



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 2 21 SEPTEMBER 2005

Report of the Director of Corporate Services on behalf of the Project Board

Derby Grouped Schools Private Finance Initiative (PFI): Construction works at Sinfin Primary School, Merrill College and Lakeside Community Primary

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Derby's Grouped Schools PFI Project has successfully reached Commercial and Financial Close. Commercial Close was completed on Tuesday 30 November 2004 with Financial Close following on Thursday 23 December 2004.
- 1.2 Work started at Sinfin Primary on Monday 10 January 2005 and will be the first of the five schools in the Project to be completed. Construction is on target and is due for completion on Monday 17 October. The interior work is being finished, and the School will then be ready to decant into their new building.
- 1.3 The School will be closed for a maximum of five days to allow the move to take place, probably around October half-term. The new School will be open to pupils in early November 2005.
- 1.4 Authorisation has now been received for Norwest Holst to demolish the Youth Club building at the same time as the old Sinfin School building. Demolition work will commence on 24 October 2005. Landscaping work will follow, and this is due to be completed by February 2006.
- 1.5 Work started at Merrill College on Monday 14 February 2005 with the new College to be ready by September 2006. The construction work is currently on target with all of the structural steelwork finished. The blockwork and brickwork is currently being done which will be followed by the first fix trades, i.e. joiners, plumbers etc. The all weather pitch has also been completed.
- 1.6 Lakeside Community Primary is the last school to be started on Monday 22 August 2005, and is to be completed by September 2006. The new school will be located on a new site in Alvaston Park.
- 1.7 Preliminary works commenced at the beginning of August, and week commencing 29 August foundations work will start.
- 1.8 A public meeting took place at Lakeside Community Primary on 20 July 2005 to inform parents and the local community of the start of the construction programme so that they are aware of what is happening. Norwest Holst representatives attended this meeting.

- 1.9 Bulletins will be posted both inside the schools and around the hoardings as regular site meetings will take place. Local residents will be notified of significant works at the schools before they are due to take place.
- 1.10 A verbal update on progress at all three sites will be given at the meeting.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 This report is to note the progress of the construction of Sinfin Primary, Merrill College and Lakeside Community Primary and updates will be given as and when requested or necessary.

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