

Report for:  
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<b>Contains Confidential or Exempt Information</b>	NO – Part I
<b>Title</b>	<b>Schools Capital Programme 2017-18</b>
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<b>Member reporting</b>	Councillor Saunders, Councillor Airey
<b>For Consideration By</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date to be Considered</b>	15 December 2016
<b>Implementation Date if Not Called In</b>	30 December 2016
<b>Affected Wards</b>	All
<b>Keywords/Index</b>	Schools; Capital Programme
<b>Report Summary</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children’s Services 2017/18 capital programme is submitted to Cabinet, ahead of the February budget setting, for provisional approval. This enables the approved schemes to be planned and tendered to enable the work to be undertaken during the summer holidays – the key period for carrying out capital works on school sites.</li> <li>2. The Local Authority has a duty to ensure there are sufficient school places in the borough and to ensure buildings are maintained. The Local Authority receives an annual Basic Need grant from the Department for Education. The grant is awarded in December of each year.</li> <li>3. This reports sets out the schemes in schools to be funded through the ‘Basic Need’ grant in 2017/18, see Appendix A.</li> </ol>	

<b>If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit?</b>	
<b>Benefits to residents and reasons why they will benefit</b>	<b>Dates by which they can expect to notice a difference</b>
That the general condition of Community and Voluntary Controlled school buildings is maintained and improved.	On completion of the programme, in the main by September 2017.

## 1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Cabinet approves:

- i. **The Children’s Services 2017-18 capital bids, including them in the overall 2017-18 capital programme, subject to any changes that may be required to the Condition list of schemes following the grant allocation announcement and final approval at Council.**
- ii. **The listed schemes being put out to tender.**
- iii. **Variations to the list of condition schemes based on DfE grant allocation and requests the final allocation and schemes are reported to Cabinet in February 2017.**
- iv. **£60,000 for feasibility work on schemes.**

## 2. REASON FOR DECISION AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

<b>Option</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Approve the Children’s Services Capital Programme as appended in this report.  <b>Recommended</b>	
Not approve a modified Capital Programme for Children’s Services.  <b>Not Recommended</b>	Local authority does not meet its statutory duty.

## 3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

Defined Outcomes	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date they should be delivered
Agreed schemes delivered by	1-4-2017	31-3-2017	31-1-2017 to 30-3-2017	30-1-2017	31-3-2018
Programme budget (under) / overspend	>+0.5 %	+0.5% to -2%	-2% to -6%	< -6%	31-3-2018

- 3.1 Schools capital works fall into two categories; basic need (enough places in the right places) and condition (properly maintained buildings). In recent years the Department for Education has made grant funding available which, when added to available s106 funds, has enabled continued investment in school infrastructure.

- 3.2 The Schools Condition Grant is based on a national formula which is revised annually according to actual pupil numbers. The actual amount RBWM receives reduces according to the number of schools that have converted to academy status. The allocation is only for use at Community and Voluntary Controlled schools and for 2016-17 was £941,000. The 2017-18 allocation will not be announced until Spring 2017. Appendix A sets out the schemes to be approved in order of priority.
- 3.3 The condition schemes in Appendix A total £1,194,000 – a little more than the likely grant available. Once the grant allocation is confirmed, scheme proposals will need to be tailored according to what can be afforded. Schemes that slip below the affordable budget line will become the first call for subsequent years' funding.
- 3.4 In order to begin preparing the schemes, some budget is required for feasibility work in 2016-17. A budget of £60,000 should be sufficient.
- 3.5 This report has been presented to Cabinet early in order to design and tender early, to achieve better prices from contractors and to enable works to be carried out in the school holiday period. This is particularly relevant to maintenance work, where it is evident that several local authorities are approaching a similar range of contractors to carry out works within a relatively small window (school summer holidays). Early approval of this programme will enable the procurement process to start in good time so that tenders attract more competitive bids.
- 3.6 In February, Cabinet will consider two further years provisional programmes, for 2018-20 alongside a three year corporate capital programme.
- 3.7 The Basic Need Grant can be used to fund approved expansion work at any state funded RBWM school, including Community, Voluntary Controlled, Voluntary Aided, Academy, and Free schools. Basic Need Allocations are based on a national formula including a factor for RBWM pupil forecasting information. The allocation for 2017-18 is £2,348,000, but subsequent years have not been announced yet.
- 3.8 As most work needs to be completed during the summer break when school sites are less occupied, the preparation of schemes needs to begin as soon as possible. This will help ensure that tenders come in lower than if invited at the last minute. Waiting to approve the programme until allocations are known will be too late for many of the schemes.

#### **4. FINANCIAL DETAILS**

- 4.1 Cabinet approved, subject to final proposals being approved by Council, a programme of expansions for schools in July 2016. This totalled £29,600,000 over the period 2016-17 to 2018-19. Assuming that Basic Need allocation continues at a similar level, it is estimated that £10,100,000 of this will come from Basic Need Grant, with the remaining £19,500,000 being funded from Council funding, including S106 contributions which are continuing to increase.

Calls on Borough funding will only be made once sources of available grant and S106 funding are exhausted. The bids also include £1,200,000 needed for the expansion of primary schools in Ascot, starting with Cheapside Primary school in 2017-18.

- 4.2 The report identifies school condition schemes estimated to cost £1,194,000. As these are normally fully funded by grant, the list will need to be adjusted according to available funding once the confirmed grant allocation is known. This is expected to be about £1,000,000. This means there are likely to be fewer schemes achievable than currently shown in the in draft 2017-18 programme with unaffordable schemes at the bottom of the list being postponed to later years.

## **5. LEGAL**

- 5.1 The Council is required to produce a balanced budget that provides Service Directors with sufficient resource to meet their own statutory requirements.

## **6. VALUE FOR MONEY**

- 6.1 Early approval of this element of the capital programme is sought in a bid to obtain tenders earlier than would otherwise be the case from a wider range of contractors

## **7. SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT APPRAISAL**

- 7.1 No measures arising directly from this report have been identified as requiring a Sustainability Impact Appraisal.

## **8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

Risks	Uncontrolled Risk	Controls	Controlled Risk
Current modelling is based on anticipated funding only	Medium/High	Adjust schemes if funding is insufficient	Low/Medium

## **9. LINKS TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

- 9.1 Residents can be assured that the Council is providing value for money by delivering economic services.

## **10. EQUALITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY COHESION**

- 10.1 Where specific actions impact on staff or the way that services are delivered an EQIA has been prepared.

**11. STAFFING/WORKFORCE AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**12. PROPERTY AND ASSETS IMPLICATIONS:**

12.1 Property and asset implications will be addressed as the necessary planning approvals are sought as the programme is delivered.

**13. ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

13.1 None.

**14. CONSULTATION**

14.1 Children's Services O&SP have seen this report prior to the Cabinet meeting.

**15. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

15.1 This section is not applicable.

**16. APPENDICES**

Appendix A – Capital proposals for 2016-17 in Children's Services

**17. Background Information****18. Consultation (Mandatory)**

<b>Name of consultee</b>	<b>Post held and Department</b>	<b>Date sent</b>	<b>Date received</b>	<b>See comments in paragraph</b>
<b>Internal</b>				
Chief Executive's Management Team (CMT)	All Strategic Directors, Heads of Legal Services and Policy & Performance.	14/11/16	16/11/16	Comments
Cllr Saunders	Lead Member for Finance	14/11/2016	15/11/2016	Comments
Cllr Airey	Lead Member for Children's Services			

**19. Report History**

<b>Decision type:</b>	<b>Urgency item?</b>
For information	No

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# Capital Bids 2017/18 - Schools schemes

Ref no	Scheme Name	Directorate	Rank	Ward	Description	Proposed Costs(£k)	S106	Devolved Formula Capital	School Condition Grant	Basic Need Grant	NET	Cumulative Net Expenditure (£k)
						Total (£k)	Income(£k)	Income(£k)	Income(£k)	Income(£k)	(£k)	(£k)
<b>Expansion schemes previously approved by Cabinet subject to final proposals being approved by Council</b>												
CB002441	The Windsor Boys School expansion	Adult, Children & Health Services	1	Old Windsor	Project Costs for expansion	1,120.0	370.0			750.0	0.0	0.0
CB002440	Windsor Girls' school expansion	Adult, Children & Health Services	2	Castle Without/ Clewer East	Expansion of school by one form of entry - 30 places per year.	1,800.0	75.0			1,725.0	0.0	0.0
CB002304	Charters School Expansion	Adult, Children & Health Services	3	Sunningdale	Expansion of Charters school to provide 30 places	3,420.0	952.0			2,000.0	468.0	468.0
CB002305	Cox Green School expansion	Adult, Children & Health Services	4	Cox Green	Expansion of Cox Green to provide 30 places	3,780.0	127.0			2,000.0	1,653.0	2,121.0
CB002312	Furze Platt Senior school expansion	Adult, Children & Health Services	5	Furze Platt	Expansion to provide 60 spaces	6,750.0	212.0			2,000.0	4,538.0	6,659.0
CB002314	Dedworth Middle school expansion	Adult, Children & Health Services	6	Clewer North	Expansion of school to provide 60 spaces	3,780.0	81.0			2,000.0	1,699.0	8,358.0
CB002317	Newlands Girls' school	Adult, Children & Health Services	7	Pinkneys Green	Additional classrooms and dining area	770.0	770.0			0.0	0.0	8,358.0
<b>Schemes to be approved</b>												
	Schools Devolved Formula Capital	Adult, Children & Health Services	8		Schools Devolved Formula Capital 2017-18 for the general maintenance of community schools (final figure TBC)	223.0	0.0	223.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
CB002315	Ascot primary school expansion	Adult, Children & Health Services	9	Ascot & Cheapside	Expansion to provide additional primary school places in the Ascot area including at Cheapside Primary school.	1,200.0	200.0			1,000.0	0.0	0.0
CB002316	Secondary Expansions risk contingency	Adult, Children & Health Services	10	Clewer North/ Cox Green/ Furze Platt/ Sunningdale	Sum to be used for design risk contingency across the whole secondary expansion programme.	4,100.0	0.0			1,068.0	3,032.0	3,032.0
CB002364	Feasibility and scheme preparation	Adult, Children & Health Services	11	All Wards	Programme feasibility and scheme preparation work.	180.0	0.0		90.0	90.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002318	Furze Platt Infant school boiler replacement	Adult, Children & Health Services	12	Furze Platt	Renew boiler system	85.0	0.0		85.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002369	School Kitchen Refurbishments	Adult, Children & Health Services	13	Old Windsor	Kitchen refurbishments, including replacement of life-expired equipment, to ensure continuing delivery of Universal Free School Meals and providing a quality meal to children during the school day. King's Court and a rolling programme of others require upgrades to meet current standards and regulations.	25.0	0.0		25.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002349	Urgent Safety works various schools	Adult, Children & Health Services	14	All Wards	Continuing programme of works to reduce safety risks, such as fire / asbestos.	60.0	0.0		60.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002368	Wessex Primary gutters and soffits	Adult, Children & Health Services	15	Cox Green	Replacement soffits and rainwater goods to prevent damp penetration into the supporting walls. Possible asbestos removal.	35.0	0.0		35.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002348	Furze Platt Junior School hall extension	Adult, Children & Health Services	16	Furze Platt	Extension to the school hall, including replacement of poor condition windows. Hall size links to previous expansion of the school. The school only has one hall space, with no separate dining area. This scheme can be funded partially by S.106 monies that can be spent at this school or that can be allocated to this scheme from the north West Maidenhead Sub-Area Pot.	150.0	86.0		64.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0

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CB002330	Bisham House refurbishment	Adult, Children & Health Services	17	Bisham & Cookham	Repairs and redecoration works internally and externally, to hand the building back to the trustees, if the lease from them is not to be renewed, or if we wish to renew the lease and continue to use the property. Works to be agreed with trustees, so budget only indicative.	75.0	0.0		75.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002334	Maidenhead Nursery School structural improvements	Adult, Children & Health Services	18	Furze Platt	Structural repairs to the building to ensure integrity of the walls. Risk of exceptional weather conditions causing a dangerous situation.	40.0	0.0		40.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002372	Larchfield Nursery Refurbishment	Adult, Children & Health Services	19	Oldfield	Refurbishment of Larchfield Nursery toilets and flooring.	35.0	0.0		35.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002320	Education Capital Emergency Fund	Adult, Children & Health Services	20	All Wards	Budget in case of emergencies or unexpected accessibility needs arise - only to be used if essential.	50.0	0.0		50.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002360	Roofing replacement at various schools	Adult, Children & Health Services	21	All Wards	Programme of roof replacements / major repairs. Locations to be confirmed following further professional checks and recommendations.	300.0	0.0		300.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002378	Waltham St Lawrence window replacement	Adult, Children & Health Services	22	Hurley & Walthams	Further window replacements, some of which are large and specialised.	50.0	0.0		50.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002319	All Saints Junior school boiler replacement	Adult, Children & Health Services	23	Boyn Hill	Replacement of boiler and pipework to ensure heating during the winter and to prevent a potential school closure.	85.0	0.0		85.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002373	King's Court School heating system	Adult, Children & Health Services	24	Old Windsor	Replace radiators.	35.0	0.0		35.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002377	Wessex Primary School heating	Adult, Children & Health Services	25	Cox Green	Replacement of external heating mains.	68.0	0.0		68.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0
CB002376	Eton Wick School boiler and heating replacement	Adult, Children & Health Services	26	Eton Wick	Replace boiler and associated equipment and pipework.	97.0	0.0		97.0	0.0	0.0	3,032.0

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**Previously approved by Cabinet subject to final proposals being approved by Council Schemes Subject to Approval Total**

21,420.0	2,587.0	0.0	0.0	10,475.0	8,358.0
6,893.0	286.0	223.0	1,194.0	2,158.0	3,032.0
<b>28,313.0</b>	<b>2,873.0</b>	<b>223.0</b>	<b>1,194.0</b>	<b>12,633.0</b>	<b>11,390.0</b>

\*\* £10.1m of Basic Need grant funding is confirmed, the balance is subject to DFE confirmation.