



Derby City Council

**Children and Young People
Overview and Scrutiny Board
18 March 2014**

ITEM 10

Report of the Strategic Director of Children and
Young People

Children and Young People's Capital Programme 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Department for Education (DfE) has announced basic need capital allocations (school place planning) for 2015-17, as well as smaller levels of capital funding to support the provision of free school meals to infant pupils for 2014/15.
- 1.2 Derby has previously been allocated £5,826,651 for 2014-15 basic need capital funding. This funding has already been prioritised towards school expansion proposals, following Council Cabinet approval on 6 November 2013. It was necessary to commit the 2014-15 allocation at an earlier stage to ensure that major building work could be completed to provide additional classrooms at those schools expanding for September 2014. This was to ensure there were sufficient school places.
- 1.3 In relation DfE capital allocations for schools maintenance for 2014-15, Derby has been allocated £2,927,098, along with an additional £246,010 for Voluntary Aided Schools. This funding will be prioritised to deal with essential school condition and maintenance issues across the schools estate. Appendix 3 outlines the proposed Schools Capital Programme 2014-15, and individual school projects.
- 1.4 The DfE has allocated limited capital funding to Local Authorities to support the provision of free school meals to infant pupils, which comes into effect from September 2014. Derby has been allocated £684,003. It is important to note this is a relatively small sum, and that this funding will be devolved to infant schools where there is a need to provide additional meals.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To consider, comment and make any appropriate recommendations on the Schools Capital Programme priority schemes for 2014-15 as outlined in Appendix 3.
- 2.2 To note the update on the Priority Schools Building Programme (£28.2m), and that Reigate Primary School will be the sample school.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To inform the Children and Young People Board of the content of the Schools Capital Programme priority schemes for 2014-15 and to ensure that scrutiny board members are provided with an opportunity to comment upon this before it is approved at Council

Cabinet.

- 3.2 To ensure that the board is kept updated on the Priority Schools Building Programme.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Capital investment across the schools estate in Derby is essential to address maintenance and condition issues. There remains a significant backlog of condition issues in schools, which is well in excess of £58,000,000. 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.

4.2 Maintenance Capital Programme

The DfE recently announced maintenance allocations for all Local Authorities. Derby has been allocated £2,927,098 maintenance funding for 2014/15, together with an additional £246,010 for Voluntary Aided Schools. School capital projects for 2014/15 have been prioritised for those schools with the highest level of need, to ensure that buildings are safe by addressing urgent health and safety issues and dealing with buildings at risk issues. The priority condition schemes for 2014-15 primarily fall into one of the following five categories:

- Window and roof replacement works
- Electrical upgrades and replacements
- Fire precaution work
- Mechanical projects (heating and boiler replacements) and
- Buildings at Risk issues (glazing and water hygiene works).

- 4.3 The proposed priority condition projects for 2014/15 are shown in Appendix 3 outlining the proposed work, and budget estimates. These budget estimates subject to detailed feasibility, design development and tendering process. These priority schemes have been discussed with representative heads on the Schools Asset Management Group.
- 4.4 There are a range of major projects proposed to address maintenance and condition issues across the schools estate. See Appendix 3 for detailed information. For example, a major window replacement project is proposed at Alvaston Junior Community school with a budget cost of £350,000. A major re-wiring project, including fire alarm systems, and electrical upgrades is proposed at Meadow Farm Primary School with a budget cost of £325,000.
- 4.5 A significant project for fire precaution works, including new alarm systems is proposed at Peartree Junior School, estimated to cost £400,000. The heating system recently failed at Portway Infant School, and temporary heating is in place. The proposal is to undertake a major project to replace the whole heating system in the school with a budget cost of £300,000. A replacement boiler and heating system is also proposed at St Chad's C of E Infant School, with a budget cost of £380,000. A major re-wiring, fire alarm works, and window replacement project is proposed St Clare's Special School. See Appendix 3 for full list of projects and detailed

information.

4.6 **Basic Need Programme – Additional School Places**

Derby City has been allocated £5,826,651 basic need funding for 2014/15. This allocation was announced last year to help Local Authorities plan for additional school places. This funding was prioritised for a range of school expansion projects as approved by Council Cabinet on 6 November 2013. This was to ensure that additional classrooms could be in place for September 2014.

- 4.7 As previously reported to Cabinet, the Council was also successful in bidding for £5.1million of Targeted Capital Funding from the DfE to expand seven schools. The design and development process has been completed, and the construction programme will be commencing shortly. These schools will increase their admission numbers from September 2014, with the exception of Springfield Primary which will increase its admission number from January 2015.

4.8 **Universal Infant Free School Meal Capital Programme**

In relation to school lunch provision, the government announced that from September 2014, every child in reception, year 1 and year 2, in state funded schools, will be offered a free lunch.

- 4.9 The DfE has recently allocated limited capital funding for kitchen improvements. Derby's allocation is £684,003, which is split £634,304 for community and voluntary controlled (VC) schools, and £49,699 for voluntary aided (VA) schools.
- 4.10 The methodology used by the DfE is based on pupil numbers in the January 2013 school census. The funding for community and VC schools will be allocated on a per pupil basis, again based on January 2013 school census figures. Following consultation with schools, the proposal is to allocate this funding to schools on a similar methodology based on infant pupil numbers.
- 4.11 School governing bodies will need to consider how best to use the funding to provide an increased number of school meals. The funding for VA schools will be allocated by the Diocese. In consultation with representative heads, a detailed report on infant school meals has been circulated to schools to help schools plan for this universal free meal entitlement from September 2014.

4.12 **Locally Co-ordinated Voluntary Aided Programme**

The DfE has confirmed the capital funding to be accessed by Voluntary Aided schools in 2014/15. (Voluntary Aided Schools are Church of England and Catholic Schools). As set out in this report, this is £246,010 for maintenance schemes and £49,699 for works required to meet the capital needs of the universal offer of free school meals for Infant aged pupils. The Council has a duty to co-ordinate the allocation of this funding. Once priorities have been agreed with both Diocese, proposed projects will be reported to Cabinet for approval, and schools will claim funding directly from the DfE.

4.13 Schools Devolved Formula Capital

The DfE have confirmed the schools devolved capital funding for individual schools which is to be used on maintenance and condition projects. Derby's allocation is £701,419 for 2014/15. This is a small funding stream based on purely a formulaic allocation of £4,000 per school and a small per pupil element. Individual allocations will shortly be circulated to schools. Schools will need to prioritise funding in line with the Schools Asset Management Plan.

4.14 Priority Schools Building Programme update

The Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP) is a national programme to re-build those schools in worst condition. The Education Funding Agency (EFA) confirmed in September 2013 that Derby would be part of this programme, following the Council's original bid. There are six Derby schools that are part of the current programme; Lees Brook Academy School is already in the process of being re-built. The following schools are to be re-built through the current programme:

- Asterdale Primary
- Carlyle Infant
- Cavendish Close Junior
- Chaddesden Park Primary
- Reigate Primary
- Allestree Woodlands Academy

The management and delivery of the PSBP programme is being dealt with centrally by the EFA on behalf of the DfE.

- 4.15 At this stage, the EFA have estimated a PSBP Programme budget of approximately £28.2m for Derby to rebuild six schools. The EFA remains responsible for the funding and delivery of this programme, working closely with the Local Authority. It has also been confirmed that the schools will be design and build grant funded, and will not be funded through Private Finance Initiative (PFI) funding, as was originally planned.
- 4.16 Following initial engagement meetings with the EFA, attached as Appendix 4 is a draft programme timetable. Reigate Primary School will be the sample school as part of the procurement process of appointing the preferred bidder. Reigate Primary will open for September 2015, followed by a rolling programme with the remaining schools opening in 2016/17. The Council, schools and EFA are working very closely to ensure that all programme milestones are met and that the project continues to progress efficiently and effectively.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 The available capital funding has been prioritised in line with the Schools Asset Management Plan to deal with the most urgent condition and health and safety issues, and to ensure sufficient school places.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The Council's basic need allocation for additional schools places for 2014/15 is £5,826,651. The Council's school maintenance allocation for 2014/15 is £2,927,098. In addition to this, the Voluntary Aided (VA) schools allocation is £246,010. Additional funding of £1,463,000 is also available on the schools capital programme. The universal infant free meals capital allocation is £634,304. In addition to this, the VA allocation is £49,699. The schools devolved formula allocation is £649,163. The VA allocation is £52,256. Appendix 2 outlines the overall funding for the Schools Capital Programme for 2014/15 to be invested across the schools estate. Appendix 3 outlines the proposed school projects.
- 1.2 All School Capital Programmes schemes will be procured in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Legal

- 2.1 Significant elements of Schools Capital Programme will require Planning Permissions. Where there is an impact on School Playing Fields being able to provide team game playing field pitches, the Council will consult with Sport England.
- 2.2 The Equality Act 2010 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 Building Regulations on environmental performance.

Property and Asset Management

- 7.1 The available funding has been prioritised in line with the key priorities set out in the Schools Asset Management Plan. The Schools Asset Management Plan is developed in line with the Council's Property and 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.

Schools Capital Programme 2014/15 Funding

Funding	2014/15
Local Authority Schools Capital Programme	
Existing Allocations	
CYP SCER funding	£500,000
Buildings at Risk Contingency Budget 13/14 funding (as of 31st January 2014)	£359,000
Reallocation of balance of previously approved Primary School Expansion Programme Funding	£604,000
Existing Allocations Subtotal:	£1,463,000
2014/15 Funding Allocations	
DfE School Maintenance Funding (Local Authority)	£2,927,098
DfE Basic Need 2014-15	£5,826,651
Universal infant free school meals capital 2014-15 (Local Authority)	£634,304
2014/15 Allocations Sub-total:	£9,388,053
Local Authority Sub-total	£10,851,053
Voluntary Aided Capital Programme	
DfE School Maintenance Funding (Voluntary Aided)	£246,010
Universal infant free school meals capital 2014-16 (Voluntary Aided)	£49,699
Voluntary Aided Subtotal	£295,708
Schools Devolved Formula Capital	
School Devolved Formula Capital (Local Authority)	£649,163
School Devolved Formula Capital (Voluntary Aided)	£52,256
School Devolved Capital Subtotal	£701,419
Total Capital Funding	£11,848,180

Proposed School Capital Programme Allocation 2014/15

School	Scheme Description	Total Budget	2014/15	2015/16
Previously Approved Schemes (14/15 Funding Element Only)				
Existing Primary School Expansion Schemes	Schemes as approved by Council Cabinet on 6th November 2013, including Derwent Community Primary School, Cherry Tree Hill Primary School, Redwood Primary School and limited scheme at Lawn Primary School.	£3,113,000	£3,113,000	£0
Allenton Community Primary (Revised Scheme Budget)	Revised scheme for additional places from that approved by Council Cabinet on 6th November 2013.	£330,000	£30,000	£300,000
The Bemrose School (Primary)	Previously approved contribution to the £4m capital programme scheme to create primary school provision at The Bemrose School.	£2,067,000	£2,067,000	£0
	Subtotal:	£5,510,000	£5,210,000	£300,000
Universal infant free school meals capital 2014-15	Capital works to be completed by schools to meet requirements for universal free school meals entitlement	£634,304	£634,304	£0
New Schemes - Condition and Maintenance Programme	Scheme description	Total Budget	2014/15	2015/16
Alvaston Junior Community	Replacement windows - Phase 1. Replacement of failing and leaking existing windows to the main classrooms areas with modern windows.	£350,000	£290,000	£60,000
Ashgate Nursery	Boiler replacement works.	£50,000	£50,000	£0
Ash Croft Primary	Re-roofing works - partial replacement of failing flat roof areas to the main school building, including the upgrading of insulation to meet current building regulations.	£90,000	£90,000	£0
Beaufort Community Primary	Phase 2 window replacements and cill repairs. To replace failing windows with new modern windows.	£150,000	£140,000	£10,000
The Bemrose School (Secondary)	Remodelling of main school entrance and associated internal adaptations to main school building following the creation of the new Primary school. Works to include drainage improvements. The works will total £236,000 and be made up of a £61,000 school contribution and a School Capital Programme contribution of £175,000.	£175,000	£175,000	£0
Brackensdale Infants	Phase 2 roofing replacement. Replacement of failing asphalt roof with new insulated roof coverings	£100,000	£100,000	£0
Breadsall Hill Top Infant and Nursery	Re-roofing works, including fascias and clearstorey windows. Replacement of failing flat roof areas and replacement of failing timber	£150,000	£150,000	£0

School	Scheme Description	Total Budget	2014/15	2015/16
	facias boards. Includes upgrading insulation to current building regulations. Phasing to be considered in view of expansion scheme at the school.			
Cavendish Close Junior	Essential water Hygiene Works to remove existing cold water tanks and replace a hot water boiler prior to school replacement under the Priority Schools Building Programme. To provide mains fed hot water and improve hot water circulation.	£30,000	£30,000	£0
Cherry Tree Hill Primary	Structural works to address hall floor condition issues. To replace existing rotten hall floor and failing concrete sub-base.	£75,000	£75,000	£0
Dale Primary	There are significant accommodation issues with increased pupils. It is necessary to remodel some teaching and group spaces for effective teaching and learning.	£50,000	£50,000	£0
Markeaton Primary	Priority condition works to include repairs and replacement to timber frames windows (Bromley House Block)	£60,000	£60,000	£0
Meadow Farm Community Primary	Re-wiring project to include Fire Alarms, Intruder Alarm, Lighting and Electrical Upgrade.	£325,000	£325,000	£0
Mickleover Primary	Replacement of boilers covering heating and hot water system. Boilers are becoming obsolete and sourcing replacement parts is becoming increasing difficult.	£85,000	£85,000	£0
Pear Tree Infant	Roofing works - replace failing flat roof areas including the upgrading of insulation to meet current building regulations.	£150,000	£150,000	£0
Pear tree Community Junior	Fire precaution works including fire alarms and fire doors. To provide inter-linked fire alarms across all blocks on site.	£400,000	£370,000	£30,000
Portway Infant	New heating system. Existing heating system has failed due to corroded cast heating distribution in under floor ducting. Scheme required as school current heated via temporary heating.	£300,000	£250,000	£50,000
Portway Junior	Water Hygiene Works to remove existing cold water tanks and replace a hot water boiler. To provide mains fed hot water and improve hot water circulation.	£30,000	£30,000	£0
Rosehill Infant and Nursery	Phase 1 window replacements and repairs. To replace existing rotten timber sash windows.	£100,000	£100,000	£0
Springfield Primary	Replacement of 2 boilers covering heating and hot water. Boilers are becoming obsolete and sourcing replacement parts is becoming increasing difficult. Phasing to be considered in view of possible school expansion scheme.	£115,000	£15,000	£100,000

School	Scheme Description	Total Budget	2014/15	2015/16
St Chad's Church of England (Controlled) Nursery and Infant	Replacement boiler and heating system. Existing system is cast iron heating system running through ducts. Failures will cause potential school closures	£380,000	£280,000	£100,000
St Clare's Special School	Re-wiring project to include Fire Alarms, Intruder Alarm, Lighting and Electrical Upgrade as a result of period inspection and the current fire alarm not being compliant with new regulations.	£300,000	£150,000	£150,000
St Clare's Special School	Phase 1 window replacements and repairs. Replacing existing failing timber windows with modern windows and bringing insulation up to current building regulation standards	£100,000	£70,000	£30,000
Walbrook Nursery	Re-roofing works to replace failing flat roof areas including the upgrading of insulation to meet current building regulations.	£35,000	£35,000	£0
Wren Park Primary	Phase 2 Reroofing. Continuation of works to replace failing flat roof areas of the school and fascia replacement. Work will also upgrade insulation and roof lights.	£140,000	£140,000	£0
Various Schools	Buildings at Risk Contingency: Urgent health and safety condition works causing potential school closures. Schemes to be prioritised and reported to Cabinet.	£291,749	£48,749	£243,000
Various Schools	Feasibility budgets and design works for further capital programme scheme and emerging urgent condition works.	£30,000	£30,000	£0
Various Schools	Continuation of glazing surveys and remedial works prioritised on high risk areas and higher risk schools, including filming to glass where existing glass does not meet existing regulations	£50,000	£50,000	£0
Various Schools	Urgent Health and Safety items relating to heating, ventilation and gas safety works.	£140,000	£140,000	£0
Various Schools	Adaptation and improvements to allow children and young people with specialist needs to access mainstream schools	£50,000	£50,000	£0
Various Schools	Sufficiency and Suitability priority works for teaching and learning areas to address shortfalls in accommodation.	£230,000	£90,000	£140,000
Various Schools	Fire Risk Assessment Works, including preparation works for next phase of fire risk assessments works to include urgent issues and potential risks to fire escape routes	£175,000	£175,000	£0
	Subtotal:	£4,706,749	£3,793,749	£913,000
	Total	£10,851,053	£9,638,053	£1,213,000

Appendix 4

Procurement Stage	Duration	Start	Finish
Preliminary Invitation To Tender (PITT) issued to Panel Members and draft ITT	1 day	13 January 2014	13 January 2014
PITT Stage - bid preparation and submission	1 week	14 January 2014	21 January 2014
Evaluation of PITT & 2 panel members selected	1 week	22 January 2014	24 January 2014
Invitation to Tender (ITT) Stage - bid preparation and submission	6 - 8 weeks	27 January 2014	17 March 2014
Evaluation of ITT bids	2 weeks	18 March 2014	30 March 2014
Selection of Panel Member	1 day	1 April 2014	
SPM Appointment Letter	1 day	2 April 2014	
Final Business Case and Contract Award (inc. planning application process)	16 weeks	July 2014	
Instructions to Proceed to Construction	1 day	July 2014	
Reigate Primary School ready to open to students	1 day	August 2015	
All future schools buildings and works complete			2016/17 (indicative)

Draft Priority Schools Building Programme timetable