

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 16 April 2012

Decision No: (CAB 11/12 8040)

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| DECISION-MAKER: | CABINET |
| PORTFOLIO AREA: | Cabinet Member for Children Services and Learning |
| SUBJECT: | Children's Services Capital Programme 2012/ 2013 |
| AUTHOR: | Karl Limbert |

THE DECISION

- (i) Subject to complying with Financial and Contract Procedure Rules, to delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services and Learning, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning, to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in this report.
- (ii) To add, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, a sum of £15,408,000 to the Children's Services and Learning Capital Programme, for Primary Review Phase 2, as shown in Appendix 1, funded from non-ring fenced Department for Education Basic Need Grant.
- (iii) To note that assumptions have been made about the likely level of Basic Need Grant to be awarded in future years. If the final award is less than anticipated any shortfall in funding will be met from borrowing for which provision has been made in the revenue budget forecast. If the final award exceeds the anticipated sum then this revenue provision will no longer be required and the additional grant will be available to fund other capital priorities as determined corporately.
- (iv) To add, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, a sum of £2,915,000 to the Children's Services & Learning Capital Programme in 2012/13, funded from non ring fenced Capital Maintenance Grant, for the following schemes, as detailed in Appendix 2:
 - £1,000,000 Health & Safety
 - £500,000 Renewable Heat Incentive
 - £400,000 Lord's Hill Academy Offsite Works
 - £140,000 Fairisle Infant and Nursery School Lobby
 - £110,000 Bitterne Park Infant School Roof
 - £100,000 Glenfield Infant School Windows and Ventilation
 - £100,000 Schools Access Initiative
 - £100,000 Asbestos Management

- £50,000 School Fencing
 - £290,000 School Capital Maintenance
 - £125,000 Project Management
- (v) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital variations totalling £1,500,000 to the programme approved by Council on 15 February 2012, as detailed in Appendix 2.
- (vi) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure within the CSL Capital Programme of £16,160,000, phased £9,379,000 in 2012/13 and £6,781,000 in 2013/14, for the following projects:
- £10,745,000 Primary Review Phase 2
 - £2,500,000 Pupil Referral Unit Capital – The sum to be approved also includes £1,000,000 which is already in the CSL Capital Programme as well as the £1,500,000, which this report is seeking to add to this scheme
 - £1,000,000 Health & Safety
 - £500,000 Renewable Heat Incentive
 - £400,000 Lord’s Hill Academy Offsite Works
 - £140,000 Fairisle Infant and Nursery School Lobby
 - £110,000 Bitterne Park Infant School Roof
 - £100,000 Glenfield Infant School Windows and Ventilation
 - £100,000 Schools Access Initiative
 - £100,000 Asbestos Management
 - £50,000 School Fencing
 - £290,000 School Capital Maintenance
 - £125,000 Project Management
- (vii) To note that approval for the remainder of the Primary Phase 2 expenditure added in recommendation (ii) above will be brought forward to Cabinet when sufficient detail can be provided to effectively inform decision making.
- (viii) Added the receipt of additional funding from Government to the Capital Programme and approved the following schemes:
- St. Johns Primary – Mission Hall repairs - £75,000
 - Wordsworth Primary – site access improvements - £150,000

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council has a number of urgent priorities for investment within Children’s Services and Learning, which are highlighted within this report. As such, the above recommendations seek to ensure that the resources available to the Authority are allocated to these proposals, in order that the relevant projects can be commenced. It

is proposed that Basic Need funding will be used to address the school expansions required under the Primary Review: Phase 2, in line with previous Cabinet Decisions.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The proposals contained within this report represent the means by which the Council can best deliver its stated objectives and responsibilities in terms of school organisation and estate maintenance. The option of not carrying out these proposals would necessarily result in a delay in project commencement and, potentially, a failure to deliver on key objectives for the current financial year and beyond.
2. In particular, there is an urgent need to deal with Health & Safety issues that have been identified within recently undertaken Fire Risk Assessments. There are also a significant number of school estate-related capital schemes which, due to budget limitations, have had to be rolled-over from the previous financial year. These schemes have significant priority and require immediate investment.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:
16 April 2012

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date

of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by (*if applicable*)

Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)