

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	NEWLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL REBUILD		
DATE OF DECISION:	29 JUNE 2009		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			

SUMMARY

The Primary Strategy for Change identified Newlands Primary School as top priority for rebuilding. This report recommends that Cabinet approves the inclusion of the Newlands Primary School rebuild in the Children's Services and Learning Capital Programme and that the school is rebuilt as a two form entry primary.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Having had regard to the Community Strategy:

- (i) To add £7.5 million to the Children's Services and Learning Capital programme for the rebuild of Newlands Primary School.
- (ii) To re-build Newlands Primary School as a two form entry primary school with Early Years provision.
- (iii) To authorise the Executive Director for Children's Services and Learning following consultation with the Solicitor to the Council and the Executive Director of Resources to do anything necessary in order to implement the recommendations, including but not limited to entering into contracts and obtaining all relevant consents required.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Of all the primary schools in Southampton, Newlands is identified in the Primary Strategy for Change as the school most in need of rebuilding.
2. Initial consultations with Capita Symonds indicate that if this project is started now the school would be able to move into its new building in the financial year 2012-13.
3. To delay the decision to rebuild Newlands Primary School could result in delays to the whole programme set out in the Primary Strategy for Change.

CONSULTATION

4. Pre-statutory consultation on a range of proposals for reducing surplus places and improving future school organisation in the Redbridge/Millbrook area of the city was undertaken in March 2005.
5. The outcomes of this consultation were reported to Cabinet on 23rd May 2005.

6. On 16th March 2009 the Cabinet approved that the published admission number (PAN) for Newlands Primary School be 60 for 2010-11. The consultation process supporting this decision is described in that Cabinet report.
7. Ongoing consultation is in progress with the school and other stakeholders including Hampshire Constabulary, Southampton City Primary Care Trust and members of the local community.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

8. Consideration was given to not rebuilding the Newlands Primary School but this would be contrary to the Primary Capital Strategy and so was rejected.

DETAIL

9. At its meeting on 23rd May 2005 the Cabinet decided that: "Newlands Primary to be rebuilt on its existing site at 1½FE, with Early Years provision."
10. Project planning was instigated, a feasibility study commissioned and funding identified.
11. Various options for rebuilding were put forward for consideration and a preferred scheme selected.
12. On 5th December 2006 the Children's Services and Learning Capital Board decided to defer the project as insufficient funding was available at that time.
13. The Capital Board further agreed that the project would not be able to proceed until funding from the Primary Capital Programme became available.
14. Primary Capital Programme funding for 2009-10 onwards has now been approved by DCSF and accordingly this report requests approval to include Newland Primary School rebuild in the Children's Services and Learning Capital Programme.
15. On 16th March 2009 the Cabinet approved that the published admission number (PAN) for Newlands Primary School be 60 for 2010-11. Accordingly the new school building will have to accommodate a two form entry (2FE) primary school. This size is justified by forecast increases in numbers at the school, including the impact of the redevelopment of the current Ordnance Survey site for family housing which is located in the Newlands catchment area.
16. Capita Symonds has been commissioned to undertake various site surveys and undertake consultations with Development Control, Building Contract etc on the project.
17. An indicative programme has been compiled which shows completion of the new school in the financial year 2012-13.
18. Work is underway to formulate the design brief for the project. Particular attention will be given to the development of an integrated plan for the whole campus taking into account the existing recently built Pickles Coppice Sure Start Centre. And the proposed adventure playground with the intention of developing a coherent campus of services for children, young people, their families and the wider community.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

19. The budget for the project has been set at £7,500,000. This is made up of:

Source of Funding	£
Targeted Capital Fund	2,960,000
Primary Capital Programme	4,240,000
Devolved Formula Capital	75,000
Access Initiative	50,000
Modernisation	175,000
TOTAL:	7,500,000

20. This budget to cover all construction costs, demolition of the existing school and landscaping of the site. Information and communications technology (ICT), furniture and equipment will also be contained within this budget as will all fees and charges. Following feasibility work, a further report will be brought to Cabinet finalising the budget and requesting approval to spend.

Revenue

21. School funding is delivered through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), with schools primarily funded through pupil numbers. However, the increase in pupil numbers will be contained within the DSG and the Individual Schools Budget (ISB).
22. The new school will have lower long term maintenance costs (which will mean a reduced call on the planned maintenance budget) and the new building will benefit from lower running costs than the present school premises. Any savings from lower running costs will accrue to the ISB.

Property

23. The property proposals in this report are consistent with the corporate AMP. The Primary Capital Programme is amongst the top 20 priorities for the Authority. The reduction in the repairs and maintenance backlog that will be achieved by this development forms part of the corporate property strategy.

Other

24. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

25. Having had regard to the provisions of the Community Strategy, the Council is satisfied that the proposal in this paper will improve the social well being of children and young people in the Southampton Area and as such is empowered by virtue of S2 of the Local Government Act 2000. Southampton City Council will take on contractual liability for the delivery of the programme and its funding in accordance with the Council's Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

26. In addition the proposal assists in improving the early childhood provision and the sufficiency of childcare available, which are new duties on the Council imposed by the Childcare Act 2006.

Other Legal Implications:

27. In formulating the proposal set out in this report and delivering the Children’s Centres, regard will be had to the Human Rights Act 1998, Equalities legislation and the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

28. The proposals outlined in this report are consistent with the proposals set within:
- The Children and Young People’s Strategy Plan
 - The Medium Term Plan
 - The Community Strategy, under:
 - (i) Medium term key action 1B, to roll out Children’s Centres proposals across the city, and
 - (ii) Long term key action 4H, which is to “provide locally-based and linked provision for 3,500 children under 5 and their families in response to the Government’s Children’s Centres initiatives.
 - Primary Strategy for Change

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members’ Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	None
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Documents In Members’ Rooms

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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule
Cabinet Report 23.05.05	12A allowing document to be
Minutes of CS&L Capital Board 05.12.06	Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
Cabinet Report 16.03.09	

1.	Primary Strategy for Change	
2.	Cabinet Report Item No A03 – Determination of School Admission Arrangements 2010-11	16 th March 2009

Background documents available for inspection at: Floor 5, Frobisher House, Southampton

FORWARD PLAN No: CS03481 **KEY DECISION** Yes

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	Redbridge
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