



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
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Report of the Director of Education

Education Service Capital Projects – Phase One 2004/05

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve the commencement of the design and tendering process for the 2004/05 capital projects outlined in Appendix 2, which are subject to Council's approval of the capital programme.
- 1.2 To approve revised figures for previously approved schemes detailed in Appendix 2.
- 1.3 To approve a £375,389 contribution from the Education Service Capital programme for the Space for Sports and Arts Projects. See Appendix 3.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The proposed school capital schemes outlined in Appendix 2 are to address urgent condition and health and safety issues. Projects have been prioritised in accordance with the Asset Management Plan Local Policy Statement and Statement of Priorities.
- 2.2 Appendix 2 outlines previously approved schemes, where following detailed design work, there is a need to revise funding in order to complete projects.
- 2.3 Appendix 3 outlines the Space for Sports and Arts projects, where following detailed design work there has been a particular need to revise funding in response to Sport England technical requirements. The majority of the funding is from Sport England, through lottery funding.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The DfES has recently informed LEAs of capital funding allocations for 2004/05. Derby City has been allocated £5,820,617 NDS (New Deals for Schools) Modernisation Funding for school capital projects. Appendices 2 and 3 outline projects allocating funding totalling £4,022,892. Further projects will be prioritised from the balance of funding and reported to Cabinet on 27 April 2004.
- 3.2 The proposal is to start design and tendering process for the projects outlined in Appendix 2. Schemes will not commence until the Council has approved the 2004/05 capital programme.

- 3.3 Following the successful DfES appraisal of the Education Service Asset Management function, school projects can be prioritised locally without seeking DfES approval. NDS Modernisation funding is to address urgent Asset Management Plan (AMP) condition and suitability issues in schools.
- 3.4 The proposed projects shown in Appendix 2 have been prioritised in accordance with the AMP Local Policy Statement and Statement of Priorities, agreed by Council Cabinet on 3 February 2004.
- 3.5 The projects have been prioritised using AMP condition survey information, together with discussions with the AMP Schools Improvement Group. Similar to previous years, the group agreed that schools should be asked to contribute one year of NDS Devolved Capital funding towards projects. This maximises capital investment in schools by joining up funding streams.
- 3.6 Schools outlined in Appendix 2 have agreed in principle to contribute their devolved funding towards projects. This has resulted in additional funds of £514,410, allowing further projects to be undertaken from limited capital funds.
- 3.7 Appendix 2 outlines priority condition projects for boiler replacement projects, roofing work and electrical re-wire schemes. A major project is proposed for St Giles Special School. There are significant suitability issues with the complex needs of Special Needs Pupils and problems with existing accommodation. The proposal is to build a double classroom extension linked to the main school, with a medical room and toilets. The estimated cost is £347,000.
- 3.8 It is necessary to revise figures for the proposed new Technology Block at Littleover Community School. Cabinet approved this project on 14 January 2003 with an estimated cost of £645,000. Following extensive design work, additional work needs to be completed involving the diversion of sewers, installation of a storm water stabilisation system, diversion of an Information Technology cable, asbestos removal and upgrading electricity supply with a new transformer. There is a requirement to pay bond of £37,000 to Severn Trent Water Ltd for the sewer diversion. This will be refunded on completion. The revised estimated cost of the project is £808,913. It is proposed that the shortfall of £163,913 be funded from NDS Modernisation funding. See appendix 2 for further details.
- 3.9 It is necessary to revise budget figures for the external cladding scheme at West Park Community School. Council Cabinet approved this project on 14 January 2003, with an estimated cost of £300,000. Following detailed design work and the discovery of asbestos, the project is estimated to cost £400,000. It is proposed that the shortfall of £100,000 be funded from NDS Modernisation funding.
- 3.10 There is a funding issue with the Targeted Capital Surplus Place removal scheme linked to the closure of Village School, and related changes at Bemrose and Sinfin Community Schools. This was a major capital project for significant condition and modernisation works at both schools, with a budget of £3 million. Final accounts are now being completed. There is £70,000 overspend with the Bemrose project relating to a five-week extension as a result of difficulties with major heating works. In addition to this, there was the need to vary the specification with on-site issues, which included additional roofing work. The proposal is to fund this shortfall from NDS modernisation funding as outlined in Appendix 2.

- 3.11 There have been significant difficulties with the Space for Sports and Arts Projects outlined in Appendix 3. Sport England allocated £1.25 million lottery funding for these projects back 2001. It has been difficult to proceed with projects as Space for Sports and Arts need to approve projects. Each time schemes were submitted for approval, they were returned with additional Sport England requirements. Schemes have been revised and re-submitted on at least six occasions. This has led to an increased specification and significant design costs.
- 3.12 Council Cabinet approved revised figures for these projects on 1 April 2003. The estimated costs were then £1,513,000, and Cabinet gave approval for a £57,480 shortfall to be funded from the Education Service Capital Programme.
- 3.13 Space for Sports and Arts/Sport England has finally given approval to proceed with the five projects. Following the lengthy design and approval process, there is a significant funding shortfall. The total estimated cost of the programme is £1,902,000, including the latest Sport England design requirements. There is now a funding shortfall of £375,389. In order to proceed with these projects, the proposal is to fund this shortfall from NDS Modernisation Funding. See Appendix 2 for full funding details.
- 3.14 There was a project for refurbishing the hall at Meadow Farm Primary School included in the Space for Sports and Arts projects. However, as project details were submitted to Sport England, they indicated that the Meadow Farm project would not be approved as this related to a condition issue and advised that the project should be withdrawn. The project has therefore been withdrawn and £38,420 funding phased into the remaining five projects. This is subject to Space for Sports and Arts approval.
- 3.15 There is a national overspend on Voluntary Aided funding for 2003/04. As a result of this, the DfES has changed important dates without consultation with the Local Education Authorities, or the Dioceses. This change required Dioceses to submit 2003/04 schemes for DfES approval by 19 December 2003.
- 3.16 Derby City's VA schemes for 2003/04, as approved by Cabinet on 1 April 2003, were for additional classrooms at Bishop Lonsdale CE Primary, and Walter Evans CE Primary. The Diocese has been given approval to proceed with the Walter Evans scheme. However, it was not possible for the Diocese to submit the Bishop Lonsdale scheme for the December deadline. There are a number of approval stages prior to DfES submission. This scheme will now have to be considered alongside other 04 /05 Voluntary Aided projects.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 NDS Capital projects must be prioritised in accordance with the Statement of Priorities approved by Council Cabinet on 3 February 2004.
- 4.2 All proposed NDS projects have been considered by the AMP Schools Improvement Group and prioritised for recommendation to Cabinet in line with the AMP framework with input from Property Services.

4.3 The Space for Sports and Arts Funding is specific lottery funding for Sports and arts projects.

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The DfES has allocated £5,820,617 to Derby City through New Deal for Schools (NDS) Condition and Modernisation Funding. This excludes Voluntary Aided funding. Phase one will allocate £4,022,892 leaving a balance of £1,687,725 for further projects.
- 1.2 The Space for Sports and Arts programme of schemes are estimated to cost £1,912,000, based on latest design. A further allocation of £375,389 is proposed from NDS Condition/Modernisation funding.

Legal

- 2.1 NDS Condition and Modernisation funding can only be used for capital projects outlined in the Asset Management Plan. The funding needs to be used to undertake projects for priority areas of work indicated in the Asset Management Plan Local Policy Statement and Statement of Priorities.
- 2.2 There are no further legal implications directly arising from these projects. The priority projects are, however, important for Health and Safety reasons and to conform to Building and Workplace Regulations 1992.

Personnel

3. None

Corporate Themes and Priorities

4. Capital investment in schools is recognised to improve both staff and pupil morale, and therefore contributes to the corporate themes of **Success Through Learning** and **Improving Children's and Young People's Prospects**.

APPENDIX 2

2004/2005 NDS Modernisation Funding - New Schemes

School Name	Theme	Description	Cost of scheme	Possible Devolved Contribution	Cost to Capital Programme	Ward	Quarter
Heating / Mechanical Schemes							
Weatherfoil Heater Replacement	Heating/Asbestos	Continuation of Weatherfoil heater replacement. (Asbestos)	£100,000	£0	£100,000	Various	1Q 2004/5
Primary							
Alvaston Junior	Heating	Replacement of corroded under floor pipes to prevent heating failure.	£200,000	£29,825	£170,175	Alvaston	2Q 2004/5
Cavendish Close Infants	Heating	Full replacement of heating mains pipework. This is the second phase of work. Project will include the replacement of hot water calorifiers and rationalisation of associated pipework. These units have currently failed.	£163,000	*£0	£163,000	Chaddesden	2Q 2004/5
Chaddesden Park Juniors	Rewire	Electrical Re-wire. AMP priority.	£191,000	£21,218	£169,782	Chaddesden	2Q 2004/5
Markeaton Primary	Heating	Replacement of cast iron heating / pipework system to prevent heating failure.	£130,000	£25,585	£104,415	Darley	2Q 2004/5
Oakwood Infant	Boilers	Replacement of boiler and heating distribution system to prevent heating failure.	£110,000	£22,829	£87,171	Boulton	2Q 2004/5
Silverhill Primary	Rewire	Electrical Re-wire. AMP priority.	£217,000	£27,027	£189,973	Mickleover	2Q 2004/5
Secondary							
Bemrose Community	Rewire	Urgent partial electrical re-wiring work.	£211,500	**£0	£211,500	Abbey	2Q 2004/5
Chellaston Secondary	Boilers	Replacement of two obsolete coal fired boilers. Heating system has failed in a number occasions.	£305,000	£96,245	£208,755	Chellaston	2Q 2004/5
Sinfin Community	Rewire	Urgent partial electrical re-wiring work	£250,000	£72,522	£177,478	Sinfin	2Q 2004/5

School Name	Theme	Description	Cost of scheme	Possible Devolved Contribution	Cost to Capital Programme	Ward	Quarter
Condition Projects							
Clasp Survey and Hills Surveys	Structural	To undertake work resulting from intrusive surveys, to prevent structural hazards such as falling concrete cladding panels and unsafe flat roofs.	£200,000	£0	£200,000	Various	1Q 2004/5
Glazing Surveys		Works required to upgrade existing glazing in critical locations as required under the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations: 1992. AMP priority in line with DfES requirements.	£273,000	£0	£273,000	Various	1Q 2004/5
Primary							
Alvaston Infant	Structural	The existing felt roof is exhausted and allowing water ingress damaging finishing and the structural frame. Proposed project will re-felt flat roofing, flashing and upstands and replace roof lights.	£165,000	£23,507	£141,493	Alvaston	2Q 2004/5
Ashgate Primary	Structural	Urgent retaining wall, masonry and window works.	£60,950	£27,747	£33,203	Mackworth	1Q 2004/5
Borrow Wood Infant	Roof	Re-roofing, including part replacement of roof deck. Replacing corroding steel handles which hold in place concrete cladding panels. D1/2 AMP priority.	£148,550	£18,292	£130,258	Spondon	2Q 2004/5
Borrow Wood Juniors	Structural	Re-roofing project following urgent issues identified in CLASP condition survey.	£109,000	£22,278	£86,722	Spondon	1Q 2004/5
Cavendish Close Infants	Cladding	Significant Health and Safety issues with corroded cladding and loose panels. Undertake holding work to secure and replace corroded panels. D1 priority	£200,000	£25,288	£174,712	Chaddesden	1Q 2004/5
Pear Tree Community Junior	Roof	High-level slate roof replacement. Existing roof is presenting a health and safety danger from slipping slates. Scheme will prevent further water ingress, resulting in dry rot in roofing timbers. AMP priority.	£250,000	£23,211	£226,789	Arboretum	2Q 2004/5
Reigate Primary - Junior B Block	Roof	Partial roofing to main hall. (Additional works linking to roofing scheme previously approved.)	£42,000	***£0	£42,000	Mackworth	2Q 2004/5
Secondary							
Bemrose Community	Structural	Repairs to external structural cracks. AMP priority	£115,000	£58,466	£56,534	Abbey	2Q 2004/5

School Name	Theme	Description	Cost of scheme	Possible Devolved Contribution	Cost to Capital Programme	Ward	Quarter
Other							
PRU (Newtons Walk)	Structural	Building at risk. Replacement of life expired toilet block.	£40,000	****£0	£40,000	Darley	Q 2004/5
Suitability / Modernisation Projects							
St Giles Special School	There are significant suitability issues at St Giles School with the complex needs of SEN pupils. This project is to target a wide range of issues and ensure accommodation is suitable for pupils with severe learning difficulties. The project is for a double classroom extension linked to main school building, including medical room and toilets.		£347,000	£20,370	£326,630	Derwent	Q 2004/5
TOTAL			£3,828,000	£514,410	£3,313,590		

*Cavendish Close Infants previously contributed to the heating replacement scheme in phase 1. The school will be asked to contribute 04/05 devolved funding to the condition project.

**Bemrose will be asked to contribute 04/05 devolved funding to the condition project.

*** Reigate Primary School has contributed devolved funding to this roofing project. This is additional work linked to this project.

**** The PRU has already contributed 04/05 Devolved Capital to urgent condition works at the Pear Tree Building on the Village Site.

Variations to previously approved projects				
School	Description	Additional 04/05 NDS Modernisation	Ward	Quarter
Littleover Community School	Construction of technology block previously approved, with a budget of £645,000 inc. school's contribution £215,000. Following detailed design work and the need for additional drainage and electricity supply work; the scheme is estimated to cost £808,913. The proposal is to fund the shortfall of £163,913 from 04/05 NDS Modernisation funding.	£163,913	Littleover	3Q 2005
West Park Community School	Replacement Cladding project previously approved with a budget of £300,000 inc. school's contribution of £87,926. Following detailed design work and asbestos issues, the project is estimate to cost £400,000. The proposal is to fund the £100,000 shortfall from 04/05 NDS Modernisation funding.	£100,000	Spondon	1Q 2004/5
		£263,913		

Variations to Targeted Capital Funded Project				
School	Details	Additional 04/05 NDS Modernisation Funding	Ward	Quarter
Bemrose Community	This was a major capital project for significant condition and modernisation works at Bemrose and Sinfin Schools, with a budget of £3 million. Accounts are now being finalised. There is £70,000 overspend with the Bemrose project relating to a five-week extension as a result of difficulties with major heating works and the need for additional roofing works identified on site.	£70,000	Abbey	4Q 2003/4

APPENDIX 3

Space for Sports and Arts Projects

Space for Sports and Arts Funded Schemes								
School	Project Description	Space for Sports & Arts Funding	Other Funding	Total Funding	Estimated cost	Shortfall	Ward	Quarter
Beaufort Community Primary	Floodlit multi-use games area and changing rooms. Improvements for both curriculum delivery and extended community use.	£304,650		£304,650	£361,000	-£56,350	Derwent	1Q 2004/5
Boulton Primary	Floodlit multi-use games area and changing rooms. Improvements for both curriculum delivery and extended community use.	£274,230	£24,620	£298,850	£328,000	-£29,150	Boulton	1Q 2004/5
Dale Community Primary	Floodlit multi-use games area and changing rooms. Improvements for both curriculum delivery and extended community use.	£247,750		£247,750	£295,000	-£47,250	Normanton	1Q 2004/5
Derwent Community Primary	Creative Arts Facility for curriculum and community arts development.	£175,970	£160,000	£335,970	£427,000	-£91,030	Derwent	1Q 2004/5
Pear Tree Community Junior	Drama and Dance studio with changing rooms, meeting room and office. Improved facilities for both school and community.	£247,400	£34,511	£281,991	£491,000	-£209,089	Arboretum	1Q 2004/5
TOTAL		£1,250,000	£219,131	£1,469,131	£1,902,000	-£432,869		
						Additional 2003/2004 NDS Condition/ Modernisation Contribution Approved by Council Cabinet 1 April 2003	£57,480	
						Remaining Shortfall to be funded from 2004/20005 NDS Modernisation	£375,389	