



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
16 MAY 2006

ITEM 6

Cabinet Member for Children's and Education Services

Targeted Capital – Ivy House Special School

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. This supported the option of building a new school on the existing Derby Moor Community Sports College site.
- 1.3 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the publication of a statutory notice to transfer Ivy House Special School to the existing Derby Moor Community Sports College site on 1 September 2008.
- 2.2 To approve delegation of authority for approval of the re-location of Ivy House Special 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 Ivy House Special School on the site of Derby Moor Community Sports College.
- 3.2 The Targeted Capital funding detailed in Appendix 1 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

Targeted Capital New Build – Ivy House Special School

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 statutory notices being published by the end of 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. The Ivy House Special School project is a £7,327,906 scheme to be funded by £5,862,325 in TCF grant and £1,465,581 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 was updated on the cost implications of the two bid successes at its meeting on 21 February 2006.
- 1.5 Parents, pupils, staff and governors from Ivy House Special School and Derby Moor Community Sports College, as well as other interested parties, have all been consulted on the proposals. The head teachers and governing bodies of both schools supported the proposals. Other stakeholders were then invited to return a consultation questionnaire. The consultation period ran from 20 March 2006 to the 28 April 2006. 72 questionnaires were returned. Approximately 43% (31 respondents) were in favour of replacing the school on Derby Moor Community Sports College site. The option to build a new school building on the site of Derby Moor Community Sports College received significantly more support than any other option.
- 1.6 50% of the consultation respondents who were parents at Ivy House indicated a preference for relocation to the site of Derby Moor. Of the minority of consultation respondents stating a preference for a new Ivy House school building located on a different site different to Derby Moor Community Sport College, 44% are residents adjacent to Derby Moor.

- 1.7 The Council also held a joint consultation meeting at Derby Moor Community Sports College.
- 1.8 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>
- 1.9 Feasibility and design work for the replacement 75-place special school to be built on the Derby Moor Community Sports College site is now under way.
- 1.10 Ivy House Special School is in very poor condition and will be demolished once the new school is built.
- 1.11 The proposal is to publish a statutory notice to transfer the school to the Derby Moor Community Sports College site.
- 1.12 Should there be no objections the authority to approve the transfer of the school to a new site 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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Background papers:	www.derby.gov.uk/EducationLearning/AssetManagementPlanning/Consultation
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Consultation Summary Responses

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The capital implications of the bid's success were reported to cabinet on 21 February 2006. The Ivy House Special School Targeted Capital bid will require a commitment of £1,465,581 over the three years of the scheme from Modernisation funding. This is currently phased as £167,316 for 2006/07, £1,224,836 for 2007/08 and £73,429 for 2008/09. The balance will be funded by the Targeted Capital Fund.
- 1.2 Ivy House Special School will continue to be funded through the special school formula. Most of the funding relates to the number and type of places at the school, but there will be some changes to other parts of the formula arising from the relocation. The main factors which will be affected are those which relate to floor area and building condition.

Legal

- 2.1 The Council is required to publish a Statutory Notice for the transfer of the school to a new site. 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 There will be a period of two months for anyone to object to Statutory Proposals.

Personnel

- 3.1 It is expected that the staffing establishment of Ivy House School at the point of transfer will move to the new school site.

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.

Appendix 2

Summary of Consultation Responses

Position	Number	Percentage
Pupil – Ivy House	1	1.4%
Pupil – Derby Moor	4	5.6%
Parent – Ivy House	4	5.6%
Parent – Derby Moor	20	27.8%
Staff – Ivy House	1	1.4%
Staff – Derby Moor	3	4.2%
Governor – Ivy House	2	2.8%
Governor – Derby Moor	0	-
Head Teacher – Ivy House	1	1.4%
Head Teacher – Derby Moor	0	-
Resident – Ivy House	0	-
Resident – Derby Moor	27	37.5%
Other	9	12.5%
Total	72	100%

Which option do you support for providing the best outcome for the pupils and parents at both Ivy House and Derby Moor?		
Option 1 – retain, refurbish and upgrade the existing Ivy House building	5	6.9%
Option 2 – construction of a new school on the existing Ivy House site	9	12.5%
Option 3 – construction of a new building on the Derby Moor Community Sports College site	31	43.1%
Option 4 – construction of a new building on another site	16	22.2%
No preference stated	11	15.3%
Total	72	100%