

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
Date of Decision:	11 November 2020
Decision Title:	Children's Services Capital Programme update
Report From:	Director of Children's Services and Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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Recommendation(s)

- 1 That the revised capital programme cash limit of £70.700m for 2020/21 be approved.
- 2 That the revised 2020/21 capital programme at Appendix 1 be approved, along with the amendments to the 2020/21 capital programme.
- 3 That approval is given to progress design work and undertake a public consultation on the expansion and change of designation of Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College.
- 4 That approval is given to progress design work and undertake a public consultation on the expansion of Icknield School.
- 5 That approval is given for the proposed grants to create SEND Post 16 Resourced Provisions at Brockenhurst, Farnborough College of Technology and Alton Colleges.
- 6 That the projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 2 are noted.

Executive Summary

- 7 This report sets out the updated Children's Services Capital Programme for 2020/21. It also provides an update on projects identified for 2021/22.

Background

- 8 The Children's Services Capital Programme is based on government grants, capital receipts, developer contributions and local resources.

2020/21 Capital programme

- 9 Taking into account changes since the 2020/21 capital programme was last approved on 16 September 2020 (including those proposed in this report), the revised cash limit for the programme is shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – Revised 2020/21 Cash Limit	£'000
Cash limit reported 16 September 2020	70,034
Crow Arch lane (Poulner Infant), Ringwood developer contribution	487
Winchester Road, Fair Oak (Infant & Junior) developer contribution	120
Portsmouth Diocese –contribution to Cornerstone CE Primary	59
Total	70,700

Amendments to the 2020/21 Capital Programme

Poulner Infant School, Ringwood

- 10 Poulner Infant School currently houses a nursery within the existing accommodation. The school has a capacity of 180 and number on roll of 206 having accepted an additional bulge class in September 2020.
- 11 To create space for the bulge class going through the school, it is proposed to re-house the nursery provider in new accommodation. This will allow the school to take back the space currently occupied by the nursery. The estimated cost of this accommodation is £0.487m (including fees).
- 12 Therefore, it is recommended that resources of £0.487m (including fees) are added to the 2020/21 capital programme. A detailed project appraisal will be brought to a future Decision Day.

2021/22 Capital Programme

SEND Provision

- 13 The proposed additional SEND accommodation outlined below will help manage some of the school place pressures generated by the increase in the number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) maintained by the Local Authority. Since 2015-16 the number of pupils in Hampshire with EHCPs has increased from 5,558 to 9,338 in April 2020 (an increase of 63%) with approximately 40% of pupils with an EHCP in a specialist

placement. This has resulted in a corresponding pressure for places in special schools and resourced provision. The County Council is committed to further developing successful provision or creating new provision where possible to meet demand for places. Currently, there is a need to provide support for pupils across most areas of SEND but in particular for pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs (SEMH) a 75% increase from 2015/16 – 2019/20.

- 14 The lack of sufficient provision within Hampshire Schools has resulted in increased placements within the independent and non-maintained sector (INMSS). The proposals contained within this report aim to build on the good quality Hampshire school provision and meet the needs of children and young people within their settings. This will reduce the Local Authority's dependence upon independent and non-maintained provision (INMSS) and will aim to keep pupils as close to their home community as possible.

Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College, Farnborough

- 15 Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College is a Moderate Learning Disabilities (MLD) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) designated school with an APN of 205. Due to the urgent need to provide additional specialist provision for SEMH pupils, it is proposed to consult on the expansion of Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College from 205 to 295 places and change of designation to include SEMH. To achieve this, it is proposed to establish a specialist 90-place co-educational facility on the eastern part of the school site for SEMH pupils aged 10-16 years.
- 16 The proposed SEMH facility would be separate from the existing MLD/ASD provision and operate under the management of the College but as an independent facility on the site. There will also be a separate area for drop off and pick up. It is proposed that the governance be through the existing Samuel Cody Governing Body.
- 17 Therefore, it is recommended that approval be given to consult on the expansion of Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College from 205 to 295 places and change of designation to include SEMH. A detailed scheme has yet to be developed but it is also recommended that funding of £10.5m be identified within the 2021/22 programme. The scheme design and cost are based on the Austen Academy ASD School project currently being delivered in Basingstoke. A detailed design and cost appraisal will be brought to a future Decision Day.

Icknield Special School, Andover

- 18 Icknield School, Andover is a SLD (Severe Learning Difficulties) school for children aged 5-19. A scheme has been developed to significantly improve and re-model the internal spaces and provide a small expansion to provide 10 additional places.
- 19 Therefore, it is recommended that approval be given to consult on the expansion of Icknield School from 78 to 88 places. Subject to approval, it is anticipated that the new school places will be available for September 2022

at an estimated cost of £2.5m (including fees). A detailed project appraisal will be brought to a future decision day.

Post 16 Resourced Provisions at Hampshire Colleges

- 20 As mentioned, significant revenue funding is spent on provision for Post-16 SEND pupils to attend independent and out-of-county education provision. It is proposed to build 3 x 30 place SEND specialist Post 16 provisions at Farnborough College of Technology, Brockenhurst College and Alton College.
- 21 This new resourced provision will provide much needed specialist accommodation and curriculum, for Hampshire pupils and will be run by the Colleges.
- 22 The Colleges will work closely with Hampshire Special School Head Teachers to support transition of pupils after year 11. Colleges are required to undertake remodelling of agreed assigned areas of their sites to provide appropriate classroom, hygiene, independent working areas and therapy spaces. It is proposed to enter grant agreements with the Colleges later this year to enable these capital works to be undertaken. A Memorandum of Understanding will be agreed for the provision of up to 30 SEND places per year. The places will be available for September 2021. The cost of these works across the 3 college sites is estimated at £2.5m. Resources of £2.5m to fund these works have been allocated from the 2020/21 capital programme.
- 23 Therefore, it is recommended that approval be given to enter into grant agreements to the sum of £2.5m with the three Hampshire 6th Form Colleges named above to provide SEND resourced provision for Hampshire SEND pupils.

Action taken by the Director of Children's Services

- 24 Under delegated powers and following consultation with the Executive Member for Children's Services, the actions set out in Appendix 2 have been taken and it is recommended that these approvals are noted.

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REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	Yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Children's Services Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20	7917	18 January 2017
Children's Services Capital Programme update	n/a	19 June 2017
Children's Services capital programme update	n/a	20 September 2017
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<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	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Equality and diversity objectives will be considered on an individual project basis by conducting Equality Impact Assessments and are not considered at this stage or within this report.