



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
**25 APRIL 2006**

**ITEM 12**

Cabinet Member for Children's and Education Services

## **Targeted Capital New Build – Normanton Primary**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Council Cabinet approved submission of two Targeted Capital Bids to the DfES at its meeting on 17 May 2005. In October 2005 the Council were pleased to hear that both these bids were successful. Council Cabinet were informed of the capital implications of the two bids at its meeting on 21 February 2006.
- 1.2 Consultation with parents, pupils, staff, governors and other stakeholders on proposals has now taken place along with feasibility work. These have both supported the option of building a new school on the site of the former Village School site off Village Street.
- 1.3 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To approve the publication of statutory notices, in May 2006, to close Normanton Village Infant School, Sunnyhill Infant School and Normanton Junior School on 31 August 2008 and to open a new all through 525-place primary school on the site of the former Village Community Secondary School on 1 September 2008.
- 2.2 To approve delegation of authority for approval of closure of Normanton Village Infant School, Sunnyhill Infant School and Normanton Junior School and opening a new primary school after the statutory consultation, subject to no objections, to the Corporate Director for Children and Young People.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Consultation and feasibility work has supported the proposal to build a replacement primary school on the site of the former Village Secondary School
- 3.2 The Targeted Capital funding detailed in Appendix 3 has been awarded on the condition the schools covered by the schemes are open in September 2008.



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Report of the Corporate Director for Children and Young People

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### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 17 May 2005 Council Cabinet approved the submission of two Targeted Capital Funding (TCF) bids to the DfES. In October 2005 the DfES announced the Council had been successful with both these bids on the condition of commencement on statutory notices being published by May 2006 and school opening in September 2008.
- 1.2 The first priority TCF bid was for a replacement building on a new site for Ivy House Special School. The second scheme is for a new primary school to replace Normanton Village Infant School, Sunnyhill Infant School and Normanton Junior School. This is a £6,980,952 scheme to be funded by £5,584,762 in TCF grant and £1,396,190 in Modernisation funding.
- 1.3 In October 2005 the Council were pleased to hear both bids were successful. Since this announcement, officers have been carrying out feasibility work and consultation on these two schemes.
- 1.4 Council Cabinet were updated on the cost implications of the two bid success at its meeting on 21 February 2006.
- 1.5 Parents, pupils, staff and governors from the three schools, as well as other interested parties, have all been consulted on the proposals and invited to return a consultation questionnaire. The consultation period ran from 16 January 2006 to the 6 March 2006. 35 questionnaires were returned. All 35 respondents were in favour of replacing the three existing schools with one all through primary school, and 86% said that the former Village School site was their preferred location for the new school.
- 1.6 The Council also held joint consultation meetings at Normanton Village Infant and Normanton Junior schools. 31 people attended these meetings. 94% of these respondents said that their preferred option was for a new school on the Village site.
- 1.7 Responses to the consultation are summarised in Appendix 2 and can be found in full on the internet at:  
<http://www.derby.gov.uk/EducationLearning/AssetManagementPlanning/Consultation>
- 1.8 Feasibility and design work for the replacement 525-place primary school to be built on the former Village School site is now continuing.

- 1.9 The Behaviour Support Team and the Key Stage 3 Pupil Referral Unit – PRU - are currently based in the Pear Tree building on the former Village School site. This is a temporary arrangement while the new Key Stage 3 PRU is built on the Kingsmead site. The new PRU will open in September 2007. The Pear Tree building is then due to be demolished before the new primary school opens.
- 1.10 The Village Learning Store Adult Education facility is also currently based on the Village site. It is proposed that the Village Learning Store moves into the Normanton Village Infant School building as the new school becomes available. This building is in reasonable condition, and alterations will be made to make it suitable for use by adult learners. This will form an integral part of the community campus in partnership with the school, the Health Authority Clinic and the Sure Start centre. Feasibility work will now be undertaken to facilitate this transition.
- 1.11 Normanton Junior School is in very poor condition and will be demolished once the new school is built. No decision has been made on the future of the Sunnyhill Infant School building.
- 1.12 The proposal is to publish statutory notices to close Normanton Village Infant School, Sunnyhill Infant School and Normanton Junior School and publish a statutory notice to open a new all through 525-place primary school on the site of the former Village Community Secondary School.
- 1.13 It is also proposed to publish statutory notices outlining the Council's intention to close Normanton Village Infant School, Sunnyhill Infant School and Normanton Junior School on 31 August 2008 and open a new primary school on 1 September 2008.
- 1.14 Should there be no objections the authority to approve closure of the three schools and opening a new school will be delegated to the Corporate Director for Children and Young People. In the event of any objections the decision will be referred to the School Organisation Committee. In the event on the School Organisation Committee not being able to reach a decision the matter would be referred to the Office for the School Adjudicator.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Targeted Capital Funding cannot be used for any other purpose other than that outlined in the bid as approved by Council Cabinet on 17 May 2005.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	<a href="http://www.derby.gov.uk/EducationLearning/AssetManagementPlanning/Consultation">www.derby.gov.uk/EducationLearning/AssetManagementPlanning/Consultation</a>
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Consultation Summary Responses

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 The capital implications of the bid's success were reported to cabinet on 21 February 2006. The Normanton Primary Targeted Capital bid will require a commitment of £1,396,190 over the three years of the scheme from Modernisation funding. This is currently phased as £156,816 for 2006/07, £1,133,942 for 2007/08 and £105,432 for 2008/09. The balance will be funded by the Targeted Capital Fund.

**Legal**

- 2.1 The Council will be required to publish Statutory Notices for the closures of three schools and opening of a new one. If there are any objections, there would also be a requirement for a decision by the School Organisation Committee. In the event of the School Organisation Committee not reaching a decision the proposal may require referral to the Office for the School Adjudicator.
- 2.2 Stakeholders will have a period of six weeks to object to Statutory Proposals.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 There could be implications for staff arising from the proposed re-organisation of Sunnyhill Infant, Normanton Village Infant and Normanton Junior schools to form one primary school. These will be carefully considered and trade unions will be fully consulted should the creation of a new school be approved.
- 3.2 The shadowing governing body of the new school will appoint a headteacher to the new school in due course.
- 3.3 The three existing schools will continue to work closely together.

**Equalities impact**

4. A new primary school in Austin / Sunnyhill would offer full accessibility and modern facilities capable of meeting a wide range of educational and physical needs.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

5. Capital investment in schools will contribute to the corporate objective to provide a stimulating and high quality learning environment and the corporate priority of raising educational achievement.

## Summary of Normanton Primary School Consultation Responses

### Written Responses

Position	Number	Percentage
Head Teacher	0	-
Staff	5	14.3%
Chair of Governors	1	2.9%
Other Governor	0	-
Parent	20	57.1%
Pupil	0	-
Resident	0	-
Other	9	25.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100%</b>

Which option do you support for providing the best outcome for the children and parents in the area?		
Option 1 – A new primary school replacing Normanton Village Infant, Sunnyhill Infant and Normanton Junior	35	100%
Option 2 – To retain and refurbish all three schools	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100%</b>

Under Option 1, which site would be your preferred option?		
Site A – Former Village School site	30	85.7%
Site B – Normanton Junior School playing field	4	11.4%
Site C – An alternative site	0	-
No preference stated	1	2.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Consultation Meeting Responses

<b>Which option do you support for providing the best outcome for the children and parents in the area?</b>		
Option 1 – A new primary school replacing Normanton Village Infant, Sunnyhill Infant and Normanton Junior	29	93.5%
Option 2 – To retain and refurbish all three schools	2	6.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Under Option 1, which site would be your preferred option?</b>		
Site A – Former Village School site	29	93.5%
Site B – Normanton Junior School playing field	1	3.2%
Site C – An alternative site	0	-
No preference stated	1	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Total Responses

<b>Which option do you support for providing the best outcome for the children and parents in the area?</b>		
Option 1 – A new primary school replacing Normanton Village Infant, Sunnyhill Infant and Normanton Junior	64	97%
Option 2 – To retain and refurbish all three schools	2	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Under Option 1, which site would be your preferred option?</b>		
Site A – Former Village School site	59	89%
Site B – Normanton Junior School playing field	5	8%
Site C – An alternative site	0	-
No preference stated	2	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100%</b>