



SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12

REPORT OF HEAD OF PROPERTY & ICT

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

To identify the proposed planned capital programme for schools for financial year 2011/12, in accordance with the budget strategy 2010/11 – 2011/12.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Cabinet approve the 2011/12 capital programme as identified in this report and in detail within Appendix A.

3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	Yes	<i>Maintaining a good quality estate ensures that services which are delivered are consistent, and of high quality. This assists in the delivery of the following corporate priorities:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Young People • Community Focused and Efficient Council
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	Yes	<i>Where capital investment is made improvements for people with disabilities are undertaken to improve access to services.</i>
TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE	<i>Projects will in the main be delivered during the financial year 2011/12 but the scale of some projects might result in slippage of payments from 11/12 to 12/13. Regular financial monitoring will identify projected position.</i>	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	<i>Funding for the planned programme of works is included within the approved capital programme for 2011/12, including slippage from 2010/11 as indicated in Appendix A.JAC 300611</i>
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	<i>The Council has statutory responsibilities in respect of Health and Safety and Disability Discrimination legislation and specific advice can be given in this regard. All contracts must be awarded in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and EU requirements, if applicable.</i>
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	Yes	<i>Where improvements are made to properties other opportunities for associated works are considered whilst the works are being undertaken to take account of economies of scale benefits.</i>
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	Yes	<i>The capital programme has an impact on most of the Bough's wards and a breakdown is included in Appendix A.</i>

4. INFORMATION

4.1 The schools Capital Programme for 2011/12 has been reduced as part of the settlement from Central Government from the levels received in previous years. The number of funding streams has also been reduced and there are now only two main sources. Firstly, basic need which is funding that has been allocated according to relative need for new pupil places, based on forecast data provided by all authorities. Secondly, modernisation funding, which is the proportion of the funding available for capital maintenance and allocated to each authority by taking account of both school and weighted pupil numbers from the most recent data available. This particular stream is the one which is associated with the schools Asset Management priorities as managed by Property & ICT. Please see Appendix A for the full programme.

- 4.2 The 2011/12 capital allocations have seen the removal of separate funding streams which were previously available including the access initiative, early years and extended schools allocations. As a result of this decision, funding has been prioritised from the modernisation allocation specifically to support pupils individual access needs in order to address statutory Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements.
- 4.3 The Council has a statutory duty to ensure the sufficiency of school places across the Borough and consequently a proportion of the basic need allocation has been prioritised to address this specific requirement. Whilst the Council has successfully delivered a number of excellent new build school mergers of Infants and Junior provision into a Primary school, it has on a number of occasions been able to remodel existing buildings to meet the essential requirements for the school. In some instances the work has involved enabling access between the two, separate buildings, providing a joint staffroom and enhancing the front entrance and common areas. This strategy is proposed to continue this year, with two further mergers recommended to benefit from such remodelling.
- 4.4 The Council also has a statutory duty to address serious Health & Safety priorities and funding has been identified in the programme to undertake essential asbestos removal work, replacement boiler schemes and the replacement of large items of heavy duty kitchen equipment, as well as undertaking demountable class base and roof replacement schemes.
- 4.5 In order to meet the requirements of the Private Finance Agreement (PFI) the Council is required to meet the cost of any 'notice of change' obligations that are required as part of the contract. Therefore funding is required to be set aside in order to meet this obligation. In addition, for those schools benefiting from the Building Schools for the Future programme a sinking fund has had to be established to ensure that essential lifecycle replacement and high level repairs & maintenance work can be undertaken. The standard to which this level of work is to be set has been prescribed by Partnership for Schools (PfS) and is at a higher level than the Council is currently able to commit to. Whilst the schools themselves will contribute both their own capital and revenue to the fund, there will be a need for a significant contribution from the Council in order to bridge the funding shortfall over the lifetime of the programme.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5.1 Community Impact

The provision of new build, remodelled and well maintained buildings ensures that Council Services are delivered efficiently and with service continuity. Many of the key services are delivered from the Council's property portfolio including schools and are the first key point of interaction with customers within their community.

5.2 Equalities Impact

Where possible as part of the design of new build school projects or major planned building capital maintenance investment programme, improvements to accessibility within schools is undertaken in order to adhere to the Disability Discrimination Act and the Council's Inclusion policy. Where improvements to existing facilities are being undertaken Equalities Issues (i.e. baby changing facilities) are also included as part of the scheme. This allows the Council to meet its targets for increasing accessibility.

5.3 Environmental Impact

Environmental improvements are incorporated into all schemes where appropriate in an aim to reduce the Councils Carbon Emissions from operations as part of its Carbon Reduction Commitment Delivery strategy.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES

N/A

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

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APPENDIX A - SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Schemes	Funding Source	Total Capital Programme 2011/12 £'000	Funding Slipped from 2010/11 £'000	2011/12 Funding Allocations £'000	Wards	Comments
Modernisation & Condition - Various Schemes 10/11						
Mount Gilbert – replace roofing Panels	Grant	18	18	0	Malinslee	Serious condition problem leading to additional costs if not addressed.
Modernisation & Condition - Various Schemes 11/12						
Apley Wood Primary - Electrical Sub-mains Upgrade	Grant	20	0	20	Apley Castle	Electrical sub-mains upgrades to support current loading issues and to address regular problems with power failure. The overloading of the existing supply is an H&S issue which would lead to school closure.
Asbestos Removals - Various Schools	Grant	120	0	120	Various	Work required to address serious Health and Safety issues following HSE visit. The Council has a legal responsibility to manage asbestos within its properties
BSF - Schools Facilities Management Sinking Fund	Grant	400	0	400	All secondary school wards	Funding required to establish a sinking fund to address Partnerships for Schools prescribed levels of R&M / lifecycle replacement in participating BSF schools over the lifetime of the programme.
Crudgington Primary - Land Purchase/ Essential associated works	Grant	80	0	80	Ercall Magna	To resolve on-going issues associated with the ownership of the school playing field and car park
Crudgington Primary - New biomass boiler	Grant	160	0	160	Ercall Magna	Essential replacement to address serious condition and H&S priority.
DDA Access Works & Equipment	Grant	280	0	280	Various	There is no longer a separate allocation of funding to address access priorities. Therefore a separate budget is allocated to address DDA priorities and meet the Councils statutory and legal obligations.
Donnington Wood CE Junior - Roofing repairs	Grant	100	0	100	Donnington	The asset is suffering from roof leaks which are affecting the delivery of the curriculum causing this school to be closed in the past. The works are to be undertaken in phases, over 3 years

Dothill Primary - Boiler Replacement	Grant	125	0	125	Dothill	Replacement of defective boilers. The investment will address a serious condition liability and deliver lower fuel / CO2 emissions and also ensure continuity of curriculum delivery. There are currently two boiler plant rooms which are both at the end of their physical and economic life.
Various schools - External Painting	Grant	120	0	120	Various	Preventative planned maintenance at prioritised schools to significantly reduce future capital expenditure on replacement buildings, curtain walling and windows etc. External painting and repairs to approximately 15 schools on a 4 year cycle
Various schools - Kitchen remodelling	Grant	90	0	90	Various	Remodelling of school kitchens and replace large items of kitchen plant which are a Health & Safety risk to operatives.
Energy Efficiency measures to address condition and H&S priorities - Various schools	Grant	150	0	150	Various	Energy efficient replacement measures to support Carbon Reduction Commitment to deliver revenue savings and reduce carbon tax.
Various schools – installation of fly Screens to kitchens	Grant	60	0	60	Various	Following occupational health inspections the need to address a serious problem of insect infestation in a number of school kitchens. The works have been prioritised over two phases and further funding is required in 2011/12 in order to meet the required health and safety standards.
Hadley PFI Sinking Fund	Grant	70	0	70	Hadley & Leegomery	To address contractual obligations associated with the PFI notice of changes.
Haughton School - Roof replacement/external DDA adaptations	Grant	60	0	60	Cuckoo Oak	Essential works to address serious condition priority and to enable the external areas to be totally accessible to all site users.
Hollinswood Junior - Main Entrance	Grant	25	0	25	The Nedge	Second phase of alterations to the main entrance to address accessibility problems and security in line with Asset Management Plan suitability survey.
Lilleshall Primary – H&S work	Grant	60	0	60	Church Aston & Lilleshall	Essential remodelling works to address Ofsted concerns over staffing and external H&S safeguarding risks.
Moorfield Primary School – Replacement roofing	Grant	140	0	140	Newport West	The proposal addresses roof leaks and includes insulation of the roof which will lower revenue heating expenditure.
Newport CE Junior – Heating work	Grant	30	0	30	Newport South	Works to resolve heating problems which adversely affecting curriculum delivery.
Redhill Primary – Remodelling work	Grant	30	0	30	Priorslee	Remodelling works to address Ofsted concerns over lack of resource space and to address access issues.
Queenswood Primary – External improvements	Grant	20		20	Ketley & Oakengates	Essential external grounds work to complete Community/Family project.
Various schools - Security Measures	Grant	80	0	80	Various	To reduce revenue expenditure due to vandalism and address safeguarding issues raised by OFSTED inspections.

Sir Alexander Fleming Primary -Guttering Replacement	Grant	30	0	30	Cuckoo Oak	Replacement of integral guttering located at the centre of the roof which is causing leaks and internal damage to the school.
Various schools - Tree Maintenance	Grant	60	0	60	Various	Emergency works to address serious risks following recent tree surveys on all school sites. Schools are contributing to the cost of this work.
Wombridge Primary - Drainage	Grant	35	0	35	Ketley & Oakengates	Replacement drainage to alleviate flooding problems to the rear of the school
Sub Total –Modernisation and Condition		2,338	18	2,320		
All schools - Devolved Formula Capital	Grant	526	0	526	All wards	Ring Fenced and devolved to schools- future years estimates - not yet confirmed allocation
Basic Need 11/12						
Grange Park Primary New Build/Remodelling	Capital Receipts	31	31	0	The Nedge	Existing demountables on Grange Park site only have temporary planning permission. A permanent solution is being assessed. This funding will contribute to the overall budget with future allocations also being required.
John Fletcher Junior/ Madeley Infant – remodelling	Grant	220	0	220	Madeley	To allow for the physical connection of the existing infant and junior school buildings and improve access and circulation.
Newdale Primary	Grant/Capital Receipts	722	270	452	Lawley & Overdale	To provide class base extensions in order to meet statutory obligations regarding the provision of pupil places. In addition there is a serious parking problem both off site and on the school premises which can only be resolved through the provision of additional parking places.
St Georges Primary - Replacement class bases	Grant	500	0	500	St Georges	To replace demountables which are in a very poor condition. The current accommodation is at the end of its life and has been an Asset Management Plan priority for a considerable time.
William Reynolds Primary - Adaptations	Grant	330	0	330	Woodside	To allow for the physical connection of the existing infant and junior school buildings and improve access and circulation.
Sub Total - Basic Need		1,803	301	1,502		
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12		4,667	319	4,348		