and through the expansion of existing schools, risks to the Council associated with its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places are reduced.



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

- 10.1 This report supports the Council priority outcome of 'Enabling individuals and communities, and Raising achievement and skills'.

## Proposed Secondary School Expansion Schemes - Schools Capital Programme

		Funding Allocations			
		2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	Total
<b>Unallocated Basic Need DfE grant funding allocation</b>		£1,883,828	£14,237,399	£12,768,087*	<b>£28,889,314</b>
		<b>Estimated Scheme Costs - Subject to detailed design</b>			
<b>Proposed Scheme School:</b>	<b>Proposed Scheme Description</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
Derby Moor Community Sports College Trust	The proposal is to build additional post-16 accommodation in order to allow the decanting of post-16 pupils from the main building into new accommodation. This will then allow the school to accommodate an additional 170 pupils in Year 7 to Year 11 within the main building. Detailed design work will confirm the number of additional spaces to be provided. This is likely to be between 5 and 7 classrooms, a possible common room, and associated office, toilets and ancillary space.	£100,000	£1,400,000	£0	<b>£1,500,000</b>
Murray Park Community School	It is proposed that this major scheme will include a new teaching block with additional administration, staff space, toilets and ancillary space. Detailed design work will confirm the number of additional spaces to be provided for the school to accommodate an additional 550 pupils. This may be up to 15 classrooms and 2 ICT suites. Works are also likely to include remodelling of existing teaching spaces, demolition works and significant external ground work alterations.	£500,000	£8,000,000	£0	<b>£8,500,000</b>
West Park School	The proposal is to build additional classrooms, toilets, staff and ancillary space. Detailed design work will confirm the total number of classrooms, this is likely to be approximately 5 classrooms. The scheme is also likely to require remodelling of science teaching spaces and external ground works, in order for the school to accommodate an additional 150 pupils.	£100,000	£1,400,000	£0	<b>£1,500,000</b>
<b>Proposed Schemes Subtotal</b>		<b>£700,000</b>	<b>£10,800,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£11,500,000</b>
<b>Remaining Balance of unallocated funding</b>		<b>£1,183,828</b>	<b>£3,437,399</b>	<b>£12,768,087</b>	<b>£17,389,314</b>

\* New allocation as announced by the DfE April 2017