



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Children's and Education Services

School's Capital Programme 2006/07

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Council Cabinet has previously approved projects from the 2006/07 Schools Access Initiative Funding and are now asked to approve prioritisation of further schemes and revisions to projects.
- 1.2 The Department for Education and Skills (DfES) has approved the BSF One School Pathfinder project for Sinfin Community School.
- 1.3 Derwent Community Team has approved the Learn Derwent bid for the projects at Roe Farm Primary, Beaufort Community Primary and Derwent Community Primary Schools as reported to Cabinet 31 October 2006.
- 1.4 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the allocation of Schools Access Initiative funding to projects and revised scheme costs shown in Appendix 2.
- 2.2 To approve the full commencement of the capital schemes over £100,000 in appendix 3.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The proposed Schools Access Initiative funded schemes listed in Appendix 2 are projects to assist the integration of children, parents, community users and staff with impaired mobility into mainstream schools in line with DfES requirements.
- 3.2 The funding for the project at Sinfin Community School will enable permanent reinstatement and improvement of facilities to replace the temporary buildings that are currently on site as a result of the recent fire.
- 3.3 The Learn Derwent schemes funded by New Deal for Communities will enable increased usage of facilities by the local community.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Council Cabinet has previously approved phases 1 and 2 of 2006/07 Schools Access Initiative Funding at its meetings on 5 September and 31 October 2006. Cabinet are now asked to approve projects in Appendix 2 from the remaining funding. The Schools Access Initiative schemes shown in Appendix 2 relate to the use of funding to assist the integration of children, parents, community users and staff with disabilities in mainstream schools. Further projects undergoing feasibility will be proposed from the remaining balance of £142,920.
- 1.2 The proposed Schools Access Initiative projects have been prioritised in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act strategy. This is in line with the Council's strategy for inclusion and improving disabled access in schools. The proposed access projects in this round of funding are mostly smaller projects where there are access issues for identified pupils with special educational needs.
- 1.3 The Council has been allocated £433,366 for 2007/08 Schools Access Initiative funding. Feasibility work is currently being carried out prior to proposing schemes to Council Cabinet at a later date.
- 1.4 The DfES has now approved the replacement of Sinfin Community School under the BSF One School Pathfinder Scheme at a total estimated cost of £20,251,817, on the basis that the new facility will be open in September 2008.
- 1.5 The initial scheme design has been completed and the project is currently out to tender. The work is intended to start on site in April 2007.
- 1.6 Derwent Community Team has approved the Learn Derwent bid to undertake schemes at Roe Farm Primary, Beaufort Primary and Derwent Community Primary Schools at a total estimated cost of £1million.
- 1.7 The scheme is currently at detailed design stage with work planned to start on site during Summer 2007.
- 1.8 The project incorporates funding to support Derwent Builds in their Social Added Value Engineering (SAVE) initiative to enable young people to learn and practise construction skills.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 There is no option but to prioritise Schools Access Initiative funding to improve access to mainstream schools in accordance with the DfES funding criteria.
- 2.2 The funding from the DfES for the replacement of Sinfin Community School has been agreed on the basis that the school will be operational by September 2008.
- 2.3 The Learn Derwent projects agreed by Derwent Community Team meet their criteria in relation to development of facilities for use by the local community.

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Background papers:

List of appendices:

Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Schools Access Initiative Funding

Appendix 3 – Capital Scheme Commencements

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 As set out in this report and associated appendices.
- 1.2 Schemes which have been phased into 2007/8 will be reported as slippage in the 20 March Cabinet report on the capital programme 2006/7 – 2008/9.

Legal

- 2.1 The Disability Discrimination Act, as amended by the SEN and Disability Act 2001, places a duty on all schools and Local Authorities to plan to increase over time the accessibility of schools for disabled pupils.
- 2.2 Modernisation funding can only be used for capital projects outlined in the Asset Management Plan.
- 2.3 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. Health and Safety procedures will be followed.

Personnel

- 3. None

Equalities impact

- 4. The Council aims to take reasonable steps to remove, alter or provide reasonable means of avoiding, physical features that make it impossible or unreasonably difficult for disabled people.

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

Schools Access Initiative Projects 2006-2007 Phase 3

Brought forward 2005/06:	£32,529
Allocation 2006/07:	£433,366
Less Previously Approved Schemes:	£243,385
Funding Available:	£222,510

Revised Projects:

School	Project	Revised Project Cost	Previously Approved Budget	Additional Schools Access Initiative Funding Required	Ward	Anticipated Start Date	Phasing 2006/07	Phasing 2007/08
Ravensdale Infant	Increase to previously approved scheme to create disabled toilet.	£13,160	£11,220	£1,940	Mickleover	4Q 2006-2007	£13,160	£0
Shelton Junior	Increase to previously approved scheme to create disabled toilet with changing facilities and hoist.	£26,610	£24,000	£2,610	Chellaston	2Q 2006-2007	£26,610	£0

New Projects:

School	Project	Project Cost	School Contribution	Schools Access Initiative Funding	Ward	Anticipated Start Date	Phasing 2006/07	Phasing 2007/08
Brackensdale Infant	Installation of mobile changing bed in nursery shower room.	£2,800	£0	£2,800	Mackworth	2Q 2007-2008	£0	£2,800
Carlyle Infant	Construction of ramped access in Foundation Stage play area and installation of soft play surface to allow access to fixed play equipment.	£40,410	£13,170	£27,240	Blagreaves	2Q 2007-2008	£0	£40,410
Meadow Farm Community Primary	Installation of changing bed in nursery. Conversion of store in main school into disabled toilet with changing facilities. Ramps to hall and reception class doors.	£16,000	£0	£16,000	Chaddesden	2Q 2007-2008	£0	£16,000
Nightingale Infant	Remove unused children's toilets in nursery, increase height of partition wall and install mobile changing bed.	£7,750	£0	£7,750	Sinfin	2Q 2007-2008	£0	£7,750
Ravensdale Infant	Extension to nursery disabled toilet to provide changing facilities.	£14,000	£0	£14,000	Mickleover	2Q 2007-2008	£0	£14,000
Stonehill Nursery	Removal of shower from utility room and installation of changing bed and Belfast sink. Creation of store for equipment previously stored in utility room.	£7,250	£0	£7,250	Arboretum	2Q 2007-2008	£0	£7,250

	Cost of projects prioritised above:	£79,590
Remaining funding for scheme undergoing further feasibility work:		£142,920

Appendix 3

Capital programme changes and capital schemes over £100,000 commencement reports 2006/7.

Project	Scheme Description	Cost of Scheme	Ward	Start	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	Total
Replacement of Sinfin Community School	To provide new school facilities following fire	£20,251,817	Sinfin	2Q 2007	£396,337	£14,880,670	£4,683,438	£291,372	£20,251,817
NDC project – Roe Farm Community Primary School	Upgrading of verandah to enable improved accessibility	£473,000	Derwent	2Q 2007	£34,500	£428,650	£9,850		£473,000
NDC project – Derwent Community Primary School	Upgrading of external areas to improve community access	£212,000	Derwent	2Q 2007	£23,000	£285,450	£6,550		£315,000
NDC project – Beaufort Community Primary School	Upgrading of external areas to improve community access	£315,000	Derwent	2Q 2007	£15,500	£192,100	£4,400		£212,000

The funding for the replacement of Sinfin Secondary School comprises DfES BSF One School Pathfinder of £19,891,817 (including insurance settlement), Specialist Status grant £150,000, Schools devolved funding 2007/08 £100,000, Schools Access Initiative funding £110,000.