



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSION
30 July 2008

Report of the Corporate Director for Children and Young People

Building Schools for the Future – Progress Report

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Commission is asked to note progress made in relation to the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme. This report contains information on our Strategy for Change documents, Parts 1 and 2, which have been submitted to Partnerships for Schools and the next stages of the programme including submission of Derby's Outline Business Case.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 BSF is a huge opportunity to transform secondary education with significant capital investment. This national programme aims to replace and renovate all secondary school buildings over the next 15 years. Derby was formally included in this programme from October 2007. Our proposed programme of capital works, with indicative costs for each school, is set out in Appendix 2.
- 2.2 The Strategy for Change (SfC) is the first formal component of the BSF approvals process. It is designed to capture both the local authority's strategy for 11-19 education and the requirements that strategy places upon the physical school estate. The SfC has two parts:

Part 1 is the **Key Challenges and Objectives** section of the SfC showing the scope of the authority's BSF transformation plan. It is the 'what is to be done' component.

Part 2 is the **Detail and Delivery** section adding contextual, qualitative and quantitative information to Part 1 and showing how the authority intends to achieve its objectives. It is the 'how it will be done' component.

A copy of the SfC document is available at the link below:

<http://www.derby.gov.uk/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/bsf/Strategy+for+Change.htm>

- 2.3 Our Strategy for Change (SfC) Part 1 was approved in principle. SfC 2 was submitted to Partnerships for Schools in May 2008. The document was developed in line with the detailed guidance issued to Local Authorities by Partnerships for Schools (PfS), the body responsible for delivering the national BSF programme. A report on the document was submitted to Cabinet for approval at its meeting on 3 June 2008.

- 2.4 Following endorsement by PfS, the full SfC, Parts 1 and 2, will be circulated to all Departmental policy teams for assessment in accordance with their stated priorities. PfS and the DCSF will also check that an authority's Part 2 submission is in line with the previously approved Part 1, and that there are no significant departures from the overall strategy as previously approved by Ministers. The DCSF does not anticipate the need to seek further Ministerial approval, in addition to that already secured for Part 1.
- 2.5 The next formal milestone for the BSF programme is the submission of our Outline Business Case (OBC). The aim of the OBC is to set out in detail the scope, cost, affordability, risks, procurement route and timetable of Derby's BSF project. This document needs formal approval by the DCSF and the Project Review Group for Derby's BSF programme to move into the procurement phase.
- 2.6 The BSF Team and advisors are now focussing on work to support the submission of the OBC. The key tasks of this stage are to:
- confirm that there has been no change to corporate, educational or estates strategy since the approval of Strategy for Change, and no change to the context or background of the project;
 - summarise the scope of the whole project, together with detail of the sample schemes being put to the market for the procurement;
 - describe a more considered feasibility study for the scope of works at each school as defined at SfC;
 - confirm the Value for Money rationale for the schemes to be delivered through the Private Finance Initiative;
 - confirm the affordability of the project scope;
 - summarise the authority's organisational structure to deliver the project; and
 - set out how the SfC will be delivered through the implementation of the procurement and prior to and post delivery of the BSF project.

We are required to submit OBC in October 2008. This deadline dictates a challenging timetable for drawing together the OBC submission. This will be following by the publishing of the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) notice, in January 2009, which will start the project's procurement phase.

- 2.7 In order to implement some of school organisation changes linked to the BSF programme, it is necessary to carry out statutory procedures and/or consultation. Consultation has recently taken place with regard to a proposal to re-locate St Martins Special School to a new building co-located on the grounds of Noel-Baker Community School and Language College. The Council's vision is to rebuild, where appropriate, existing special schools on mainstream secondary school sites to enhance provision for every student and maximise the scope for full inclusion, as well as providing better learning opportunities for all members of the community. The Cabinet, at its meeting on 8 July 2008, was asked to approve this proposal.

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Background Papers:	8 July 2008 Cabinet Report on Re-location of St Martins Special School
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Proposed Programme of Capital Works with Indicative Costs Appendix 3 – 3 June 2008 Cabinet Report on Strategy for Change Part 2

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. Building Schools for the Future, BSF, is the biggest ever investment programme to transform secondary education in Derby, with a currently estimated £180 million to replace or renovate secondary schools at January 2007 prices, plus an estimated £25 million specifically for ICT. This estimated funding is an indicative allocation from Partnerships for Schools based on our projected pupil numbers for 2017, and is subject to final agreement on numbers.

Legal

2. Eversheds have been appointed as external legal advisers to the project. The Council's internal lead has also been identified and legal work has started on the preparation of the title information required for each site. All the sites have been identified and it is hoped that by commencing this work ahead of the procurement process it will enable early identification of possible issues that may affect the sites. There is a large amount of work to be undertaken in this task and is likely to ongoing for a number of months. By commencing this work it is hoped that any site or title issues will be resolved by the time procurement commences.

Personnel

3. This will need further consideration as the programme develops, in relation to the proposed PFI schools, and the requirement to move towards an ICT managed service for across all schools in the BSF programme.

Equalities impact

4. The BSF programme will provide significant levels of capital funding to improve and modernise school buildings. The overall objective of transforming secondary education will embrace narrowing the gaps in opportunity and achievement.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report supports the Council's key priorities in supporting everyone in learning and achieving, making us proud of our neighbourhoods and giving excellent services and value for money. BSF should also be a catalyst for community regeneration.

Proposed Programme of Capital Works with Indicative Costs

	£ (Jan 07 prices)
New build PFI	
Lees Brook Community Sports College	20,300,000
Noel-Baker Community School/St Martin's School	33,900,000
New build non-PFI	
Bemrose Community School	18,800,000
St Clare's School	7,600,000
Major refurbishment	
Derby Moor Community Sports College	17,900,000
Littlelover Community School	17,000,000
Murray Park Community School	8,000,000
Saint Benedict Catholic School	14,300,000
Woodlands Community School	7,700,000
Minor refurbishment	
Chellaston School	4,900,000
West Park School	5,000,000
St Andrew's School	1,800,000
Pupil Referral Unit	9,300,000
Total cost of preferred options	166,500,000
ICT infrastructure in school areas not being refurbished	4,000,000
Contingency	9,500,000
Total	180,000,000
TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	180,000,000