

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET

21 JUNE 2012

SUBJECT:	SCHEME AND ESTIMATE AND TENDER ACCEPTANCE FOR OUR LADY & ST EDWARDS R.C PRIMARY SCHOOL
WARD/S AFFECTED:	BIDSTON AND ST JAMES
REPORT OF:	ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	CLLR TONY SMITH
KEY DECISION?	YES

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report describes the construction of a single storey extension and internal alterations at Our Lady and St Edwards RC Primary School. Members are requested to approve the scheme and estimate and tendering exercise undertaken by the Diocese. The financial support by the Local Authority for this Aided school has arisen out of the Basic Need requirement at the school, for which the Local Authority is responsible. Planning permission has been obtained for this scheme.
- 1.2 Cabinet is asked to approve the lowest tender submitted by Clovemead Construction Ltd of £243,038.00. Subject to the approval of the CYP Capital Programme 2012/13.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The proposed scheme includes the building of a single storey extension and internal alterations to create a library, specialist practical area, group room and storage are in line with the guidelines set out in Building Bulletin 99, and refurbishment of staff accommodation.
- 2.2 Following the Primary Place Review in the Birkenhead area which saw the closure of St Laurence's R.C Primary School this has resulted in additional pupils choosing Our Lady and St Edwards R.C Primary School. Whilst Primary Capital investment had previously been spent at the school, there remains pressure on teaching space for library, group rooms and practical areas.
- 2.3 The scheme is included in this years Capital Programme which is to be approved by Cabinet on 21 June 2012. Advances were made to the tendering of this scheme at the request of the Diocese and to make effective use of the summer holiday period due to the internal refurbishments required and the demand on school places in September.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 The project will be managed by Diocese appointed architects but will be monitored on a monthly basis by the CYP Facilities Management section.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 After design feasibility was undertaken no other options were suitable to allow the required space to be created and which was affordable.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 Consultation has taken place between the school, architects, Diocese and Local Authority to ensure that the proposed design met school requirements and pupil place requirements in the local area.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

6.1 None directly associated with this report.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

7.1 The tender documents were sent out to 7 contractors via the Diocese approved. The lowest tender was received from Clovemead Construction Ltd, the breakdown of the costs are as follows:

Total building costs	£243,038.00
VAT @ 20%	£ 48,607.60
Professional fees @ 15%	£ 36,455.70
VAT @ 20%	£ 7,291.00
Planning	£ 670.00
Insurance	£ 894.04
Building Regulations	£ 1,100.00
VAT @ 20%	£ 220.00
Total outturn cost	£338,446.48

The scheme will be funded from the following resources:-

Basic Need Capital 2012/13	£300,000.00
LCVAP	£ 20,000.00
Devolved Formula Capital	£ 18,446.48
Total resource	£338,446.48

7.2 The Diocese has engaged Aedas Architects to provide architectural services and associated specialist support.

7.3 It is anticipated that there will be no significant increase in revenue costs for energy etc at the school as a result of this scheme.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no specific legal implications associated with this report.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

(a) Yes and impact review can be found via the link below.

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equality-diversity-cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-2010/children-young-people>

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Increase in Carbon usage will be minimal due to the low energy building components being specified. No other environmental issues have been identified with this project.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Planning Approval has been received.

11.2 Refurbishment of schools allow the most vulnerable accommodation to be removed and other security improvements carried out to ensure the site is safe and secure.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

12.1 That the lowest tender submitted by Clovemead Construction Ltd be accepted, subject to the approval of the CYP Capital Programme 2012/13.

13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 The proposed scheme which is part of the CYP Capital Programme will meet the teaching space requirements of the school and improve the facilities available to staff and pupils of Our Lady & St Edwards.

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APPENDICES

Floor plans

REFERENCE MATERIAL

No background information was used for the drafting of this report.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date