



Replacement of Sinfin Community School

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following a major fire, on 22 March 2006, emergency remedial works and the installation of temporary accommodation have been undertaken to enable the school to re-open.
- 1.2 The school was to be incorporated into the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme for re-building to provide 21st century facilities. BSF in Derby is likely to begin in 2009/10. Discussions with the DfES regarding provision of funding earlier than this has resulted in them giving an approval to £19m (less the insurance settlement) for rebuilding the facility under the BSF pathfinder scheme.
- 1.3 Consultation with all stakeholders including staff, governors, pupils and planners on proposals for the new facility is currently taking place along with feasibility work.
- 1.4 The project is currently being advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) in accordance with procurement rules.
- 1.5 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the waiver of contract procedure rule C15 under C6 relating to appointment of design consultants to progress the scheme in order to meet delivery deadlines.
- 2.2 To approve the phasing of the project as detailed in appendix 1 and add the scheme to the Council's Capital Programme.
- 2.3 To approve the design and tendering process and start of the project.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The school is currently operating from buildings that remain following the fire and temporary accommodation, which is less than ideal. The latter is currently being funded through an insurance settlement for a fixed period.
- 3.2 The availability of BSF funding at this time enables the opportunity to provide a much improved 21st century facility rather than purely reinstating what was lost.

3.3 The funding detailed in Appendix 1 has been awarded on the condition the new school is open in September 2008.



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Following a major fire at the school, on 22 March 2006, emergency work including demolition of unsafe buildings, making good of existing buildings and provision of temporary replacement accommodation has been undertaken to enable the school to re-open. The majority of the cost of this will be recovered through the insurance claim, however, due to the nature of the construction of the existing buildings this is subject to a 20% excess.
- 1.2 Discussions have been held with the DfES concerning the possibility of releasing funding to re-build the facility ahead of the proposed timescale for the BSF programme, which is likely to begin in Derby in 2009/10. The DfES has subsequently given an indicative approval to £19million, less the insurance settlement, for replacement of the school under the BSF pathfinder scheme.
- 1.3 Ongoing negotiations are taking place with the insurance company regarding the settlement figure for re-instatement. This will make up the balance of the £19million for the replacement of the school.
- 1.4 Due to the tight programme and limited availability of in-house resources, EC Harris have been appointed to undertake the initial consultation and preparation of the Stage 1 tender information.
- 1.5 Consultation with all stakeholders including staff, governors, pupils and planners on proposals for the new facility is currently taking place along with feasibility work.
- 1.6 The proposal is to re-build the new facility on the existing site. This is subject to ongoing discussions with planners and other interested parties.
- 1.7 The project is currently being advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) in accordance with procurement rules. A detailed analysis of responses and tender process to short list potential tenderers will be undertaken prior to the appointment of the successful contractor.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 This funding cannot be used for any other purpose other than that outlined in the conditions issued by the DfES.

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| Background papers: | None |
| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 – Implications |

IMPLICATIONS**Financial**

- 1.1 The project is to be funded partly from the insurance settlement, which has yet to be finalised, but predominantly through the DfES BSF path-finder scheme. The estimated total cost of £19,039,226 is currently phased as £372,606 for 2006/07, £13,989,680 for 2007/08, £4,403,014 for 2008/09 and £273,926 in 2009/2010 (this relates to settlement of the final account, retention payments and fees).

Legal

- 2.1 The facility will be designed in accordance with the latest regulations and is subject to planning approval.

Personnel

- 3.1 None.

Equalities impact

4. The new school will 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.