

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	20 September 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 sets out proposed changes to the 2017/18 Capital Programme.
- 1.2 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

#### Revised 2017/18 Capital Programme

- 2.1 Taking in to account changes since the 2017/18 programme was last approved on 19 June 2017 (including those proposed in this report), the revised cash limit for the programme is made up as shown in Table 1.

<b>Table 1 - 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	-0.003
Additional Developer Contributions – Various sites	7.381
Swanwick Lodge – additional DfE grant	0.135

Deferred Capital receipt	-0.300
<b>Total</b>	<b>150.315</b>

- 2.2 The revised capital programme for 2017/18 is submitted for approval at Appendix 1.

#### Schools' Devolved Formula Capital

- 2.3 The Government grant allocation for schools' devolved formula allocations for 2017/18 for maintained schools (excluding academies) is £3.350m. The allocation per school will be calculated using the DfE formula set out in Table 2 and is intended to fund high priority projects identified through schools' Asset Management Plans.

**Table 2 – Schools' Devolved Formula Capital allocation**

2017/18 Formula	Allocation per school £ p.a.
Per nursery/primary pupil	11.25
Per secondary pupil	16.88
Per special school or education centre pupil	33.75
Lump sum (all schools)	4,000.00

- 2.4 Officers continue to work closely with schools to ensure that devolved formula capital allocations are spent appropriately on Asset Management Plan priorities. There is a particular emphasis on ensuring when possible that it is used when appropriate in conjunction with other available resources. This ensures that a maximum number of schools can benefit from available resources. However, the reduced allocations continue to limit individual schools' opportunities to fund large scale capital projects.

### **3. Amendments to the 2017/18 Capital Programme**

#### Enlargement of Endeavour Primary, Andover

- 3.1 In September 2016 the Hamwic Trust applied to the Department for Education (DfE) to be the sponsor of the new free school to serve the southern end of the East Anton housing development in Andover. The application was successful and the intention was to open the new school in September 2017 in temporary accommodation on a site adjacent to the forthcoming permanent school.
- 3.2 However, the Trust pulled out of the planned arrangement on 18 May 2017 requiring an urgent alternative solution to be found. Discussions took place with the governing body of Endeavour Primary School and the school agreed to run a bulge class on the Dairy Road site (site for new school) initially for the 2017/18 academic year only.

- 3.3 Further discussions have now taken place with the governing body about the school running the Dairy Road site as a permanent expansion of the Endeavour Primary School. This will make Endeavour Primary School a four form entry (4fe) primary school split over two sites with 420 pupils (2fe) being accommodated on each site.
- 3.4 Where a Local Authority proposes to permanently enlarge a school's capacity by 25% or more it must follow a procedure set out by the DfE. The proposed expansion will increase the size of Endeavour Primary School beyond 25% and, therefore, a public consultation is required.
- 3.5 Therefore, subject to the approval of the governing body, it is recommended that approval be given to consult with the local community and other relevant bodies, including the DfE on the permanent expansion of Endeavour Primary School as set out above.

#### Robert May's School, Odiham

- 3.6 Robert May's Secondary School in Odiham serves a large rural area of Hart including Hook and Odiham. The school is an academy and currently has permanent accommodation for 1,200 pupils (8fe) aged 11-16.
- 3.7 As a result of a forecast increase in pupil numbers from the catchment area, an expansion of 1fe (150 pupils) is required for September 2019, costed at £7.6m. The 1fe expansion project was approved in the Capital Programme report to ELMCS on 20 January 2016.
- 3.8 The existing school site is currently undersized for an 8fe school, as recommended by DfE guidelines. Therefore, as part of the planned 1fe expansion, additional land is required to provide sufficient site area for a 9fe school.
- 3.9 The area of land adjacent to the school is known as Bufton's Field and has been identified as the preferred solution for the required additional land. This land, amounting to approximately 2.1 hectares (5.2 acres) net of a foot/cycle route (the foot/cycle route is currently subject to a S38 Agreement and might be included as part of the acquisition land following further consultation), directly adjoins the school site. This land, following levelling and preparation, will enable a full football/rugby pitch to be provided. Originally, funding of £0.1m was identified in the capital programme report to ELMCS on 16 September 2015 to acquire this land.
- 3.10 It was understood that the legal owner of that land was prepared to consider selling to the County Council if a suitable financial settlement could be reached which would satisfy the interests of the beneficial owners. The County Council has attempted to negotiate the acquisition by agreement and made a number of offers to acquire the land. The County Council continues to negotiate with the legal owner, but negotiations to date have not been successful. Accordingly, as there is a pressing need for additional playing field facilities for the school, a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) will now be considered. Further delay in acquiring Bufton's Field could

impact on the expansion costs and reduce the external learning opportunities for students.

- 3.11 Therefore, it is noted that, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources (EMPR) will consider commencing a CPO for the acquisition of the land adjacent to the school known as Bufton's Field. Provision for the acquisition of the land has been made within the capital programme.

#### Access improvements in schools (AIS)

- 3.12 Historically capital grant allocations to local authorities included funding for the Schools Access Initiative. This allowed for access improvements to mainstream schools, principally to meet the individual needs of pupils'. This specific funding stream has now ceased but the need for such adaptations will continue, both at a pupil-led and strategic level.
- 3.13 It is proposed that the projects listed at Appendix 2 be recommended for approval.

### **4. Amendments to the 2018/19 Capital Programme**

#### Bursledon Junior School

- 4.1 Due to an increase in forecast pupil numbers, it is proposed to return Bursledon Junior School to its original 3fe capacity for September 2018.
- 4.2 To achieve this a permanent single classroom extension will be required by September 2018.
- 4.3 Therefore it is recommended that the project at Bursledon Junior School is added to the 2018/19 capital programme at a cost of £0.35m (including fees).

### **5. Modular Classrooms**

- 5.1 Details of the location of the 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.

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

- 6.1 Under delegated powers and following consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, the action set out in Appendix 4 has been taken and it is recommended that these approvals are noted.

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 That the revised capital programme cash limit of £150.315m for 2017/18 be approved.
- 7.2 That the revised 2017/18 Capital Programme at Appendix 1 is approved, along with the amendments to the 2017/18 programme.
- 7.3 That approval be given to consult on the permanent expansion of Endeavour Primary School is given.
- 7.4 That it is noted that, the Executive Member for Policy & Resources considers commencing a CPO for the acquisition of land adjacent to Robert May's School known as Bufton's Field.
- 7.5 That the projects listed at Appendix 2 for Access Improvements in Schools are approved.
- 7.6 It is recommended that the project at Bursledon Junior School is added to the 2018/19 Capital Programme.
- 7.7 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.
- 7.8 The projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 4 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.)**

DocumentLocation

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.