



Derby City Council

COUNCIL CABINET
7 September 2016

ITEM 11

Report of the Cabinet Member for Education
and Skills

Primary School Places – Additional Capacity

SUMMARY

1.1 Derby City Council receives Capital Basic Need (School Places) funding each year from the Department for Education (DFE). This funding is then allocated for school place planning purposes to ensure that the Council meets its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places.

1.2 Primary School Places

The Council closely monitors pupil numbers and trends. In order to accommodate growing primary pupil numbers, a Primary School Expansion Programme was implemented in September 2014 and September 2015. Following the primary school expansion programme, it is anticipated that there will be sufficient capacity across the City as a whole to deal with primary growth over future years. There are, however, specific areas of the City where pressures on places continue to increase. Whilst schools are able to accommodate September in-takes, movement into these areas continues throughout the year.

1.3 The Bemrose School (Primary)

In order to ensure there are sufficient primary school places due to increasing pupil numbers, capital funding is required to provide additional classrooms at The Bemrose School. The proposal is to increase the size of The Bemrose School (primary phase) from 315 places to 420 places from September 2017, and provide an additional 105 places, with a budget cost of £1.3m. Initial discussions have taken place with The Bemrose School and agreement in principle given to this expansion proposal. Pupil projections are regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that any specific issues within particular areas of the City, or within particular cohorts, are identified and considered at an early stage. Primary pupil numbers and projections will continue to be very closely monitored.

1.4 Secondary School Places

In relation to secondary school place planning, following growth in pupil numbers in the primary sector, proposals are being developed to provide additional secondary school capacity, as reported to Cabinet on 16 March 2016. This is to ensure that there are sufficient places available in readiness for the higher primary year groups to progress through to secondary schools. Careful consideration is being given to the provision of future secondary school places and further proposals will be developed

working in close partnership with schools.

1.5 Manor-Kingsway Housing Development – Primary Places

The Council has also secured the first phase of S106 funding for primary school places from the Manor-Kingsway housing development. This first phase of funding is £353,732. The primary school contribution for the rest of the site is due once the developer has built 100 properties on phase 2 of the development. The remaining funding will be calculated based on surplus school places available at the time of assessment and the mixture of houses and apartments for future phases. It is anticipated that the total S106 contribution could be around £1.8m to £2m.

1.6 The Manor-Kingsway development is within the Normal Area (school catchment area) of Brackensdale Infant and Brackensdale Junior Schools. Planning permission has been granted for 700 properties and the proposed expansions at Brackensdale Infant School and Brackensdale Junior School are required in order to meet anticipated demand from the development. The proposal is to now start the detailed design and planning application processes for the additional accommodation required at the two schools in order to provide an additional 105 places. Based on the indicative programme for the housing development, it is anticipated that the additional places at Brackensdale Infant and Brackensdale Junior will be required from September 2018 onwards. Both schools support this expansion proposal.

1.7 This report seeks Council Cabinet approval for the Schools Capital Programme for school expansion projects at The Bemrose School (primary phase), and Brackensdale Infant and Brackensdale Junior Schools. (See Appendix 2 for further information).

RECOMMENDATION

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| <p>2.1 To approve the Schools Capital Programme schemes for school expansion projects at The Bemrose School (primary phase), and Brackensdale Infant and Brackensdale Junior Schools.</p> <p>2.2 To approve scheme commencement and amendment to the approved capital programme with proposed scheme allocations and the addition of the actual funding allocations confirmed by the DfE.</p> |
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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

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| <p>3.1 The Council has a legal duty to ensure sufficient school places for those pupils residing within its administrative boundary. Pupil numbers and projections are closely monitored and proposals developed as necessary to ensure sufficient school places.</p> <p>3.2 In accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, amendments to the Council's capital programme are required to be reported to Cabinet.</p> |
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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Council's School Capital Programme Budget for 2016/17 to 2018/19 was reported to Council Cabinet, on 16 March 2016, based on indicative Department for Education (DfE) allocations for future years funding. The indicative Basic Need funding for 2018/19 has now been confirmed by the DfE.

4.2 Basic Need Programme – Additional School Places

Derby City Council receives Capital Basic Need (School Places) funding each year from the Department for Education (DFE). This funding is then allocated for school place planning purposes to ensure that the Council meets its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places.

4.3 Primary School Places

The initial phases of schemes were approved by Council Cabinet on the 16 March 2016. A further proposed scheme at Bemrose School is now required to provide an additional 105 primary places as detailed in appendix 2. Very careful consideration is being given to the allocation of the remaining funding and priority projects will be developed in due course and reported to Council Cabinet.

- 4.4 The Council closely monitors pupil numbers and trends. In order to accommodate growing primary pupil numbers, a Primary School Expansion Programme was implemented in September 2014 and September 2015. Following the primary school expansion programme, it is anticipated that there will be sufficient capacity across the City as a whole to deal with primary growth over future years. There are, however, specific areas of the City where pressures on places continue to increase. Whilst schools are able to accommodate September in-takes, movement into these areas continues throughout the year. The Council is legally required to ensure that there are sufficient school places.

4.5 The Bemrose School (Primary phase)

In order to accommodate the growth in pupil numbers, the proposal is to increase the size of The Bemrose School (primary phase) from 315 places to 420 places from September 2017, and provide an additional 105 places. Initial discussions have taken place with The Bemrose School and agreement in principle given to the proposal.

- 4.6 In order to plan for the additional pupils, capital funding is required to provide additional classrooms. The proposed expansion project will include a 4 classroom extension of the existing primary building. The building already has the core infrastructure to expand, based on the original design. The extension will also provide

additional toilets, and some remodelling of the external play areas. The estimated budget for this project is £1.3m which will be funded from the Schools Capital Programme. See Appendix 2 for further information.

- 4.7 Pupil projections are regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that any specific issues within particular areas of the City, or within a particular cohort, are identified at an early stage and planned for effectively. Primary pupil numbers and projections will continue to be closely monitored.

4.8 Secondary School Places

In relation to secondary school place planning, following growth in pupil numbers in the primary sector, proposals are currently being developed to provide additional secondary school capacity. This is to ensure that there are sufficient places available in readiness for the higher primary year groups progressing through to secondary schools.

4.9 Manor-Kingsway Housing development – Additional Primary Places: Brackensdale Infant and Brackensdale Junior Schools

The Council has secured the first phase of S106 funding for primary school places from the Manor-Kingsway housing development. This first phase of funding is £353,732. The primary school contribution for the rest of the site is due once the developer has built 100 properties on phase 2 of the development. It is anticipated that the remaining S106 funding will be secured around Summer 2017. The remaining funding will be calculated based on surplus school places available at the time of assessment, and the mixture of houses and apartments on future phases. It is anticipated that the total S106 contribution could be around £1.8m to £2m.

- 4.10 The Manor-Kingsway development is within the Normal Area (school catchment area) of Brackensdale Infant School and Brackensdale Junior School. Planning permission has been granted for 700 properties and the proposed expansions at Brackensdale Infant School and Brackensdale Junior School are required in order to meet anticipated demand from the development.

- 4.11 The proposal is to now start the detailed design and planning application processes for the additional accommodation required, at the two schools, to provide an additional 105 places. This will be for 15 places per year group and will total 60 places at Brackensdale Infant School, and 75 places at Brackensdale Junior School. Based on the indicative programme for the housing development, it is anticipated that the additional places at Brackensdale Infant and Brackensdale Junior will be required from September 2018 onwards.

- 4.12 In order to accommodate the additional pupil numbers at Brackensdale Infant School, following initial feasibility works, it is proposed to provide an additional three classroom block. The proposed scheme will also replace a single temporary classroom which is currently onsite. Two classrooms are required for the increased pupil numbers and the third classroom will replace the temporary classroom building. The scheme will also include centralised toilets within the new three classroom block.

- 4.13 For Brackensdale Junior School, following initial feasibility works, it is proposed to provide a two storey, two classroom, extension. The scheme will be an infill to the current building. There will also be a requirement to undertake some remodelling and refurbishment works to some group rooms and toilets.
- 4.14 As part of the Brackensdale Infant and Brackensdale Junior expansion it is also proposed to carry out improvement works off-site, on the pedestrian footpath linking Lyttelton Street and Kingsway. This path allows children to walk to and from the schools from the new Manor-Kingsway housing development site. The footpath is bordered with significant vegetation and has high level historic lighting which requires upgrading. Feasibility works are being undertaken and the proposal is to increase the number lighting columns that run along the footpath. This will significantly improve lighting in the autumn and winter months and improve the environment for children and parents to walk to and from school. Some of the vegetation cannot be cut back as it provides an essential sound barrier between the A38 and the surrounding area.
- 4.15 At present the expansion project at Brackensdale Infant and Brackensdale Junior schools is at the feasibility stage. The proposal is to commence to full design and planning permission application stages. Once the remaining S106 funding has been secured, it will then be possible to progress the proposed scheme forward through the procurement and construction phases. The initial feasibility options and proposals have been developed in conjunction with the two schools. Both schools support the expansion proposal.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Very careful consideration has been given to options for accommodating pupil growth. The proposals within this report seek to target pupil places to areas of increasing demand.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Emily Feenan, Principal Lawyer, Legal Services
Financial officer	Nicola Goodacre, Group Accountant – Capital
	Alison Parkin, Head of Finance
Human Resources officer	-
Estates/Property officer	Philip Derbyshire, Head of Property Design and Maintenance
Service Director(s)	
Other(s)	-

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Basic Need and S106 Schemes – Additional School Places

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 All School Capital Programme schemes will be procured in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. The proposed expansion project at The Bemrose School (primary phase) with a budget estimate of £1.3m will be funded from the balance of basic need funding. The design development for the expansion of Brackensdale Infant and Brackensdale Junior Schools, will be funded from the initial £353,732 s106 funding secured from the developer.
- 1.2 Consideration will be given to the allocation of revenue funding for schools where pupil places are increasing and where schools meet the criteria for growth funding.

Legal

- 2.1 The proposed schemes require Planning Permissions.
- 2.2 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.

Personnel

- 3.1 None for consideration.

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- 4.1 None for consideration.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None for consideration.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 Health and Safety procedures will be followed in delivering schemes.

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 None for consideration. Proposals do not require the acquisition of any sites as the proposals are to extend existing schools, containing development within the sites.

Risk Management

- 9.1 In providing the additional capacity the Council is reducing any potential risks associated with its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places. Schemes will be development in line with the Council's project and risk management strategies

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

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

Appendix 2

Further Basic Need Funded Schemes 2016/17

		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
Balance of unallocated Basic Need funding		£0	£3,206,983	£14,246,000	£0	£17,452,983
Bemrose Primary School Expansion	Four classroom extension to provide 105 places. The scheme will also include additional toilets and external play area remodelling.	£45,901	£1,277,254	£8,601	£0	£1,331,756
Remaining Unallocated Funding	Careful consideration is currently being given to the projects required to provide further additional places.	£0	£1,883,828	£14,237,399	£0	£16,121,227

Manor-Kingsway Housing Development S106 Funding

Schools	Scheme Details	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
Brackensdale Infant School and Brackensdale Junior School	<p>This is the initial S106 contribution from the development. The proposal is to fund the completion of the full design, specification and planning application and approval processes for this scheme. The scheme will not proceed to procurement and construction until the full S106 contribution, of approximately £1.8m to £2m in total, is received from the developer.</p> <p>The scheme is proposed to include:</p> <p>Brackensdale Infant: New three classroom block, to include removal of one temporary classroom.</p> <p>Brackensdale Junior: Two storey, two classroom, extension at Brackensdale Junior school.</p> <p>Schemes to also include off-site improvement works to lighting on the footpath from the new Kingsway housing estate. This is currently at Feasibility stage.</p>	£19,000	£334,732	£0	£0	£353,732