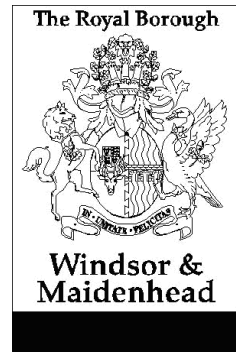


Report for:
ACTION



Contains Confidential or Exempt Information	NO – Part I
Title	Schools Capital Programme 2016-17
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For Consideration By	Cabinet
Date to be Considered	17 December 2015
Implementation Date if Not Called In	30 December 2015
Affected Wards	“All”
Keywords/Index	Schools; Capital Programme

Report Summary

1. The Council’s capital programme for 2016-17 was presented to the Children’s Services Overview & Scrutiny panel in November 2015 ahead of the December 2015 Cabinet meeting. The panel was asked to make recommendations to Cabinet on the detail of the programme.
2. Appendix A is divided between ‘basic need schemes’, addressing the LA’s duty to ensure there are sufficient school places in the Borough, and other mainly ‘condition’ schemes. Some of the condition schemes will inevitably be pushed into the 2017-18 provisional plans by Cabinet when the final 2016-17 programme is determined.
3. The secondary school basic need schemes shown in Appendix A were approved by Cabinet on 24 September 2015. These schemes are funded by a combination of grant, S106 contributions and corporate funding. Condition schemes are mainly funded from Government Grant. There is some evidence that savings can be achieved by starting the procurement process early, so early approval to the programme is sought via this report.

If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit?

Benefits to residents and reasons why they will benefit	Dates by which they can expect to notice a difference
That popular schools will have capacity to admit additional pupils.	On completion of the programme, in the main by September 2016.
That the general condition of school buildings will be improved.	On completion of the programme, in the main by September 2016.

1. Details of Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That Cabinet approves:

- i. The Children's Services 2016-17 capital bids appended to this report and includes them in the 2016-17 capital programme subject to any changes as detailed in paragraph 3.6.
- ii. That any approved schemes listed go out to tender.
- iii. A budget of £60k for feasibility assessments preparation work on condition schemes, to be brought forward into 2015-16 from the approved 2016-17 budget, see para 3.8
- iv. Variations to schemes that are dependant on government grant allocations will be reported to Cabinet after the DfE grant allocations have been confirmed.

2. Reason for Decision and Options Considered

Option	Comments
Approve the Children's Services Capital Programme as appended in this report.	Recommended
Approve a modified Capital Programme for Children's Services.	Not Recommended Any proposals to adjust the capital programme need to be made with reference to available funding. Any proposal that is not supported by grant or developer contributions will need to be funded from Council resources.

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	31-3-2017
Programme budget (under) / overspend	>+0.5%	+0.5% to -2%	-2% to -6%	< -6%	31-3-2017

- 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 Appended to this report is a programme of work reflecting the highest priority projects for 2016-17, which is recommended for approval.
- 3.3 This report has been presented to Cabinet slightly earlier than usual in a bid to achieve better prices from contractors. This is particularly relevant to maintenance work and modular buildings where it is evident that local authorities are approaching a small range of contractors to carry out work within a relatively small window (school summer holidays). Early approval of this programme will enable the procurement process to start early so that tenders attract more competitive bids.
- 3.4 The Basic Need Grant covers approved expansion work at all state funded RBWM schools, including Community, Voluntary Controlled, Voluntary Aided, Academy, and Free schools. Basic Need Allocations for 2017-18 (£2.348m) and updated allocations for 2015-16 (£2.065m) and 2016-17 (£2.168m) were announced in February 2015.
- 3.5 The Schools Condition Grant covering schemes in 2015-16 was also announced in February 2015. The allocation was £1.544m and is only for use at Community and Voluntary Controlled schools. The 2016-17 allocation is not expected until December or January. Grant allocations will reduce as more schools become Academies. 2016-17. The DfE will calculate Condition Grant with reference to pupils in maintained schools at January 2015. This means that the main effect of the most recent large conversions (Windsor Boys and Girls, Newlands etc.) will not be felt until 2017-18.
- 3.6 The condition schemes in the list attached at Appendix A equate to more than the likely grant available (not expected to be more than £1.5m). 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.
- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 In order to begin preparing the schemes, some budget is required for feasibility work. This should be taken from the budget identified in the list, but brought forward into 2015-16 programme. A budget of £60k should be sufficient.

4. Financial Details

The Children's Services capital programme approved in September identified basic need schemes totalling £20.5m over the period 2016-17 to 2018-19. It is estimated that £14m of this will come from Basic Need Grant and S106 contributions, with £6.5m a corporate funding requirement. Calls on Borough funding will only be made once sources of available grant and S106 funding are exhausted. £20.5m of the total basic need programme relates to the

secondary school expansion. There is a potential further £2m needed in 2017-18 for the expansion of a primary school in Ascot.

The programme also identifies school condition schemes estimated to cost £2.063m fully funded by grant. The list will be adjusted according to available funding once the confirmed grant allocation is known. This is not expected to be more than £1.5m. This means there are likely to be fewer schemes than currently showing in the in draft 2016-17 programme with unaffordable schemes at the bottom of the list being postponed to later years.

There are a small number of schemes for which corporate funding of £360k is required. £310k of this relates to the Wraysbury School staffroom extension scheme.

5. Legal

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

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

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

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

10. Equalities, Human Rights and Community Cohesion

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:

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

13. Any other implications:

None.

14. Consultation

Children's Services O&SP will be sent this report prior to the Cabinet meeting.

15. Timetable for Implementation

This section is not applicable.

16. Appendices

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

17. Background Information

18. Consultation (Mandatory)

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
Internal				
Chief Executive's Management Team (CMT)	All Strategic Directors, Heads of Legal Services and Policy & Performance.	11/11/2015		Changes included in final Cabinet report.
Cllr Dudley	Lead Member for Finance	11/11/2015		Changes included in final Cabinet report.
Cllr Bicknell	Lead Member for Children's Services	11/11/2015		Changes included in final Cabinet report.
Cllr Burbage	Leader of the Council	12/11/2015	16/11/2015	Changes included in final Cabinet report.
External				
None				

19. Report History

Decision type:	Urgency item?
For information	No

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Appendix A

No.	Scheme Name	Directorate	Description	Total proposed costs	Income(£k)		
					Grant	Contributions	NET
Devolved formula capital for schools							
1	Schools Devolved Formula Capital	Children Services	Schools Devolved Formula Capital 2016-17 for maintained community schools (final figure TBC)	250	250		-
Condition and other grant funded schemes							
2	School scheme preparation and feasibilities	Children Services	Early stage preparation of schemes and initial feasibilities.	180	180		-
3	School Kitchen refurbishment	Children Services	Refurbishment and equipment replacement.	150	150		-
4	Asbestos Removal from schools	Children Services	All Saints and other schools as required may need substantial asbestos removal. Budget to be used only when necessary.	80	80		-
5	Trevelyan school roof replacement.	Children Services	Possible roof placement if leak repairs continue to cause problems.	200	200		-
6	Fire safety works - various schools	Children Services	Essential fire safety inspection works - fire doors.	75	75		-
7	Woodlands Park school internal remodelling	Children Services	Internal remodelling to create a safer front entrance and possibly an additional classbase.	250	250		-
8	Furze Platt Junior school - hall extension	Children Services	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 schemes achieves good value by tackling two issues at once.	200	200		-
9	Alwyn School Access Ramp	Children Services	Repairs to ramp. Budget is required only if the repairs are not accepted as a new-build defect (project is outside defects period).	40	40		-
10	Bisham House refurbishment	Children Services	Redecoration / replacement of soffits and rainwater goods.	50	50		-
11	Furze Platt Junior boiler replacement	Children Services	Renew boiler / heating system.	115	115		-
Funding line based on £1.34m of condition grant. This may be adjusted when the actual grant is known, potentially promoting reserve schemes below the line							
12	Bisham re-wire and new lighting	Children Services	Electrical re-wire and new lighting of school building	260	260		-
13	Bisham general refurbishment	Children Services	Internal flooring repairs required to remove trip hazards.	60	60		-
14	Maidenhead Nursery school maintenance	Children Services	Structural repairs to the buidling, including damp proofing. Need structural engineer survey, so costs could vary.	50	50		-
15	Furze Platt Infant boiler replacement	Children Services	Renew boiler system	65	65		-
16	School caretaker Property rewiring programme	Children Services	Caretaker properties remaining in RBWM control need to be re-wired: Alexander, Alwyn, Oakfield, Oldfield. Rolling programme: £7k per property.	7	7		-
17	Furze Platt Junior school playground	Children Services	An adventure playground area has been made safe but needs capital to return it to suitable play space for the increased numbers of children following expansion.	28	28		-
18	All Saints Junior school boiler replacement	Children Services	Replacement of boiler and pipework.	65	65		-
19	School heating control replacements	Children Services	Replacement of school heating controls to support energy efficiency. All remaining RBWM schools.	138	138		-
20	Wraysbury school - staffroom extension	Children Services	Extension to provide larger staffroom, relating to previous school expansion.	380	-	70	310
21	Schools participatory budgeting	Children Services	Extension of the PB scheme for schools.	100	50		50
				2,743	2,313	70	360