



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
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Report of the Director of Education

## **Education Service Capital Projects – Phase Six 2003/04**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 To approve the commencement of the design and tendering process for the projects outlined in Appendix 2.
- 1.2 To approve the schools access initiative projects outlined in Appendix 3.
- 1.3 To approve the seed challenge funding projects outlined in Appendix 4.
- 1.4 To approve revised figures for New Opportunities Funding (NOF 3) for PE and Sports projects outlined in Appendix 5.
- 1.5 To approve consultation on the New Opportunities Funded Outdoor Adventure project proposed in Darley Abbey outlined in Appendix 5.
- 1.6 To approve revised figures for previously approved schemes for Cavendish Close Infant School and Meadow Farm Primary as detailed under financial implications, paragraphs 1.5 and 1.6.
- 1.7 To approve the commencement of capital scheme over £100,000 as detailed in section 3.5.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The proposed school capital schemes shown 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, as required for the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) funding streams.
- 2.2 The capital scheme at Littleover Community School relates to the school's designation as a Specialist Science College from September 2003 as approved by the DfES. Financial procedure rules require Council cabinet approval to commence spend on individual capital schemes, which in total exceed £100,000.
- 2.3 The proposed schemes shown in Appendix 3 relate to use of Schools Access Initiative funding to assist the integration of children, parents, community users and staff with impaired mobility into mainstream schools. The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA), as amended by the Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Disability Act 2001, places a duty on all schools and Local Education Authorities (LEAs) to plan to increase over time the accessibility of schools for disabled pupils.

- 2.3 The purpose of the Seed Challenge Capital Grant is to provide access to capital funds for asset management issues, which may not otherwise be able to be accomplished. The proposed projects are shown Appendix 4.
- 2.4 The New Opportunities Funded (NOF 3) projects outlined in Appendix 5 have been developed in accordance with NOF requirements. These projects have been developed in line with NOF guidelines and in partnership with key organisations including schools, Derby City Partnership and Sport England.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The DfES informed LEAs of capital funding allocations for 2003/04 as reported to Cabinet on 14 January 2003, together with phase one school capital projects. Phases two, three, four and five were reported on 4 March, 1 April, 24 June and 18 November 2003.
- 3.2 This is the sixth phase of projects funded from New Deal for Schools (NDS) Condition and Modernisation allocations for 2003/04. Capital funding for £5,035,366 was available for major school projects as part of the 2003/04 funding round. This funding is to address urgent Asset Management Plan (AMP) condition and suitability issues in schools.
- 3.3 The proposed school 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 5 November 2002.
- 3.4 The projects have been prioritised using AMP condition survey information, together with discussions with the AMP Schools Improvement Group. The group again advised that schools should be asked to contribute one year of NDS Devolved Capital funding towards projects where funding is available. This maximises capital investment in joining up funding streams.
- 3.5 The DfES approved Specialist Status for Littleover Community School in February 2003 as part of the Specialist Schools Programme. The school has been designated as a science college, with effect from September 2003. This includes the allocation of a capital grant for two new science laboratories. The capital scheme is currently being developed and is estimated to cost £300,000. A number of funding streams have been joined up for this project, which is likely to be completed by September 2004. See Appendix 2.
- 3.6 The Council was allocated funding for Schools Access Initiative projects. This funding needs to be used to improve access to mainstream schools, including physical access, improving the internal environment for disabled pupils, and improving access to the National Curriculum by using specialist furniture and equipment, including ICT.
- 3.7 The allocation for 2003/04 is £443,000. Council Cabinet previously approved two phases of schemes on 24 June and 18 November 2003. This is the third phase of proposed schools access projects using the unallocated balance of £255,224.

- 3.8 The proposed access projects are shown in Appendix 3. Further projects will be prioritised from the balance of £141,784. This funding will be carried into the next financial year and added to the 2004/05 allocation to undertake more significant projects. Projects will be prioritised in accordance with the DDA strategy and Council's strategy for improving disabled access in school buildings.
- 3.9 Appendix 4 outlines proposed capital projects using the remaining balance of Seed Challenge funding. Phases one and two were previously reported to Cabinet on 24 June 2003 and 5 August 2003.
- 3.10 A requirement of seed funding is that it should be allocated on the basis of a contribution of match funding from the school towards the cost of the project. For primary schools this would be a 50% contribution, and for secondary schools a 67% contribution. There is no requirement to match fund for projects that support schools causing concerns, school workforce reform programme, more flexible curriculum and schemes for special educational needs.
- 3.11 This phase of projects will allocate a further £27,679 seed funding leaving a balance of £18,446, which needs to be used by March 2004. Proposed projects are shown in Appendix 4. The Education Service representative group, including schools has considered these projects in accordance with the grant criteria.
- 3.12 The Council has been awarded a provisional allocation of £2.712 million for PE and Sports Projects. New Opportunities Fund (NOF 3) agreed the proposals in principle and gave approval to progress 60% of priority projects to Stage 2 submission. The first phase of applications have now been submitted. There are several stages to the prescribed NOF process as reported to Cabinet on 24 June 2003.
- 3.13 Further to recent NOF feedback and their additional requirements, alongside our detailed development of individual projects, the costs need to be revised. Revised project estimates are shown in Appendix 5. The capital programme will be updated.
- 3.14 Following discussions with NOF and school representatives regarding the timing complications of the proposed NOF funding contribution towards two of the PFI projects for High View (£125,000) and Merrill School (£125,000), the advice from NOF is that we should exclude these schemes from the NOF project portfolio. There is an issue with incorporating the specific NOF requirements into the PFI process. Their requirements, particularly relating to design and supporting areas, cannot be embedded into the PFI process.
- 3.15 This has been discussed in detail with NOF representatives, PFI colleagues and school representatives resulting in a consensus that it is going to be impossible to link NOF design requirements / timetable to the PFI design process / timetable. NOF support this view and are encouraging us not link NOF funding to Merrill and High View schools, but use funding for alternative NOF projects. Both schools are fully aware of the complications. This change will not impact on the proposed sports facilities to be provided for the schools through the PFI projects. The PFI project includes proposals for a Multi Use Games Area for both schools, without the complex NOF / Sport England technical requirements.
- 3.16 The proposed NOF scheme for an Outdoor Adventure Project at Darley Abbey is currently being developed as outlined in Appendix 5. This will involve consultation

with local residents, representative groups and the wider community. Similar to other projects, this project will need to be submitted to NOF for approval.

- 3.17 It is unlikely that the NOF allocation will be sufficient to fund all projects submitted at Stage 1. The remaining projects will have to be developed in NOF priority order, subject to the balance of funding. This will become clearer as each scheme receives NOF approval.
- 3.18 The figures for previously approved capital schemes relating to Cavendish Close Infant School reported to Cabinet on 18 November 2003, and a scheme for Meadow Farm Primary School reported on 4 March 2003 need to be updated. Details on revised figures are shown under financial implications in this report. See paragraphs 1.5 and 1.6

## SCHEME COMMENCEMENT

- 3.19 The 03/04 approved capital programme includes the following scheme:
- Littleover Secondary school – two new science laboratories, total cost £300,000. To be funded from DfES specialist status grant, seed challenge funding and school contribution.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 NDS Capital projects must be prioritised in accordance with the AMP Local Policy Statement and Statement of Priorities approved by the Cabinet on 5 November 2002.
- 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 Surveyors.
- 4.3 The Schools Access Initiative funding is specific funding to improve access to mainstream schools and needs to be used in accordance with the DfES criteria.
- 4.4 The Seed Challenge Funding is specific funding for capital projects, with the requirement to match fund.
- 4.5 The New Opportunities Funding (NOF 3) is specific lottery funding for PE and Sports projects.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – NDS School Capital Projects Appendix 3 – Schools Access Initiative projects Appendix 4 – Seed Challenge Funded projects Appendix 5 – New Opportunities Funding (NOF3) PE and Sports Projects

## IMPLICATIONS

### Financial

- 1.1 The DfES allocated £5,035,366 to Derby City through New Deal for Schools (NDS) Condition and Modernisation Funding. Previous phases have allocated £4,692,367 leaving a remainder of £342,999. Phase six will allocate a further £69,225 leaving a balance of £273,774 for further projects. A proportion of this funding may be needed to fund unforeseen shortfalls in existing projects on the capital programme. This will become clearer as accounts are finalised for major projects such as Targeted Capital funding for Bemrose and Sinfin Schools. The balance of NDS Modernisation / Condition funding at the end of this financial year will be carried forward into 04/05.
- 1.2 The DfES has allocated Derby City £443,000 for the Schools Access Initiative funding, excluding Voluntary Aided funding, to improve physical access to mainstream schools. Council Cabinet previously approved two phases of projects, allocating funding for £187,776. Phase three will allocate a further £113,440 leaving a balance of £141,784 for further projects. The balance of unallocated funding will be carried forward into 2004/2005 and added to the 04/05 allocation. Further projects will be prioritised from this total funding.
- 1.3 Seed Challenge Capital funding of £307,233 has been allocated to the Council for 2003-2004. The proposed projects with an estimated cost of £27,679 are shown in Appendix 4. This leaves a balance of £18,446 available for further projects. This will need to be used by March 2004. A special needs inclusion project is likely to be considered using the balance of funding. This will be reported to Cabinet for approval.
- 1.3 Capital costs for the PE and Sports projects outlined in Appendix 5 will be funded by NOF and Schools' devolved contributions. The majority of revenue costs will not be supported by NOF, as facilities will be expected to be self-financing through income generation. There is provision in the NOF funding to finance the appointment of a Community Sports Development Officer and a Part-Time Marketing Officer for a two-year period, to assist with the marketing and issues relating to the management of the facilities.
- 1.4 The current phasing of the £2.7 million NOF funding reported in the Capital Programme needs to be updated to £542,000 in 2003/04, £1,899,000 for 2004/05 and £271,000 for 2005/06. This is likely to change as schemes are developed in more detail. The likely project-by-project cost is shown in Appendix 5. The Capital Programme will be revised and funding split for each project as schemes are developed, including revenue funding.
- 1.5 The figures for capital schemes relating to Cavendish Close Infant School reported to Cabinet on 18 November 2003, and a scheme for Meadow Farm Primary School reported on 4 March 2003 need to be updated. An additional £10,225 is needed for further replacement heating pipework at Cavendish Close Infant School. This is to be funded from NDS Condition/ Modernisation funding. The total cost of this scheme will be revised to £70,225. The capital programme will be updated.

- 1.6 For Meadow Farm Primary School, the school have agreed to contribute a further £53,700 towards the £185,000 capital scheme previously approved for roofing work and replacement window linked to the CLASP structure of the building. This additional funding will allow further window replacement work to be completed as part of this project. The School will fund this from their devolved capital funding. The capital programme will be updated with revised figures.

## 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. The Council's Asset Management Plan was approved by the DfES and allows the Council to proceed with priority projects without referral to the DfES.
- 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.
- 2.3 The Disability Discrimination Act, as amended by the SEN and Disability Act 2001, places a duty on all schools and LEAs to plan to increase over time the accessibility of schools for disabled pupils.

## Personnel

3. None.

## Corporate Themes and Priorities

- 4.1 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**.
- 4.2 The Schools Access Initiative projects will contribute to the corporate priority of **Improving Access to Services**.

## 2003/04 Capital Programme Projects - NDS Condition and Modernisation Funding

School	Project	Project Cost	Schools Devolved Contribution	Cost to Capital Programme	Ward	Quarter
<b>Primary Schools</b>						
<b>Carlyle Infants</b>	Replacement heating system throughout main school building. Burst pipes discovered in the under floor heating ducts are preventing the heating system from operating. The scheme will bypass the asbestos affected heating pipes and allow thermostatic heating control in each classroom.	£58,000*	£15,000*	£43,000	Blagreaves	3
<b>Moorhead Primary</b>	Demolition of life expired temporary building currently on the Buildings at Risk register and making good works. The building is being used for storage and not teaching.	£16,000**	£0	£16,000	Boulton	4
	<b>TOTAL</b>	£74,000	£15,000	£59,000		

\*Subject to formal agreement by School Governing body.

\*\*Buildings at Risk scheme. Discussions with school regarding replacement accommodation and devolved capital funding.

		Total cost of scheme	DfES Specialist Status Grant	Seed Challenge Funding	School Contributions		
<b>Littleover Secondary</b>	Specialist Science Status bid approved by the DfES for two new science laboratories.	£300,000	£100,000	£69,500*	£130,500	Littleover	4

\*Council Cabinet approved Seed funding on 24 June 2003

## Schools Access Initiative Projects

School	Details of Projects – Phase 3	Cost of scheme	Ward	Quarter
Firs Estate Primary School	Construction of a disabled people's toilet – junior building.	£15,755	Abbey	4Q2003
Lawn Primary School	Construction of three external access ramps.	£3,450	Allestree	4Q2003
Moorhead Primary School	Construction of two major external access ramps.	£17,825	Boulton	4Q2003
Nightingale Infant School	Construction of two tarmac ramps, new main entrance doors and a secure door entry system suitable for wheelchair using people.	£8,050	Sinfin	4Q2003
Oakwood Infant School	Installation of a folding platform lift to provide wheelchair access to classroom areas.	£11,500	Boulton	4Q2003
Pear Tree Infant School	Construction of two tarmac ramps and levelling of mat wells.	£5,750	Arboretum	4Q2003
Pear Tree Infant School	Remodelling of existing adult male WC to provide accessible unisex disabled people's toilet.	£12,650	Arboretum	4Q2003
Portway Infant School	Construction of a major ramp to provide access to external areas.	£12,650	Allestree	4Q2003
Reigate Primary School	Construction of three access ramps, a path and improvements to doors to make them suitable for use by wheelchair using people.	£6,440	Mackworth	4Q2003
Ridgeway Infant School	Construction of three ramps, threshold replacement for one door and provision of a dropped kerb.	£3,270	Blagreaves	4Q2003
Sunnyhill Infant School	Construction of two ramps, a tarmac pathway and a dropped kerb.	£6,325	Normanton	4Q2003
Sunnyhill Infant School	Remodelling of existing toilet to provide a disabled people's toilet.	£9,775	Normanton	4Q2003
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£113,440</b>		
	<b>Funding available</b>	<b>£255,224</b>		
	<b>Unallocated funding</b>	<b>£141,784</b>		



Seed Challenge Fund Projects

Budget 2003-2004	£307,233
Round 1 Projects	£173,361
Round 2 Projects	£87,747
Funding Available	£46,125

School	Project Details	Amount Requested	School's Contribution	Total Cost	Ward	Quarter
<b>Successful Projects</b>						
<b>Primary</b>						
Carlyle Infant	Flooring for staff toilet, which is incidental to another capital project, which school received funding for.	£200	£200	£400	Blagreaves	4
Chellaston Junior	Replacement of curtain walling in one classroom - single classroom unit.	£5,000	£5,000	£10,000	Chellaston	4
Cherry Tree Hill Infant	To supply and install infill fencing and gates in the FS2 play area.	£1,250	£1,250	£2,500	Chaddesden	4
Mickleover Primary	Convert old shower room into SEN centre	£3,000	£3,000	£6,000	Mickleover	4
Portway Infant	Fencing of external play area	£2,110	£2,110	£4,220	Allestree	4
St Chad's CofE Infant and Nursery	Phase 2 completion of infant playground markings and fixed benching	£1,000	£1,000	£2,000	Arboretum	4
<b>Special</b>						
Pupil Referral Unit	Sensory room	£5,119	*	£5,119	Darley	4
Pupil Referral Unit (Duffield Road / Newton's Walk)	Kitchen refurbishment	£10,000	*	£10,000	Darley	4
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£27,679</b>	<b>£12,560</b>	<b>£40,239</b>		
<b>Unallocated balance</b>		<b>£18,446</b>				

\* No match funding required as this is a Special needs project as outlined in grant criteria.

<b>Unsuccessful Projects</b>						
School	Project Details	Amount Requested	School's Contribution	Total Cost	Ward	Reason Project Unsuccessful
<b>Nursery</b>						
Walbrook	Fitting electric shutters to the veranda and repairing the veranda floor.	£5,882	£5,883	£11,765	Normanton	Retrospective bid submitted. Group felt that they could not support retrospective bids.
<b>Primary</b>						
Borrow Wood Infant	Development of a classroom to accommodate Foundation stage 1 children: toilet and washing facilities; access; covered waiting area for parents.	£2,000	£2,000	£4,000	Spondon	School being considered for potential Foundation Stage unit funded as a result of the Early Years review. Group felt project not achievable with the amount of funding requested.

## New Opportunities Funding (NOF 3) – PE and Sports Projects

Location	Description	Estimated cost of Scheme	Ward	Quarter
Littleover Community School	Extension to existing sports hall to provide gymnastics/dance area, weights/fitness area, upgraded changing rooms for school and community use and purchase of fitness and weights equipment.	£1,387,884*	Littleover	3Q2005
Darley Abbey	Outdoor Adventure Project. Conversion of existing building to provide briefing room, two changing rooms with facilities for people with disabilities, first aid area, reception area and storage facility.	£350,000	Darley	4Q2004
Noel-Baker Community School	A new multi-use games area totalling 50m x 40m with floodlighting, comprising a multi-activity area with 3 netball/tennis courts	£260,600	Boulton	3Q2004
Woodlands Community School	Upgraded changing rooms, new reception area, new lecture room for delivery of courses and upgraded pool surrounds (windows to reduce draughts) for school and community use.	£255,000	Allestree	4Q2004
Roe Farm Primary School	A new multi-use games area, 40m x 30m, with floodlighting and upgraded changing for school and community use	£344,500*	Derwent	3Q2004
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£2,597,984*</b>		

\*These are estimated figures at this stage for all projects as schemes continue to be developed for submission to NOF. (The Littleover Community School scheme will include a contribution of the school's devolved capital of £232,000. The Roe Farm Primary project includes a contribution from New Deal for Derwent of £89,500).

Schemes for Littleover Community School, Woodlands Community School and Roe Farm Primary School have been submitted to NOF. The project at Noel Baker Community School has been approved by NOF.