

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	APPROVAL OF MODERNISATION PROJECT EXPENDITURE FOR FAIRISLE JUNIOR SCHOOL		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	15 FEBRUARY 2010		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS		
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#### STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

NONE

#### SUMMARY

To approve capital expenditure on the two classroom extension and welcoming reception area at Fairisle Junior School to be funded from Modernisation grant and the school's Devolved Formula Capital grant.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure in the sum of £440,000 from the Children's Services Capital Programme for work at Fairisle Junior School.

#### REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approval to commit expenditure to enable this high priority project to proceed.

#### CONSULTATION

2. This project has been prioritised in accordance with the Southampton Schools' Asset Management Plan and developed in full consultation with the head teacher and the school governors.

#### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. This project is a high priority for the Asset Management Plan because of the need to provide the required amount of accommodation for the school to facilitate its capacity number. Alternative schemes could be funded but they would be a lower priority.

#### DETAIL

4. Cabinet in April 2008 added the modernisation allocation of £6,465,581 for 2008-11 to the CS&L Capital Programme. This budget is used to fund an annual works programme of approximately £1 million plus other priority areas such as Health & Safety, Safe Schools initiative, sustainability, and production kitchens and academies.
5. This project and the subject of this report have been prioritised by the Asset Management Planning process for the annual works programme.

6. Fairisle Junior School – has a substantial need for two additional classrooms. The school only has ten class bases and will need twelve to meet increased demand for school places.
7. The school has a planned admission number of 90 per year group giving a total admission number for the school of 360. Presently the school has 288 pupils but it is anticipated that the school number will increase in September 2010 to very near to the capacity of 360.
8. A feasibility study has been carried out in consultation with the School Head teacher and governors on how these additional two classrooms can be provided, together with improved security measures for the school main entrance, through provision of a secure reception welcome area.  
These building developments have been estimated to cost £440,000 including any associated fees. The school has been asked to contribute £40,000 to this project for which they are presently seeking approval from the full governing body.
9. This project proposes a permanent building extension to the main school building providing two additional classrooms and a reception welcome area which is judged to be the best way of providing the appropriate additional facilities.

## **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital**

10. The cost of the project has been estimated by Capita Symonds and is summarised in the table below:

Construction cost	£370,000
Direct works (including feasibility study)	£18,000
Professional fees	£52,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£440,000</b>

The construction cost includes a contingency budget of £30,000.

11. The project will be funded as follows:

Modernisation grant	£400,000
School Devolved Formula capital grant	£40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£440,000</b>

### **Revenue**

12. There are no estimated additional revenue consequences that impact on the General Fund arising from this scheme. Schools are funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant and any revenue consequences of changes to floor area and associated costs will be met from this source. The revenue costs of project management will be met from within the budget for the Assets and Capital Strategy Team.

## **Property**

13. The planned expenditure proposals in this report have been prioritised in line with the CS&L Asset Management Plan and are consistent with the corporate Asset Management Plan.
14. The maintenance costs for the buildings, both long and short term and Revenue and Capital will need to be determined and added to existing maintenance budgets. It should be noted that specialist equipment, fittings and systems are excluded from the building maintenance process and will need to be separately assessed and funded.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

15. The Council has a duty under s.14 Education Act 1996 to secure sufficient schools for providing primary and secondary education in their area. Schools are not regarded as 'sufficient' unless they are sufficient in number, character and equipment to provide all pupils the opportunity of appropriate education. The construction, design and provisioning of schools is further clarified in Regulations and Statutory and Non-Statutory Guidance. The Authority also has the power under s.111 Local Government Act 1972 to do anything necessary for, ancillary to or calculated to facilitate a primary function, including the entering into contracts and the construction of premises and facilities to support their primary functions.

### **Other Legal Implications:**

16. The provision of facilities for schools is subject to compliance with Contract and Financial procedure Rules. The provision of facilities within schools is subject to compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, the Human Rights Act 1998 and Equalities legislation. Any facilities so provided must be fully compliant with these requirements.

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

17. The proposals and the investment in these school buildings in this report are consistent with and will contribute to the Children and Young Persons Plan, Early Years and Development Plan and Educational Development Plan in providing enhanced facilities for young people.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

**Appendices**

1.	NONE
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**Documents In Members' Rooms**

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**Background Documents**

Title of Background Paper(s) Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	NONE	
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**KEY DECISION** YES

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	Coxford
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