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## NOTICE OF MEETING

<b>Meeting</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day
<b>Date and Time</b>	Monday, 19th June, 2017 at 2.00 pm
<b>Place</b>	Mitchell Room, Ell Court, The Castle, Winchester
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## AGENDA

**1. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE (Pages 3 - 26)**

To consider a report of the Director of Children's Services and Director of Corporate Services regarding the Capital Programme

**2. MILESDOWN, NEW CHILDREN'S HOME, WINCHESTER (Pages 27 - 38)**

To consider a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding Milesdown Children's Home in Winchester

**3. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE HAMPSHIRE FOSTERING SERVICE, ADOPTION SERVICE AND RESIDENTIAL HOMES (Pages 39 - 466)**

To consider a report of the Director of Children's Services regarding the Statements of Purpose

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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Deputy Leader
<b>Date:</b>	19 June 2017
<b>Title:</b>	Children's Services Capital Programme update
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services and Director of Corporate Services

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#### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the updated Children's Services Capital Programme for 2017/18 to 2019/20.
- 1.2 This report also sets out proposed changes to the 2017/18 capital programme.
- 1.3 The report has been prepared in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (ELMCS).
- 1.4 The Secretary of State announced details of individual local authority capital allocations on 3 April 2017. These included the School Condition Allocations for 2017/18 and Basic Need allocations for 2019/20.
- 1.5 The proposals contained in this report are derived from the departmental service plan(s) which have been developed to support the priorities of the Corporate Strategy.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Secretary of State has now announced details of individual local authority capital allocations for Basic Need (BN) and the School Condition Allocations (SCA). The announcement covers the period 2019/20 for BN and 2017/18 for SCA.
- 2.2 The Children's Services Capital Programme is based on government grants, capital receipts, developer's contributions and local resources.

### 3. Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20

- 3.1 On the basis of recent DfE announcements, resources available for each of the three forward years to 2019/20 are as set out in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Three year capital resources summary**

	2017/18 (actual)	2018/19 (actual)	2019/20 (actual)	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Basic Need - new pupil places	34.479	28.377	0	62.856
Schools' Devolved Capital <sup>1</sup>	3.353	3.353	3.353	10.059
Developers' contributions anticipated	35.632	16.679	29.692	82.003
Capital receipts anticipated	6.100	3.570	1.000	10.670
Corporate capital resources	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.300
Other Contributions	7.863	0	0	7.863
Carry forward resources to 2017/18 (Projects)	20.210	0	0	20.210
Resources Carried forward to 2017/18	25.000	0	0	25.000
Carry forward resources to 2018/19	-7.000	19.000	0	12.000
Carry forward resources to 2018/19	-19.000	19.000	0	0
Carry forward resources to 2019/20	0	-46.000	46.000	0
Resources to be identified	0	0	2.000	2.000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>106.737</b>	<b>44.079</b>	<b>82.145</b>	<b>232.961</b>

#### Basic Need Allocation 2019/20

- 3.2 The most recent capital announcement by the DfE did not allocate any capital funding to Hampshire for Basic Need in 2019/20. Whilst this is disappointing, it was somewhat expected and was largely accounted for in our resources plan produced in the Capital Programme Report of 18 January 2017. Government grant for the period 2017-20 totals £62.856m and the grant allocations from the DfE have largely caught up with the requirement and delivery of school places. The DfE have developed a fair and transparent way of allocating Basic Need funding that directly relates to the forecast need. In Hampshire, some new school place funding has been provided for places yet to be delivered. There is also the potential for a zero or very low capital allocation in 2020/21 as the DfE assess the impact of the

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<sup>1</sup> Schools' Devolved Capital allocations assumed for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20

free school places they directly fund. At this stage, it is unclear exactly how this will be calculated, with guidance from the DfE awaited.

Revised Capital Programme 2016/17

- 3.3 As a result of the deferral of resources by the County Council at its meeting on 16 February 2017 and other programme amendments, the revised cash limit for the programme is shown in Table 2.

<b>Table 2 – Revised 2016/17 Cash Limit</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Cash limit reported 18 January 2017	92.960
Projects and resources carried forward to 2017/18	-20.610
Early Years Grant – 30 hour provision	2.631
Adjusted Developer Contributions	-0.557
Cash Limit adjustment	-0.130
Swanwick Lodge – additional DfE grant	0.046
<b>Total</b>	<b>74.340</b>

**Carry forward from 2016/17**

- 3.4 A total of £56.975m will be carried forward into 2017/18. This includes resources and projects (totalling £20.610m) carried forward when the 2017/18 capital programme was approved on 18 January 2017, £35.479m of this amount is already committed.
- 3.5 Of the £36.365m unspent resources to be carried forward at the end of the financial year (see Appendix 2) in to 2017/18, the largest single component is the contingency of £17.078m which is considered reasonable in the light of the increased size of the programme.
- 3.6 Taking into account changes since the 2017/18 capital programme was last approved on 18 January 2017 (including those proposed in this report), the revised cash limit for the programme is shown in Table 3.

<b>Table 3 - Revised 2017/18 Cash Limit</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Cash limit reported 18 January 2017	106.737
Projects carried forward (not included in original cash limit)	19.287
Contingency carried forward	17.078
Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) – adjusted DfE grant	-0.019

Additional Developer Contributions – Various sites	0.916
Swanwick Lodge – additional DfE grant	0.110
Deferred Capital receipt	-0.300
<b>Total</b>	<b>143.809</b>

- 3.7 The revised capital programme for 2017/18 is submitted for approval at Appendix 1.
- 3.8 Table 3 refers to a total of £19.287m of projects to be carried forward from 2016/17 to 2017/18. The details are shown in Appendix 2.
- 3.9 In addition to the carry forward referred to in paragraph 3.3, there were other carry forwards, the effects of which are included in the original 2017/18 capital programme.

#### **4. Amendments to the 2017/18 capital programme**

##### Access improvements in schools (AIS)

- 4.1 Historically capital grant allocations to local authorities included funding for the Schools Access Initiative to fund access improvements to mainstream schools, principally to meet individual pupils' needs. This specific funding stream has now ceased but the need for such adaptations will continue, both at a pupil-led and strategic level.
- 4.2 It is proposed that the projects listed at Appendix 4 be recommended for approval.

##### Pilgrim's Cross CE (VA) Primary, Andover

- 4.3 A project to expand Pilgrim's Cross CE (VA) Primary School to 2fe was approved by ELMCS on 18 January 2017. At the time it was expected that the project would start in 2018/19. However, following an update of the pupil forecast data, it is proposed to bring the scheme forward to the current financial year.
- 4.4 Therefore, it is recommended that the project at Pilgrim's Cross CE (VA) primary School is added to the 2017/18 capital programme at a sum of £1.456m (including fees).

##### Early Years

- 4.5 In April 2016 the Department for Education (DfE) called for Expressions of Interest (EoI) from local authorities who wished to work with local childcare providers to bid for capital funding to support the creation of new 30-hour places to complement the existing 15-hour entitlement. Part of the bid criteria was that 25% partnership funding would be required for each project.
- 4.6 Hampshire submitted the maximum number of six bids in August 2016. In March 2017 approval in principle was given to all six projects, totalling up to £2.6m. Five of the schemes will be delivered with external partners therefore, in order to protect the Council's investment, appropriate

covenants or legal charges have been put in place. Details of the projects are attached at Appendix 6.

- 4.7 The remaining project relates to the expansion of the Pebbles Children's centre building, located on the former Chineham Park Primary school site to house a 90-place day nursery, including SEND places. This project will not only expand the existing provision but relocate it to allow for the proposed new Special Free School as referred to in section 6 of this report.
- 4.8 It is proposed that the 25% of the partnership funding be met from the capital programme contingency to support this specific project. It is planned that the investment will be recouped through income generated from rent for future reinvestment in Early Years.
- 4.9 Therefore, it is recommended that £0.2m of partnership funding be approved to support the Chineham Park project from the 2017/18 programme.
- 4.10 The Partnership funding for the other five projects will be provided by the childcare providers leading the schemes.

#### Hook Infant School & Hook Junior School

- 4.11 Funding of £4.9m was approved for the 1fe expansion of Hook Infant School and Hook Junior School to become 3fe from the 2015/16 capital programme. The scheme has recently completed, providing a considerably enhanced teaching environment at both schools. However, due to unforeseen ground conditions forming the new school access this project has required additional funding to complete the project.
- 4.12 Therefore, it is recommended that additional funding of £0.5m (including fees) be allocated to the project from the 2017/18 capital programme contingency.

#### Oakwood Infant School & Greenfields Junior School, Hartley Wintney

- 4.13 Funding of £4.5m was approved for the 1fe expansion of Oakwood Infant School and Greenfields Junior School to become 3fe from the 2015/16 capital programme. The scheme has recently completed, providing a considerably enhanced teaching environment at both schools. However, due to unforeseen asbestos, structural and site issues this project has required additional funding to complete the project.
- 4.14 Therefore, it is recommended that additional funding of £0.6m (including fees) be allocated to the project from the 2017/18 capital programme contingency.

## **5. New Schools**

- 5.1 There are two routes available to open a new school. One option is for the local authority to seek a sponsor through the presumption route, where the local authority is responsible for providing the site for the new school and meeting the associated capital and pre-/post-opening costs. The second option is through an approved academy sponsor making a direct application

to the DfE. The local authority can support such applications and is asked to comment on submission. To date, Hampshire County Council has successfully worked alongside academy sponsors making free school applications to provide additional school places.

- 5.2 Early indications from the DfE are that capital funding can be made available for new free schools, but this is dependent on individual circumstances. Therefore, going forward, each new school will be considered on an individual basis to assess the most effective route for delivery.
- 5.3 At the free school application stage, the grant funding is not known. However, the financial regulations of the County Council allow for the Director of Children’s Services in consultation with the ELMCS to add schemes to the programme, when funded entirely from external resources. An update of such projects will be reported in January.
- 5.4 The projects identified in Table 4 are an updated list of new school applications and their current status.

**Table 4 – Potential New Schools in Hampshire**

<b>Area / School</b>	<b>Size &amp; Type of Free School</b>	<b>Proposed Opening Date</b>	<b>Application route</b>
Horton Heath / Hedge End	4-16 School	Sept 2019	Free School Approved
Boorley Green, Hedge End	2fe Primary	Sept 2019	Free School Pre-opening approval
Special School, Basingstoke	4-16 SCN/ASD	TBA	Free School Eol approved
Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh	1.5fe Primary	Sept 2020	Presumption

## **6. Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)**

### Special Free School

- 6.1 The DfE sought an Expression of Interest (EOI) from Local Authorities for one new free school per local authority as reported to ELMCS on 18 January 2017. The DfE have now confirmed that we can proceed with one of our bids for a 4 to 16 SCN/ASD special free school on the former Chineham Park Primary school site, Basingstoke.
- 6.2 Therefore, it is recommended that the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services undertakes the initial feasibility work to look at the implications of establishing this new facility on the Chineham Park site. A more detailed report will be brought back to a future Decision Day.
- 6.3 It is our understanding that the next step will be for the special free school to be advertised to potential bidders to run the school but details from the DfE are awaited.



### Additional Capital Grant to support SEND

- 6.4 The government announced on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 additional funding to be spent on children with special educational needs and disabilities. Local authorities can use this funding to improve special provision in mainstream schools and academies, special units, special schools and academies, early years settings or further education colleges or to make other provision for children and young people aged from 0 to 25.
- 6.5 As part of this £215m programme, Hampshire County Council will receive £1.262m per year for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 totalling £3.8m. The first project recommended for approval (subject to the statutory process) against this funding is the expansion of The Samuel Cody School referred to in 6.4 to 6.7. Details of further projects recommended for approval against this funding will be brought to a future Decision Day.

### The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College

- 6.6 The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College is a 128 place special school for 11-16 year olds with moderate learning difficulties (MLD) and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It is proposed to alter the age range to 4-16, to accommodate up to 50 additional primary age children, with a phased increase over 4 years.
- 6.7 The College is an outstanding school which successfully meets the needs of children with a range of moderate learning difficulties (MLD) in a safe and secure environment. The Local Authority is committed to expanding successful provision where possible and it is proposed to alter the age range so that primary aged children with MLD/ASD can be educated at the school. Currently there is no provision for primary aged pupils with MLD/ASD in this area of the county and this proposed expansion will provide much needed specialist educational provision.
- 6.8 To accommodate the expansion and change of age range, existing community spaces will be converted into teaching accommodation to enable the new primary provision to operate in a self-contained block. The proposed works will include additional toilets, staff area and refurbishment of the spaces to provide an appropriate learning environment.
- 6.9 Therefore it is recommended that:
- Approval is given to commence the statutory process for making a prescribed alteration and
  - Funding of £0.7m is identified from the 2017/18 capital programme subject to the approval of the statutory process to alter the age range of the school to 4-16.

## **7. Emerging construction inflation and resource capacity issues**

- 7.1 There continues to be uncertainty in the construction sector. The current predictions from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) for 2Q and 3Q 2017 are still showing a decreasing position for tender inflation reaching 0% at the end of the year. However, this position is contrary to the

current position in Hampshire where we are still predicting and experiencing inflation pressures of the 3.5%.

- 7.2 In the context of this uncertainty, local market conditions continue to prove challenging with contractors and suppliers being selective about pursuing tender opportunities. This is reflected in the supply chain resource capacity currently being experienced at local and national level. There is further evidence of local volatility and scarcity of capacity in key trades and with main contractors. In addition, key suppliers have either increased prices significantly or scaled back production creating a challenging supply and demand issue within the industry.
- 7.3 The County Council continues to use a broad range of procurement arrangements. This includes managed frameworks and traditional single stage tendering, offering the ability to respond to and manage the impacts of the evolving market and the uncertainty in the construction sector.

## **8. Modular Classrooms**

- 8.1 Details of the location of modular buildings required for September 2017 are listed in Appendix 3. In some cases the units will be rented due to a shorter term requirement, whilst others will be purchased recognising a longer term pressure in those locations. It is recommended that approval be given for the application of planning permission and procurement for modular buildings to be located on the sites listed at Appendix 3.

## **9. Action taken by the Director of Children's Services**

- 9.1 Under delegated powers and following consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, the action set out in Appendix 5 has been taken and it is recommended that these approvals are noted.

## **10. Recommendations**

- 10.1 To approve the updated capital programme for 2017/18 to 2019/20 following further announcements on capital grant allocations by the Department for Education on 3 April 2017.
- 10.2 That the revised capital programme cash limit of £143.809m for 2017/18 be approved.
- 10.3 That the revised 2017/18 Capital Programme at Appendix 1 is approved, along with the amendments to the 2017/18 programme.
- 10.4 That it be a recommendation to Cabinet that the uncommitted funding of £36.365m as set out in Appendix 2 be carried forward from the 2016/17 to the 2017/18 programme.
- 10.5 It is recommended that the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services undertakes initial feasibility work for the proposed 4-16 SCN/ASD Special Free School.

- 10.6 It is recommended that £0.2m of partnership funding be approved to support the Chineham Park project from the 2017/18 programme
- 10.7 It is recommended that approval be given to commence the statutory process to change the age range at The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College and that funding of £0.7m be approved to support the process.
- 10.8 It is recommended that approval be given for the application of planning permission and procurement for modular buildings to be located on the additional sites in Appendix 3.
- 10.9 That the projects listed at Appendix 4 for Access Improvements in Schools are approved.
- 10.10 The projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 5 are noted.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Children's Services Capital Programme 2015/16 update	6463	23 March 2015
Children's Services Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18	6174	21 January 2015
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

Equality and diversity objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

Crime and disorder objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

### **3. Climate Change:**

How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

When the Children's Services Capital Programme invests in new build, replacement or refurbishment works, Property Services colleagues include an assessment of reductions in energy consumption (carbon use) in the design. In all new buildings and in the majority of refurbishment type investments, the latest technologies and materials are specified in order to maximise the impact on reducing carbon consumption. Many projects are also able to employ passive design approaches including natural ventilation and improved insulation to actively reduce consumption in summer and winter conditions.

How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The proposals seek to provide compact and energy-efficient building envelopes. Any new build or extensions will meet current building regulations standards for thermal performance. Where possible, appropriate sustainable materials will be employed to reduce the environmental impact of the proposals.

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## Revised Children's Services Capital Programme 2017/18

Category	Project	Estimated Starts Value £'000
<b>Primary School Improvements</b>	AUE Western Primary, Aldershot	10,367
	Barton Farm Primary, Winchester	9,495
	Bishops Waltham Infant & Junior, Winchester	3,376
	The Butts Primary, Alton	4,000
	East Anton Primary, Andover	9,981
	Emsworth Primary, Havant	1,851
	North Baddesley Infant & Junior	4,160
	Oakridge Infant & Junior, Basingstoke	3,883
	Romsey Primary	2,879
	Rownham St Johns CE Primary, Rownham	551
	Trosnant Infant & Junior, Havant	4,511
	<b>Secondary School Improvements</b>	Secondary School Improvements
Calthorpe Park School, Fleet		1,875
Horton Heath, Eastleigh		0
Kings School, Winchester		2,800
Mill Chase Academy, Bordon		29,990
Robert Mays Secondary, Odiham		7,600
Swanmore College, Winchester		3,200
<b>Special Schools &amp; Resourced Provision</b>	Special School Improvements	1,913
<b>Other Improvement Projects</b>	Other Improvement Projects	2,000
<b>Block Votes</b>	Access Improvements in Schools	709
	Furniture & Equipment	750
	Health and Safety	490
	Early Years Grant for 2 Year Olds	511
	Early Years Grant for 30 hour provision	1,882
	Modular Classroom replacement	2,000
	Projects to be funded from Developers' Contributions	147
	Schools' Devolved Formula Capital (DFC)	3,334
	Contingency	27,565
<b>Children's Social Care</b>	Children's Homes	1,243
	Foster Carers	192
	Adaptation Equipment	250
	Swanwick Lodge	110
	<b>Total</b>	<b>143,809</b>

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**Children's Services Capital Resources 2017/18**

	£'000	£'000
Budget Book		106,737
Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) – adjusted DfE Grant	-19	
Minchens Lane developer contribution	75	
Ganger Farm developer contribution	80	
Alton Day Care developer contribution	12	
Kennell Farm developer contribution	60	
East Anton developer contribution	689	
Project deferrals from 2016/17	36,365	
Swanwick Lodge – Additional DfE Grant	110	
Stanmore Primary Capital Receipt deferred to 2018/19	-300	
<b>Total Resources</b>		<b>143,809</b>



## Capital Programme 2016/17

## Schemes Not Started by 31 March 2017 - To Be Carried Forward to 2017/18

Scheme	Control Basis: Starts or Exp	Value £000	Anticipated Start Date	Reasons for Deferral and Re-scheduling
Foster Carers	Starts	92	June 2017	Projects planned during 2017
School Improvement Projects	Starts	1,194	Various	Specifications being finalised for named projects
Access Improvements in Schools	Exp	209	August 2017	Projects planned during 2017
Special School Improvements	Starts	913	July 2017	Specifications being finalised for named projects
Modular Classrooms	Starts	950	July 2017	Projects planned for summer 2017 to meet increasing pupil numbers.
East Anton Primary, Andover	Starts	9,292	May 2017	Contracts being agreed. Scheme expected to complete during summer 2018.
Swanmore College Phase 2, Winchester	Starts	3,200	June 2017	Specification being finalised with funding partners. Scheme to complete during summer 2018.
Early Years grant for two-year-olds	Starts	511	Various	Projects being planned and costed.
Early Years grant for 30 hour provision	Starts	1,882	Various	Projects being planned and costed.
Additional Fees – Design Costs	Starts	313	Various	Specifications being finalised for named projects
Furniture & Equipment	Exp	641	Various	Planned F&E for future named projects.
Health & Safety	Starts	90	July 2017	Projects planned for summer 2016.
Contingency	Starts	17,078	Various	Inflation and abnormal costs
<b>Total Children's Services</b>		<b>36,365</b>		

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## New Modular Classrooms 2017/18

School	NCA October 2016	Actual NOR October 2016	Places Required September 2017	Requirement
Fryern Infant, Chandlers Ford	240	238	255	Purchase - single to manage bulge intake in Sept 2017.
Lakeside School, Eastleigh	84	85	92	Purchase - single to manage bulge intake in Sept 2017.
Maple Ridge School, Basingstoke	80	84	88	HCC Owned - Double to take increased numbers.
Portway Infant, Andover	270	271	300	Purchase - single to manage bulge intake in Sept 2017.
Shakespeare Infant, Eastleigh	252	273	285	Purchase - Double to manage bulge intakes in September 2017 and September 2018.
Shamblehurst Primary, Hedge End	464	455	497	Purchase - Double to manage bulge intakes in September 2017 and September 2018.
Shepherds Down School, Winchester	130	130	138	Purchase - single to manage bulge intake in Sept 2017.
St Bernadette's VA Primary, Farnborough	330	333	332	Purchase - single to manage organisational issues following a bulge intake in Sept 2016.
Velmead Junior, Fleet	360	374	404	Purchase - Double to manage bulge intakes in September 2017 and September 2018.

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## Access Improvements in Schools - proposed works for 2017/18

<b>Resources</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Allocation 2017/18	500
Balance c/fwd 2016/17	209
<b>Total</b>	<b>709</b>

<b>School</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost £'000</b>
Aldworth School, Basingstoke	Site access improvements	52
Amery Hill, Alton	New powered doors and internal ramps	28
Awbridge Primary, Romsey	New Changing table	6
Baycroft School, Fareham	External level access to doors	31
Cove School, Farnborough	Hygiene Room Improvements	6
Elson Junior, Gosport	Hygiene Room Improvements	6
Fair Oak Junior, Eastleigh	Hygiene Room Improvements	18
Foxhills Infant, Totton	Internal alterations and external steps	12
Limington House, Basingstoke	New hygiene room	65
Various small works	Replacement toilets, taps, handrails and small packages of works	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>236</b>

Note: schemes controlled on an expenditure basis.

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## Actions by Director of Children's Services 2016/17

School	Project	Funding Source	Year	£'000
Botley Primary	Conversion of library to additional classroom	Basic Need	2017/18	17
Bramley Primary, Tadley	Classroom enhancements	Contingency	2017/18	75
Bursledon Junior	Classroom re-modelling	Basic Need	2017/18	50
Castle Hill Primary, Basingstoke	Drainage works and outdoor play equipment	Basic Need	2017/18	70
Chawton Primary, Alton	Classroom re-modelling	Basic Need	2017/18	12
Hazel Wood Infant, Totton	Reception area improvements	Health & Safety	2017/18	10
Henry Tyndale School, Farnborough	Conversion of Children's Centre	SEN	2017/18	150
Norwood Primary, Eastleigh	Conversion of staffroom to teaching space	Basic Need	2017/18	24
Park View Junior, Basingstoke	Classroom and reception enhancements	Contingency	2017/18	60
Romsey Primary	Additional boiler works required as part of expansion	Basic Need	2017/18	80
South Farnborough Infant, Farnborough	Additional toilet blocks to accommodate YR move and bulge class.	Basic Need	2017/18	200
Swanwick Lodge	Security Improvements	Grant	2017/18	110
Talavera Junior, Aldershot	Conversion of IT suite to classroom	Basic Need	2017/18	50
<b>Total</b>				<b>908</b>

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## Early Years Capital Fund – 30 Hour places 2017/18

District	Project Description	Year	£'000
Basingstoke	Expansion of HCC-owned Children's Centre building in Chineham to accommodate 90-place day nursery including SEND places.	2017/18	455
Gosport	New build 48-place day nursery by external provider on Brockhurst Primary School site.	2017/18	382
Andover	New build 100-place day nursery by external provider in East Anton, not on HCC site.	2016/17	749
Havant	Expansion of existing provision to 48-place day nursery in Warren Park ward.	2017/18	241
New Forest	Refurbishment and expansion of community space by external provider to create new provision 121-place day nursery in Lymington	2017/18	613
Rushmoor	Expansion of HCC maintained nursery to create additional 20 30-hour places including SEN places.	2017/18	191
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,631</b>

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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
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#### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to the project proposals for a new Children's Home at Winton Close, Winchester, at an estimated total cost of £1,243,000. This project is the sixth in the Children's Homes programme.
- 1.2. This project represents the final phase of a major investment programme in the replacement and improvement of Hampshire's Children's Homes to the benefit of the children who are in the care of the Council. This innovative set of projects will provide high quality homes fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

#### 2. Scope of Work

- 2.1. The project proposals are to construct a new six bedroom 'Family Unit' home with associated parking and gardens. The home will accommodate four children, two residential live-in staff and daytime staff.

#### 3. Contextual Information

- 3.1. The programme for Children's Homes was approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (ELMCS) on 12 June 2013 following a review of the existing Children's Homes in Hampshire. It was agreed that the majority of existing buildings were of inappropriate scale and institutional in character and they should be replaced with homes of a smaller size and provide a more welcoming and 'homely' character.
- 3.2. Funding for the strategy was approved at the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day on 25 July 2014 and subsequent approvals given for the related projects on 22 October 2014, 3 June 2015 and 18 January 2017. This report outlines the available budget from within which the last project must be designed and delivered. A proportion of the funding for the strategy includes a 100% reinvestment of capital receipts from the sale of existing sites as detailed in the report to Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel which was subsequently

approved on 25 June 2013 by the Executive Member Policy and Resources.

- 3.3. The programme proposed the construction of six new 'Family Unit' sized Children's Homes to replace existing larger homes. The first two homes were completed in Spring 2017 with a further three due for completion in Summer 2017.
- 3.4. It is proposed that the works be procured through the Intermediate Construction Framework tender process. It is anticipated that works will commence on site during Autumn 2017 and complete during Summer 2018.
- 3.5. Contractor's access and working areas will be agreed for the project, and site health and safety, will be planned and managed through specific and appropriate local arrangements.
- 3.6. A plan has been devised to allow for the existing children's home to be decanted into alternative accommodation during construction.

#### 4. Finance

##### 4.1. Capital Expenditure:

The Capital Expenditure has already been approved; the following tables outline the breakdown of its distribution across the project:

<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>Current Estimate</b>	<b>Capital Programme</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Buildings	1,139	1,067
Fees	188	176
	1,327*	1,243*

\* The means by which the difference between the Current Estimate and the Capital Programme allocation is to be met are shown in the table below:

##### 4.2. Sources of Funding:

<b>Financial Provision for Total Scheme</b>	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
1. From Own Resources			
a) Capital Programme (as above)	1,067	176	1,243
<b>Total</b>	1,067	176	1,243
Contingency (Para 4.3)			84
<b>Total</b>			1,327

4.3. The Director of Culture Communities and Business Services will continue to apply downward pressure on costs, as far as practicable, to counter the rising prices currently being experienced in the construction industry due to inflation and the shortage of capacity and resources. The current estimate includes an allowance for inflation up to the time of financial close and concluding a fixed price. The latest assessment of the uplift required (and included above) is £84,000 including fees. The capital charges are based on the maximum provision. This cost will be funded from provision that has already been identified within the Children's Services capital programme to allow for inflation. It is proposed that the final amount of additional funding required for inflation will be allocated under officer's delegation up to the maximum limit identified above. The capital charges are based on the maximum provision.

a) *Building Cost:*

Net Cost = £3,125 per m<sup>2</sup>  
 Gross Cost = £3,938 per m<sup>2</sup>

b) *Furniture & Equipment:*

Included in the above figures is an allocation of approximately £55,000 for the provision of all loose furniture, fittings, equipment and I.T. (inclusive of fees).

4.4 Revenue Issues:

a) Overview of Revenue Implications:

	(a) Employees £'000	(b) Other £'000	(a+b) *Net Current Expenditure £'000	(c) Capital Charges £'000	(a + b + c) Total Net Expenditure £'000
Revenue Implications Additional + / Reductions	0	0	0	73	73

b) *Energy Consumption:*

The estimated annual energy consumption for the new accommodation will meet that required by current Building Regulations.

**5. Risk & Impact Issues**

5.1. Please see Appendix B for a summary of the risk and impact issues considered in relation to the design of this project.

## **6. Details of site and existing Infrastructure**

- 6.1. The site is located at Winton Close, Andover Road, Winchester with direct access off Andover Road. It is within walking distance of the Winchester railway station and well located for local schools and transport links.
- 6.2. The Children's Home currently occupying the site was identified in the review as being unsuitable and will be demolished, as part of the proposals, prior to the new build commencing.
- 6.3. Pedestrian and vehicular access is from Andover Road on the western boundary.

## **7. Scope of the Project**

7.1. The works at Milesdown Children's Home will include:

- Six en-suite bedrooms
- Living room
- Dining room
- Kitchen/utility
- Ground Floor bathroom and separate WC
- Quiet room
- Education room/study
- Staff admin rooms
- Laundry room
- Secure entrance lobby
- Footpath to the front of the site for pedestrian access
- Separate vehicular access and on-site parking is provided to one side

7.2. The proposals involve the demolition of the existing buildings on the site, new construction and creation of separate vehicular and pedestrian access. Adaptation and provision of services infrastructure will also be undertaken.

## **8. The Proposed Building**

- 8.1. The proposed two storey new build will create a large and comfortable six bedroom 'family unit' sized Children's Home. The unit will accommodate four children, two managers and other daytime residential staff. The design of the home is intended to provide a welcoming, safe and secure environment.
- 8.2. The design will be of traditional facing brickwork, slate pitch roof and low maintenance aluminium/timber composite windows.
- 8.3. The appearance of the proposed house is intended to be familiar and traditional, with light and comfortable interior spaces providing a familiar and recognisable place as 'home'. Finishes and furniture are to be

individual and carefully selected to create a sense of ownership where appropriate.

## **9. External Works**

9.1. The external landscape proposals at Milesdown Children's Home will include:

- Four car parking spaces for staff and visitors to include one accessible space
- Landscaping to the front of the house to create a welcoming and domestic approach
- Footpath past mature trees to create a separate walkway away from parked cars
- Shed for storage/bikes
- A flat paved area to cater for outdoor entertaining/bbq's
- Secure close board fence to separate the front and rear of the property. This will act as both a reassuring security measure and to provide a 'private haven' for the children
- Some tree removal and replanting

9.2. The site has a wide frontage and the form and scale of the proposed building and landscape elements relate well to neighbouring properties.

## **10. Planning**

10.1. A planning application was submitted in March 2017.

## **11. Building Management**

11.1. New building management arrangements will be put in place.

## **12. Professional Resources**

Architectural	- Culture, Communities & Business Services
Landscape	- Culture, Communities & Business Services
Mechanical & Electrical	- Culture, Communities & Business Services
Structural Engineering	- Culture, Communities & Business Services
Quantity Surveying	- Culture, Communities & Business Services
Principal Designer	- Culture, Communities & Business Services
Drainage	- Economy, Transport and Environment
Highways	- Economy, Transport and Environment

## **13. Consultations**

13.1. The following have been consulted during the development of this project and feedback can be seen in overview in Appendix C:

Children's Services  
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services  
Local County Councillor  
Local Residents

Young Service Users  
Fire Officer  
Access Officer  
Planning Department  
Crime Prevention Officer

#### **14. Recommendations**

- 14.1. That the Executive Member for Education gives approval to the project proposals for Milesdown Children's Home, at an estimated total cost of £1,243,000.
- 14.2. That the Executive Member for Education grants procurement and spend approval for contracting activity associated with the project as outlined in Section 3.4 of this report.
- 14.3. That the proposals in paragraph 4.3 for the application of inflation up to £84,000 (including fees) be approved



**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
<a href="#">Children's Services Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20</a>	7917	18.01.2017
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

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<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

## **RISK & COMBINED IMPACT ASSESSMENT:**

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- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **1.2 Equality Impact Assessment:**

- a) The building has been designed to comply with all current legislation and has been reviewed by the Access team for Hampshire County Council. The layout has been designed and future-proofed to 'Lifetimes Homes Standard'.
- b) A series of workshops have been undertaken with children and staff from a range of existing Children's Homes across the county. This direct consultation and end user engagement has been invaluable in aiding and directing the design process and has enabled the design team to grasp existing key issues. Design features of the project include: accessible parking provision, level access and accessible living areas with potential for entrance level bed-space and ground floor adaptation if required.

### **2. Crime Prevention Issues:**

2.1 The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all the decisions it makes on the prevention of crime and disorder in the County. The proposals in this report have no impact on the prevention of crime.

### **3. Fire Risk Assessment**

- 3.1 Sprinkler systems shall be installed in new and refurbished buildings where appropriate, based upon a risk assessment methodology.
- 3.2 With respect to fire safety and property protection, the proposals have been risk assessed in line with the agreed Property Services procedures, and confirmed that the provision of fire suppression sprinkler system will be provided.
- 3.3 The proposals will meet the requirements of the Building Regulations (BB100 Fire Safety in Schools), including enhancements beyond minimum provision, and are consistent with current fire safety legislation, the partnership arrangement with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Services, and are in line with the County Council's policy to manage corporate risk.
- 3.4 The project proposals include the following fire safety and enhanced features:
  - Fire suppression sprinkler system
  - Additional automatic fire protection, with full (24/7) remote monitoring.
  - External finishes specified as fire resistant.
  - Reduced fire compartment sizes.
  - Consideration of secure by design principles including specific site security, bin storage away from building, external lighting etc.

### **4 Health and Safety**

- 4.1 Design risk assessments, pre-construction health & safety information and a Health & Safety File will be produced and initiated in accordance with the Construction Design and Management Regulations for the proposed scheme.

### **5 Climate Change:**

- 5.1 The project will incorporate the following sustainability features:

A highly insulated building envelope for the home including high performance windows, doors and roof lights to reduce energy consumption to Passivhaus standards.

A site waste management plan will be developed to ensure that during construction the principles of minimising waste are maintained.

Energy efficient lighting and heating controls.

External lighting to provide safe access and emergency escape routes that will be carefully designed to prevent light pollution to avoid nuisance to residential properties.

Low water-consumption sanitary installations.

Natural and mechanical ventilation to main spaces with night-time cooling strategy.

Provision of good levels of day lighting.

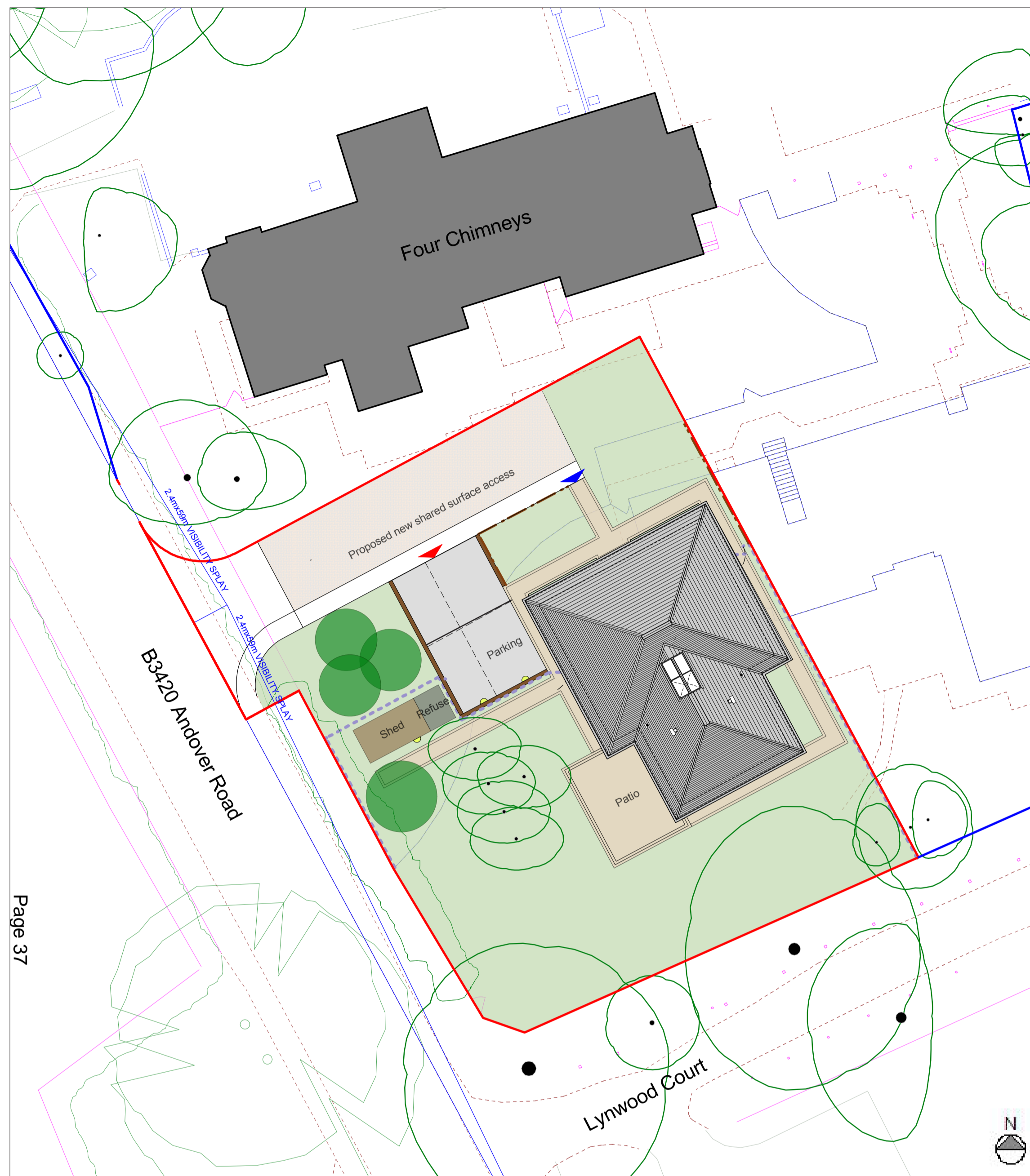
In line with HCC policy the proposals will include appropriately sized Solar Panels.

The use of timber from sustainable sources.

**FEEDBACK FROM CONSULTEES:****OTHER FORMAL CONSULTEES:**

<b>Member/ Councillor</b>	<b>Reason for Consultation</b>	<b>Date Consulted</b>	<b>Response:</b>
Councillor Dominic Hiscock	Local Member for Winchester, Eastgate	18.05.2017	No response received from Councillor Hiscock at time of despatch.

Property Services  
**Milesdown Winchester  
 Children's Home  
 Proposed Site &  
 Building Plans**

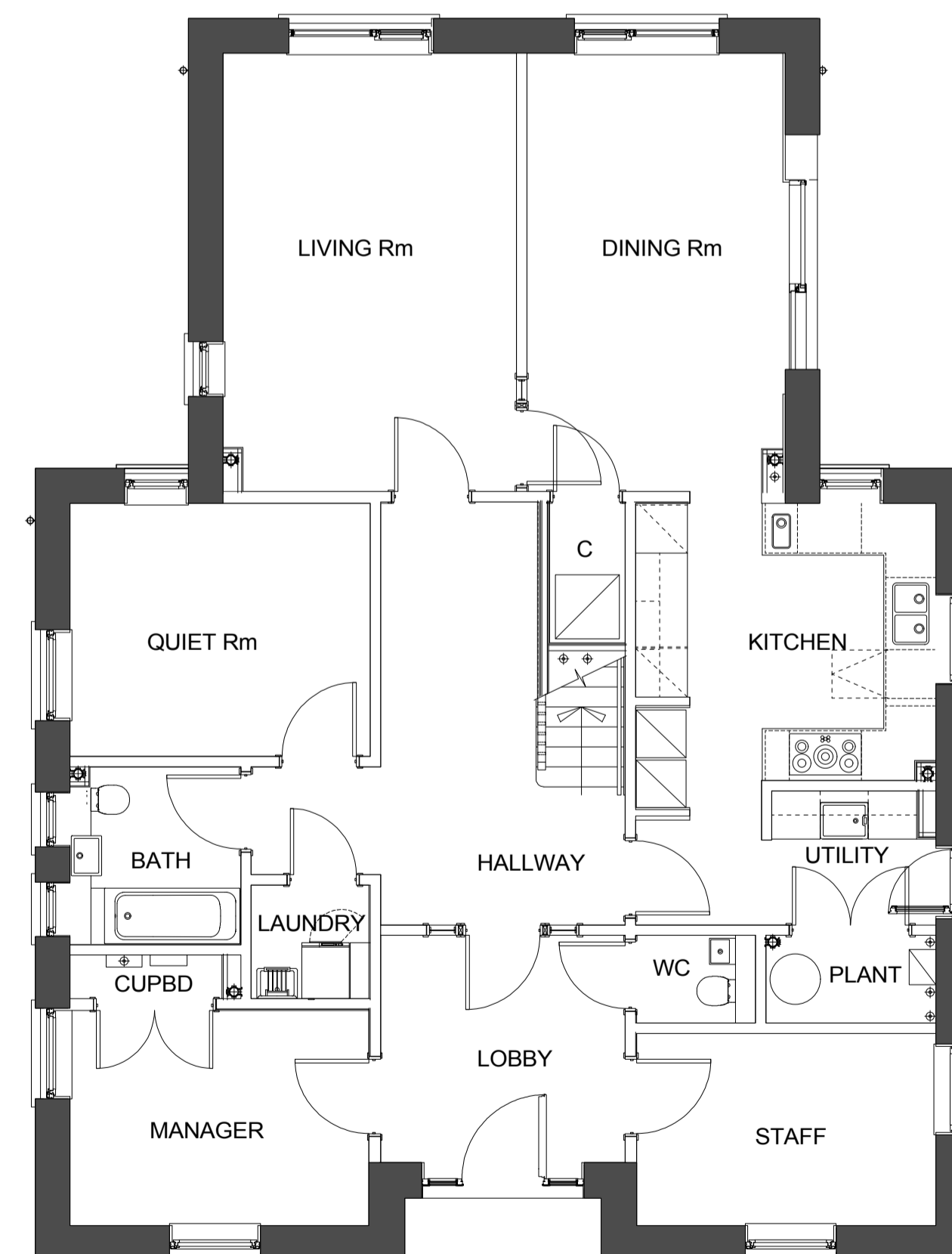


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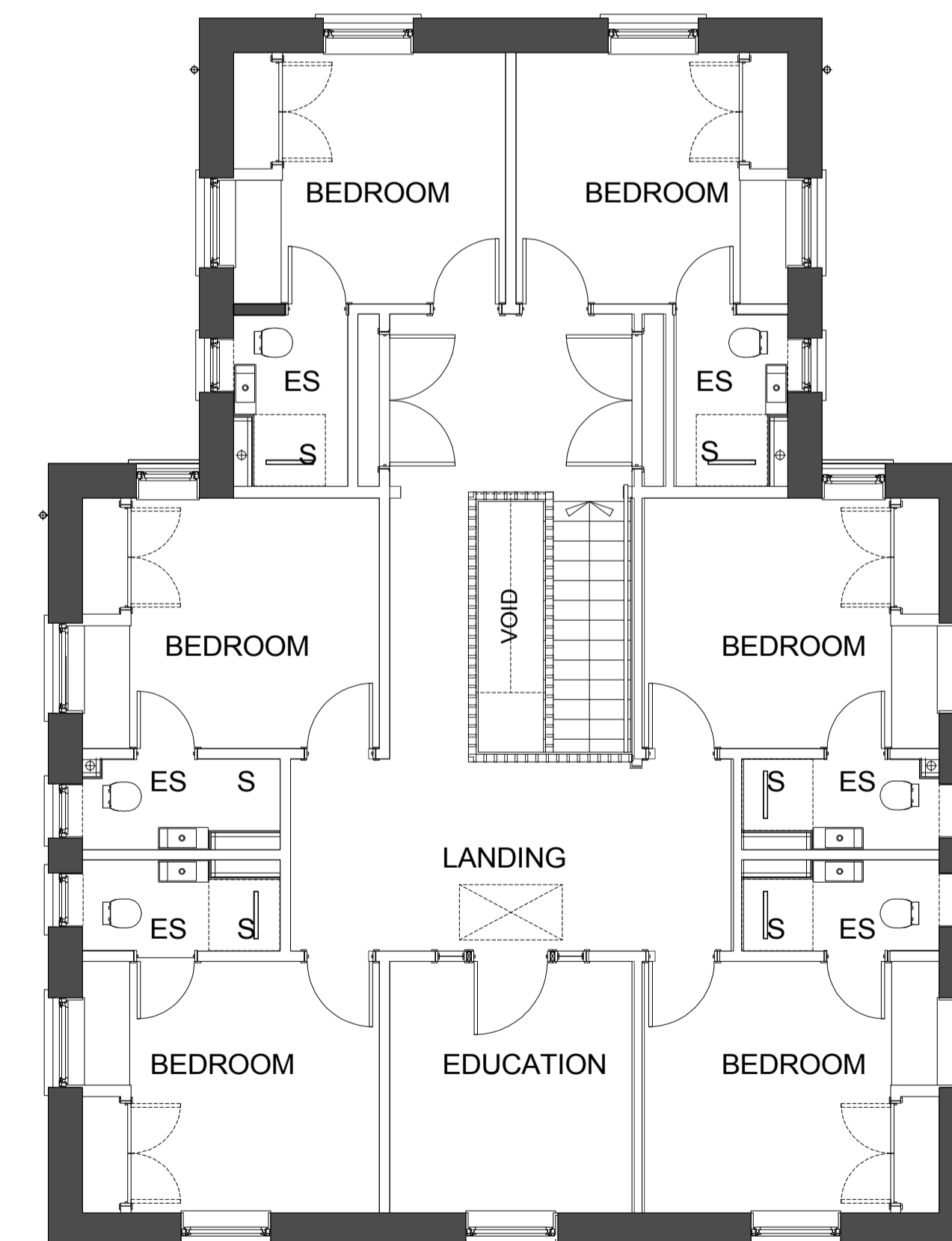
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FRONT VIEW OF GENERIC DESIGN



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

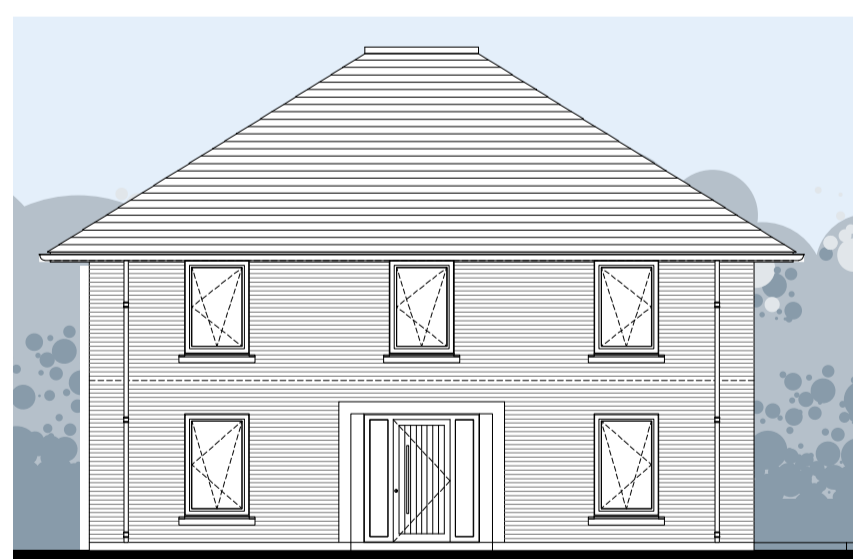


FIRST FLOOR PLAN

- Site Boundary
- ▶ Pedestrian Access
- ▶ Vehicular Access

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FRONT ELEVATION



SIDE ELEVATION



REAR ELEVATION



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**MILESDOWN CHILDREN'S HOME PROPOSAL**

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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	19 June 2017
<b>Title:</b>	Statement of Purpose of the Hampshire Fostering Service Adoption Service and Residential Homes
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. Summary

- 1.1 National Minimum Standards for Fostering Services and Adoption Services, and the Children's Homes (England) Regulations require that the registered provider (in the case of a local authority, the elected members) formally approves the Statement of Purpose of Services, and reviews, updates and modifies it where necessary, at least annually.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report, therefore, is to present the updated Statement of Purpose of Hampshire's Fostering, Adoption Services and Children's Homes (see Appendices) for approval by the Executive Member, highlighting the key parts of the document that have been revised since it was last presented.

#### 2. Contextual information

- 2.1 The Regulations and Guidance for Fostering Services, Adoption Services and for Children's Homes state that the service provider (in this instance, Hampshire Children's Services Department) shall compile, in relation to the service, a written statement, referred to as The Statement of Purpose, which shall consist of:
  - a) A statement of the aims and objectives of the service; and
  - b) A statement as to the services and facilities to be provided by the service.
- 2.2. The provider is responsible for providing a copy of the Statement of Purpose to Ofsted, the body which inspects the services, and the following key stakeholders:

- i) Any person working for the purposes of the service;
- ii) Any foster/ adoptive parent or prospective foster/ adoptive parent
- iii) Any child placed within any of the services; and
- iv) The parent of any such child.

2.3 A children's version of the Statement of Purpose is also available.

2.4 The proposals in this report are expected to support the County Council's corporate priorities as follows:

"Making Hampshire safer and more secure for all" – by enabling as many of Hampshire's children as possible, who are looked after, to remain in their local communities and to fully participate in and contribute to the life of those communities.

"Maximising well-being" – by ensuring that Hampshire's children who are looked after are provided with good quality family based care placements that meet their needs and enable them to move successfully through their transition to independence.

"Enhancing our quality of place" – through provision of high quality services that target those children who are the most vulnerable.

### **3. Finance**

3.1 Not applicable.

### **4. Performance**

4.1 Ofsted assesses extent to which each Statements of Purpose is an accurate reflection of the service provided.

### **5. Key issues**

#### **Revisions to the Statement of Purpose:**

#### **Fostering Services:**

5.1 The Fostering Service uses the Statement of Purpose as a competitive positioning tool, which benchmarks local authority and independent services. This is useful in recruitment terms as prospective carers can compare services more easily. Flexibility and responsiveness are highlighted to promote Hampshire's position.

5.2 References to the Fostering Service and descriptions and diagrams of how the service is structured are presented in a way that is appropriate to



the audience who are reading the statement of purpose and understanding how the fostering service operates.

- 5.3 The Statement outlines the training that is in place for foster carer applicants to equip them with the required skills and knowledge to look after Hampshire's children.
- 5.4 There is a statement from the chair of Hampshire Fostering Network (HFN) which highlights the achievements of HFN during 2016- 2017.
- 5.5 There is also an update on Fostering Recruitment and events undertaken during the year, promoting Hampshire's position as a successful fostering agency.

### **Children's Residential Care**

- 5.6 The information within the Statement of Purpose is used to identify that the home is the right home for the child and that the home will be able to respond effectively to the child's needs. Hampshire currently has five children's homes for local children whose needs cannot be met within a family environment. They are all mixed sex homes and range from 4-5 beds located throughout Hampshire, currently accommodating a maximum of 21 children.
- 5.7 Hampshire is in the process of implementing a Residential Strategy that will result in eight 'open' children's homes, accommodating 33 children. During 2017 four new homes will open and two existing homes will close. The Statements of Purpose for the new homes are submitted for approval. They will be updated to reflect staff recruitment.
  - Godbey House is located in Hayling Island. This six bedded home accommodates children and young people aged between 10-17 years. Godbey House will close in 2017. Appendix 1.
  - Milesdown Children's Home is located in Winchester. This six bedded home accommodates children and young people aged between 10-17 years. During 2017 Milesdown will temporarily re-locate to Crossways Children's Home and Milesdown will close. Appendix 2.
  - The Mead is located in Odiham. This five bedded home accommodates children and young people aged between 10-17 years. Appendix 3.
  - Cypress Lodge is located in Basingstoke and accommodates four children and young people aged between 10-17 years. Appendix 4.
  - The Greenhouse Children's Home temporarily located at Crossways Children's Home in Old Basing. This four bedded home

accommodates children and young people aged between 10- 17 years. Appendix 5.

- Crofton House is located in Havant. This is a new four bedded home which will accommodate children and young people aged between 10-17 years. The Statement of Purpose has been sent to Ofsted in preparation for opening the home in 2017. Appendix 6.
- Candle Lodge is located in Chandlers Ford. This is a new four bedded home which will accommodate children and young people aged between 10-17 years. The Statement of Purpose has been sent to Ofsted in preparation for opening the home in 2017. Appendix 7.
- Ferne Lodge is located in Fareham. This is a new four bedded home which will accommodate children and young people aged between 10-17 years. The Statement of Purpose has been sent to Ofsted in preparation for opening the home in 2017. Appendix 8.
- Berry View is located in Andover. This is a new four bedded home which will accommodate children and young people aged between 10-17 years. The Statement of Purpose has been sent to Ofsted in preparation for opening the home in 2017. Appendix 9.
- Amani is located in Dibden Purlieu. This is a new four bedded home which will accommodate children and young people aged between 10-17 years. The Statement of Purpose has been prepared in preparation for the home opening in August 2017. Appendix 10.

5.8 Swanwick Lodge is a secure children's home. It accommodates up to 16 young people of either gender who need to be secured for their own safety under section 25 of the Children Act. The Youth Justice Board are able to 'spot purchase' beds for those young people who are remanded into custody or receive a custodial sentence. The unit is subject to the same regulations and inspection regime as open children's homes but with some additional requirements which are specific to its secure setting. The home is also a national resource and a self-financing business unit. Appendix 11.

5.9 The Statements of Purpose for Children's Homes have been updated to reflect changes to unit policies and procedures, staffing personnel, training and qualifications and any changes to the 'Responsible Individual' and/or 'Registered Manager' in accordance with the line management arrangements of the home.

## **Short Break Homes**

5.10 As part of the continuum of short-break resources supporting children and young people with complex learning difficulties (including autism) and their families Hampshire County Council has three residential homes each offering programmed overnight provision. Access to the service is via a county resource panel that meets fortnightly under the chairmanship of a rotating district manager.

- Sunbeams is situated in Aldershot and can accommodate up to four children/young people overnight. Appendix 12.
- Firvale is in Basingstoke and can accommodate up to nine children/young people. It is joint funded and managed unit between Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Appendix 13.
- Merrydale is based in Winchester and is registered to accommodate up to thirteen children/young people. Appendix 14.

5.11 The Statements of Purpose for the short breaks children's homes have been updated to reflect changes to unit policies and procedures, staffing personnel, training and qualifications and a change to the 'Responsible Individual'.

## **Adoption Service**

5.12 The Adoption Service Statement of Purpose sets out the core aims and objectives of Hampshire's Adoption Service. It explains the range of services that are provided to children, prospective adopters, adoptive parents, adopted adults and birth parents through the different strands of the adoption agency.

5.13 The principles and standards within the Statement of Purpose apply to all agency placements.

5.14 The Statement of Purpose reflects the emphasis that the Adoption Service places on the welfare of Hampshire's children who require adoptive placements, the importance of minimising delay for children and meeting statutory timescales. In addition, the support services that are being offered to children and adoptive families post-adoption which continues to be a growing area in Hampshire's adoption agency.

5.15 There are some minor revisions to this document since it was last presented. Revisions include;

- The Service Structure has been updated to reflect that there is now one Children's Adoption Team, instead of two.

- Details of Hampshire's Fostering For Adoption Policy.
- Support to birth parents and relatives being provided by a range of independent providers, instead of one provider, Barnardos.
- Services for Inter Country Adoption being commissioned from the voluntary adoption agency, The Centre for Adoption, instead of Parents And Children Together (PACT).
- The wider services offered by the Adoption Support Team.
- A section on the highlights of 2016-17.

## **6. Consultation and Equalities**

- 6.1 The proposal in this report does not require consultation and equality and diversity objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposal.

## **7. Recommendation**

- 7.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the updated Statement of Purpose for the Fostering Service, Adoption Service and Children's Homes.

## CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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**Other Significant Links**

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<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Statement of Purpose Executive Member Report	7377	25 May 2016
Statement of Purpose Executive Member Report	5788	23 July 2015
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	
Children Act	<b>1989/2004</b>	
Care Standards Act	<b>2000</b>	
Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations	<b>2011</b>	
Children's Home Regulations	<b>2015</b>	

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Short Breaks: Statutory guidance on how to safeguard and promote the welfare of disabled children using short breaks	<a href="https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/DCSF-00183-2010">https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/DCSF-00183-2010</a>
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Children's Homes:	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/541/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/541/contents/made</a>
Adoption: National Minimum Standards	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adoption-national-minimum-standards">Adoption: national minimum standards - Publications - GOV.UK</a>
Assessment and Approval of Foster Carers	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/275764/20130522statutory_guidance_assessment_and_approval_of_foster_carers_final.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/275764/20130522statutory_guidance_assessment_and_approval_of_foster_carers_final.pdf</a>
Adoption: Statutory Guidance 2013	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adoption-statutory-guidance-2013">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adoption-statutory-guidance-2013</a>

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### **2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

2.1 Not considered to be adversely affected.

### **3. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

3.1 Not considered to be adversely affected.

### **4. Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? Not considered to be adversely affected.
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? Not considered to be adversely affected.

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