

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET

10 SEPTEMBER 2015

| | |
|---|---|
| SUBJECT | CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES DEPARTMENT - NEW CAPITAL SCHEMES 2015-16 TO 2017-18 |
| WARD/S AFFECTED | ALL |
| REPORT OF | ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE |
| RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER | COUNCILLOR ADRIAN JONES |
| KEY DECISION | YES |

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details the proposed new capital schemes based on the Department for Education (DfE) funding allocations and seeks approval for scheme development.
- 1.2 As part of the Council's five year plan, the proposals in this report support the following pledges contained in the plan:
- Children are ready for school
 - Young people are ready for work and adulthood
 - Vulnerable children reach their full potential
 - Council making better use of its assets

2 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 The Department for Education (DfE) announced in February 2015, indicative allocations for school condition funding for a three year period covering financial years 2015-18. Allocations were made in recognition of existing premises defects as well as providing ongoing maintenance to keep all buildings in good condition over their lifecycle.

2.2 School Condition Allocations

These grant allocations are made to those bodies responsible for the maintenance of buildings, some of the allocation takes into account the information gathered through the Property Data Survey Programme about the condition of schools.

Whilst the DfE are not prescriptive in how this allocation is spent, Asset Management have continued to follow similar strategies in previous years for enhancing premises, improving student learning environments, community accessibility, safety and security compliance.

- (i) to undertake projects identified in the Asset Management Plan to enhance the Suitability and Condition of schools and enable a full range of curriculum activities.

- (ii) to enable inclusion within mainstream schools for pupils with physical and mental disabilities and to ensure that Special Schools are able to provide the care required for a range of disabilities

The School Condition Allocation for 2015/16 is £2,794,047 with the same amount indicated for 2016/17 and 2017/18 these amounts could change due to variations in school status i.e. Academy, the number of pupils and the high condition needs threshold.

2.3 Basic Need Allocation

Allocations for Basic Need for 2015/16 and 2016/17 had been made in previous years by the DfE. In February 2015 allocations were made to local authorities to support capital requirement for providing new pupil places by expanding existing maintained schools, free schools or academies for 2017/18. The allocations were based upon a projected need for new places. Asset Management in consultation with education colleagues have identified projects which support the changing pupil demographics within the Borough.

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|
| Basic Need Allocation is: | 2015/16 | £1,346,676 |
| | 2016/17 | £1,414,010 |
| | 2017/18 | £ 830,975 |

2.4 Devolved Formula Capital (DFC)

This is a grant which is devolved to schools for smaller capital works generally in excess of £2,000. A total of £646,025 will be shared between Wirral's Maintained Schools and £229,445 between Aided Schools.

A typical Primary School with 300 pupils will receive in the region of £7,400 and a Secondary School with 1,000 pupils receives £21,000.

Academies will receive Capital Maintenance and Devolved Formula Capital directly from the DfE via the Education Funding Agency.

2.5 Progress of 2014/15 Capital Schemes

Priority School Building Programme

Wirral was successful in three bids to the DfE Priority School Building Programme (phase 1) which is managed on a day to day basis by the Education Funding Agency but with input from the Local Authority.

Foxfield Special School was successfully completed in March 2015 and the outcomes of this new facility are looking impressive in terms of future attainment, behaviour and general well-being. Whilst this scheme was substantially funded directly by the Education Funding Agency, there was a large Council contribution of £1m to ensure the continuing high care standards via hydrotherapy and to ensure the schools' capacity going forward.

Bedford Drive Primary School construction programme has started on site this summer with anticipated completion of August 2016. Again additional funding has been required from local resources to ensure the high quality learning environment and for furniture and fittings.

Works will commence at Ridgeway High School for its new facility in summer 2016, additional Capital funding is required to sever the City Learning Centre and library from the main school building which will be demolished.

Larger CYPD Schemes

- (i) Somerville Primary School – completion of the 6 mobile classroom replacement project was achieved in March 2015, this large scheme has made significant enhancements to the overall school environment both internally and externally.
- (ii) Fender Primary School – completion of a 2 classroom and resource extension is due to be completed in October 2015 following a rise in pupil numbers in the area.
- (iii) Elleray Park Special School – works are due to be completed in October 2015 on the four new classroom extension and welfare facilities which replace undersized rooms and detached buildings, and will provide enhanced medical/hygiene facilities for pupils with severe disabilities.
- (iv) Great Meols Primary – the completion of a one court sports hall was completed in Spring 2015 and will allow greater access to sporting facilities for pupils throughout the day.
- (v) Devonshire Park – a range of projects have been undertaken to support the increase in pupil numbers at this school whilst maintaining specialist communication bases. The project to redevelop the school dining facilities is well underway and due for completion in October 2015.

2.6 Three Year programme

In recent years grant funding from the Department for Education has been allocated on an annual basis, this has caused restrictions in longer term planning of larger schemes and has led to delays in programme delivery. This year a three year allocation was announced by the DfE and as such the Capital programme has been drawn up with this in mind. This has enabled Asset Management to plan over a longer period and enabled a more accurate financial profiling of anticipated spend particularly in 2015/16.

There are three funding streams to take into consideration (i) DfE grant - School Condition Allocation (ii) DfE grant – Basic Need to meet demands in providing pupil places and (iii) Council Capital (borrowing) – to support pupil place projects.

Appendix A shows schemes which have been assessed as requiring condition and suitability investment as part of the expenditure against School Condition Allocations (as described in 2.2 above). Whilst the list of school projects for 2015/16 does not commit the total available grant for this year by £532,000, this unallocated amount will be rolled forward to next year. This is primarily due to the realistic completion of these projects prior to the end of the 2015/16 financial year therefore, representing a much more accurate indication of expenditure. This methodology applies to all three funding streams i.e. School Capital Allocation, Basic Need and Pupil Place Planning.

Good progress has already been made in identifying needs for the Capital programme in 2016/17 and 2017/18 across all three main funding streams, these will be further developed when building data becomes available and when pupil place demands are better known. Further reports will be submitted as schemes are identified.

2.7 The Hive (Youth Zone)

There has been a requirement to have the option to increase the Council's commitment to the Capital costs of the new facility, which currently stands at £2m for this £6m facility. This is due to the shortfall in private sponsorship at the point of

tender and an amount of £500,000 DfE grant funding has been identified from 2016/17 DfE allocations should this shortfall not be realised from other sources.

The new capital schemes for CYPD for 2015-18 are shown in the attached Appendix A.

3 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 The possible failure to deliver the new schemes is a risk which will be mitigated by a number of actions including regular review and reporting and use of the established “Gateway” system to monitor progress of schemes. The possible failure to deliver the Capital Programme will be mitigated by the regular review by a group of officers, charged with improving performance.
- 3.2 Failure to undertake required condition improvements in schools could lead to unplanned closure and possible health and safety risks. Failure to continuously assess the suitability of school premises would have significant risk to the attainment of pupils as improvements are required to enable schools to deliver the curriculum, facilitate best practice teaching methods and promote safe guarding.
- 3.3 Failure to adequately plan additional pupil places to reflect changes in pupil numbers will lead to unacceptable numbers in classrooms (particularly in infant classes).

4 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 No other options were considered.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 No consultation has been undertaken relating to this report.

6 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

- 6.1 There is an on-going requirement to identify during the financial year necessary actions to mitigate any forecast overspends.

7 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 7.1 There are none arising directly from this report. These would be considered when planning and implementing specific schemes or projects

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL, IT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 8.1 This report provides details of how DfE grant allocations and existing agreed Capital Programme resources are to be expended. This relates primarily to grant funding, which will have no adverse impact on the Council’s revenue budget. Further reports

will be submitted as schemes are identified from the remaining DfE allocations for School Condition, Basic Need grant allocations are identified and those contributions for school place planning from Council resources.

8.2 Details of the proposed scheme costs are contained within detailed within Appendix A.

8.3 There is no direct staffing or IT implications arising directly from this report. The assets affected are detailed in Appendix A.

9 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

10 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

11 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report. These are included in reports to Cabinet on individual schemes and in the Carbon Budget report.

12 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report. Planning Applications will be made for those larger schemes following generic guidelines.

13 RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 That Cabinet is asked to approve the new capital schemes identified in Appendix A and refer to them to Council for inclusion within the overall Capital Programme.

14 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

14.1 To ensure that the Capital Programme reflects schemes based on the grant resources available.

14.2 To ensure the continued improvement of school premises and those of other educational establishments to enable good quality teaching and learning within suitable and inspiring environments.

14.3 As part of the Council's five year plan, the proposals in this report support the following pledges contained in the plan:

- Children are ready for school
- Young people are ready for work and adulthood
- Vulnerable children reach their full potential
- Council making better use of its assets

REPORT AUTHOR: Jeannette Royle
Senior Manager – Asset Management
Telephone: 0151 606 2644
Email: jeannetteroyle@wirral.gov.uk

APPENDICES

Appendix A - CYPD New Capital Schemes 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18

APPENDIX A

CYPD NEW CAPITAL SCHEMES 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18

| Funding | Carry Forward | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| DfE School Condition Allocation | 409,027 | 2,794,047 | 2,794,047 | 2,794,047 |
| DfE Basic Need | 0 | 1,346,676 | 1,414,010 | 830,975 |
| School Place Planning | 853,024 | 750,000 | 750,000 | 750,000 |

DfE SCHOOL CONDITION ALLOCATION

| Non-Specific School Locations | | | |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| School Access/DDA | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Boiler Renewal Programme | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| School Electrical Testing Programme | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Legionella Programme – remedial work | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Energy Solar Panels | | 50,000 | |
| Kitchen Extraction | | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Sub-Total | 600,000 | 710,000 | 660,000 |
| Feasibility & Design Development | | | |
| | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Kilgarth Special | 10,000 | | |
| Riverside Primary | 10,000 | | |
| Well Lane Primary: phase 2 - main reception/entrance/safeguarding | 10,000 | | |
| Observatory School: suitability and sufficiency | 10,000 | | |
| Other feasibilities | 20,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Sub-Total | 60,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Larger Schemes - 200k plus | | | |
| | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Liscard Primary – Sports barn development, one court facility. | 10,000 | 300,000 | |
| New Brighton Primary – 1. Sports barn development, one court facility. 2. Main entrance remodel/DDA | 10,000 | 300,000 100,000 | |
| St Georges Primary – Pupil entrance/toilets/DDA [130K 14/15] | 210,000 | | |
| Devonshire Park Primary – Dining/kitchen facility [200k 14/15] | 200,000 | | |

| | | | |
|---|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Meadowside Special School – suitability and condition in pool/changing area | 150,000 | 400,000 | |
| Sub-Total | 580,000 | 1,100,000 | |
| Medium/Lower Value Schemes | | | |
| | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Brackenwood Junior – Fire alarm/smoke detector system | | 40,000 | |
| Christchurch C of E Birkenhead – contribution boiler/heating | 60,000 | | |
| Gayton Primary – 1. Re-design one set of boys and girls toilets to west wing 2. Renew hall windows to outer quad area | 30,000 | 70,000 | |
| Ganneys Meadow/Fender Primary – fire alarm/smoke detector system | 50,000 | | |
| Greenleas Primary – re-model classrooms and toilet provision | 100,000 | | |
| Hayfield Special School – re-modelling and mobile replacement [suitability 14/15 £10k] | | TBC | |
| Heygarth Primary – partial re-wire and installation of distribution boards and containment of cables and refresh decorations. | 100,000 | | |
| Liscard Primary – 1. [phase 1] Pitched roof installation in Decra system, estimate inc fee's. 2. [phase 2] including flat roofs & fee's. | 175,000 | 225,000 | |
| Overchurch Infants – 1. [phase 1] pitched roof renewal in Decra system, estimate inc fee's. 2. [phase 2] flat roof renewal inc fee's. | 136,000 | 40,000 | |
| Prenton Primary – heating pipework installation. | 25,000 | | |
| Raeburn Primary – flat roof renewal to F2 & Year 1 area. | 11,000 | | |
| Sandbrook Primary – Refurbish various rooms after heating installation. | 50,000 | | |
| Woodslee Primary – entrance, toilets | 50,000 | 100,000 | |
| Sub Total | 787,000 | 475,000 | |

| Non-School Projects: | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Children Centres | 100,000 | 100,000 | |
| Youth Zone – roadway & construction | 15,000 | 500,000 | |
| City Learning Centres | 120,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 |
| Sub-Total | 235,000 | 720,000 | 120,000 |
| Priority School Building Programme: | | | |
| Bedford Drive Primary – CYPD contribution IT & FF&E | | 75,000 | |
| Ridgeway High School CLC separation & internal remodelling | | 250,000 (tbc) | |
| Sub-Total | 0 | 325,000 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 2,262,000 | 3,380,000 | 830,000 |

| BASIC NEED ALLOCATION: | | | |
|---|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Barnston Primary – bulge class | 10,000 | 200,000 | |
| Birkenhead Academy - contribution | 50,000 | | |
| Fender Primary – additional classrooms, internal remodelling | 200,000 | | |
| Heygarth Primary - remodelling | 5,000 | 150,000 | |
| Higher Bebington Junior - sufficiency | | 10,000 | 400,000 |
| Ladymount Primary – additional classroom, hall | 100,000 | 200,000 | |
| New Brighton Primary – bulge class | 80,000 | | |
| Our Lady & St Edwards | | 200,000 | |
| Rock Ferry Primary - remodelling | | 200,000 | |
| Town Lane Infants - sufficiency | | 500,000 | |
| TOTAL | 445,000 | 1,460,000 | 400,000 |

| | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING – NEW SCHEMES | 750,000 | 750,000 | 750,000 |
| Church Drive Primary - remodelling | 50,000 | 50,000 | |
| Merseypark Primary – extending classrooms and resource/small group rooms. [£60k 2014/15] | 75,000 | 75,000 | |
| Pensby High School - rationalisation | 450,000 | | |
| St Bridget’s-mobile replacement | 10,000 | 200,000 | |
| The Observatory School – replacement of | 75,000 | TBC | |

| | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------|--|
| mobiles, internal re-configuration of class-bases. | | | |
| Woodchurch Road Primary – remodelling of mezzanine level | | 200,000 | |
| TOTAL | 660,000 | 525,000 | |
| Other DfE ALLOCATIONS | | | |
| Devolved Formula Capital | 646,025 Community | | |
| | 229,445 (Aided) | | |
| LCVAP – Aided Schools Capital Maintenance | 1,097,112 | | |

- All allocations are indicative prior to tender acceptance
- Full commitments of grant funding are not yet developed for 2016/17 and 2017/18, these will be subject to decisions made during the year dependant on pupil place demands and on-going Condition and Suitability assessments.