



Derby City Council

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
**17 April 2013**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Children and  
Young People

# ITEM 8

## **School Places – DfE Targeted Basic Need Programme**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Department for Education (DfE) recently announced school capital funding allocations to Councils. Included in that announcement was the DfE's Targeted Basic Need programme to fund the need for the provision of new, high quality school places in locations experiencing basic need pressures.
- 1.2 The programme will provide additional support to those Local Authorities (LAs) experiencing the pressure for places for new schools, as well as enabling investment to permanently expand good and outstanding schools with high levels of demand.
- 1.3 The proposal is to consider options to permanently expand those primary schools currently proposed for a temporary increase that meet the DfE bid criteria. Other schools may also be considered.
- 1.4 The timescales to submit this detailed bid is 30 April 2013 which is extremely tight. There are significant conditions that have been to be met and very detailed information that needs to be submitted.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To approve the submission of a bid to permanently expand primary schools, providing they meet the DfE bid criteria.
- 2.2 The delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Children and Young People and the Strategic Director of Resources to approve the final bid, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 By submitting a bid to permanently expand some primary schools, this will provide additional primary school places.



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#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Department for Education (DfE) recently announced school capital funding allocations to Councils. Included in that announcement was the DfE's Targeted Basic Need Programme to fund the need for the provision of new, high quality school places in locations experiencing basic need pressures.
- 4.2 The DfE guidance for this programme sets out a range of very detailed and complex steps for LA's to submit an application for capital funding to meet the need for high quality places in their area. LAs will need to provide evidence of basic need to support proposals for new places.
- 4.3 In terms of timescales, it is anticipated that the first additional places under this programme will be available from September 2014 with the remainder being available from September 2015. The deadline for LAs to submit applications is Tuesday 30 April. This is a very tight deadline as detailed information needs to be developed.
- 4.4 There are detailed conditions to this funding. LAs are required to comply with the conditions for this basic need programme:
- **Basic need / demand for places** - LA is responsible for ensuring that the new provision will meet basic need.
  - **Strategic context** – LA must demonstrate how the annual basic need allocations are proposed to be used and why additional funding is needed.
  - **Provision of suitable site / land** – the site or land will be contributed by the LA for the purpose of the school build.
  - **Expansions** – applications to permanently expand existing good or outstanding schools.
  - **Allocation of funds** – Funding for expansions will not be provisional.
  - **Level of capital funding** – this will be based on the Education Funding Agency's contractor frameworks, formulaically driven based on baseline designs. This will be used as a ceiling of funding.
  - **Procurement / contracting** – The LA will be responsible for the procurement, contracting and the build of projects.
  - **Revenue costs** – LAs are expected to make provision in their growth funds to support increases in pupil numbers in relation to basic need.

- 4.5 In developing the bid, consideration needs to be given to those schools are good and outstanding as required by the bid criteria, that sites can be permanently expanded for all year groups, and that planning permission is possible. There is a risk here as the bid submission deadline of 30 April 2013 does not allow sufficient time for detailed feasibility studies to be undertaken.
- 4.6 The application form also requires the following information:
- Acceptance of conditions of funding
  - Details of the proposed site / land for the new build or expansion
  - Capital strategy – why existing capital funding allocations cannot fund
  - Demand / basic need evidence
  - Quality provision
- 4.7 For any new school proposals, Academies and Free schools can also bid for this funding.
- 4.8 In view of the very tight deadline to submit this detailed targeted capital bid by 30 April 2013, the proposal is for a bid to be developed and submitted by the Strategic Director for Children and Young People and the Strategic Director for Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 In view of the need for additional school places and limited capital funding, a bid should developed and submitted for capital funding to create additional places.

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

<b>Legal officer</b>	Robin Constable, Solicitor, Legal Services
<b>Financial officer</b>	Alison Parkin, Head of Finance
<b>Human Resources officer</b>	N/A
<b>Estates/Property officer</b>	Phil Derbyshire, Head of Maintenance
<b>Service Director(s)</b>	Frank McGhee, Director for Commissioning
<b>Other(s)</b>	Lynda Poole, Director for Learning

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

- 1.1 In view of on the need for additional school places, this is an opportunity to bid for capital funding for school places. There is limited information in the bid in relation to levels of capital funding. However, it is likely to be limited and will be based on the Education Funding Agency's contractor frameworks, and standard baseline design for schools to be used for the Priority Schools Building Programme.

**Legal**

- 2.1 None in relation to this report.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None in relation to this report.

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 None in relation to this report.

**Health and Safety**

- 5.1 None in relation to this report.

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 6.1 None in relation to this report.

**Property and Asset Management**

- 7.1 Should this bid be successful, there will be improvements to school premises in providing additional school places.

**Risk Management**

- 8.1 The timescale to submit this bid are extremely tight. The DfE guidance information for this bid does not provide detailed funding information. There is a potential funding risk subject to level of capital funding allocated by the DfE for successful projects.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

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

