

DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANGEMENT COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	UPDATE ON THE BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE AND ACADEMIES PROGRAMMES		
DATE OF DECISION:	22 JULY 2010		
REPORT OF:	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

SUMMARY

Southampton City Council entered into Wave 6a of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme in July 2008. Since then the programme had accelerated through pre-procurement. It commenced the procurement phase on 28 April 2010 with the issue of an advert for the programme in Southampton in the Official Journal of the European Union and, had secured two bidding consortia (Wates and Skanska RM). These were issued with an invitation to participate in Dialogue on 2 July 2010.

The announcement given by the Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, attached as Appendix 2, "stopped" the current Southampton BSF programme, and put the Academies programme "under review".

The Academies programme consists of two proposed Academies, Oasis Mayfield and Oasis Lord's Hill, both sponsored by Oasis Community Learning. Following a call off procedure under the National Framework established by Partnership for Schools, Carillion was appointed as the preferred bidder in March 2010. A contract has not yet been entered into.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To note the impact of the statement on education funding given by the Secretary of State for Education on 5th July 2010, on the BSF and Academies programmes within Southampton.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This report is in response to a request from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

CONSULTATION

2. N/A

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. N/A

DETAIL

4. ACCOUNTABILITY, IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT

- Strategic accountability for the Building Schools for the Future and Academies programmes is with the Executive Director, Children's Services & Learning.
- Responsibility for implementation of any education capital programmes lies with Director: Infrastructure, Academies and BSF.

5. CURRENT PROGRESS

- The Department for Education is launching a comprehensive review to shape design of all capital investment in schools, early years, colleges and sixth forms – to guide future spending decisions over the next Spending Review period (2011-12 to 2014-15), and with the 'intention that future investment will be focused on ensuring sufficient school places in buildings which are conducive to teaching and learning'.
- The Secretary of State stressed in his letter to Local Authorities, dated 5 July 2010 and attached as Appendix 3, that "the cancellation of BSF, does not represent the end of capital investment in schools".
- We await the outcome of this review to determine the level of capital investment and then to assess it against local priorities.
- The results of the Comprehensive Spending Review are due to be announced on the 20th October 2010.
- The Academies programme is at an advanced stage, with a completed design for Mayfield Academy, final planning panel scheduled for 20th July and construction due to commence in November 2010. This is now subject to further discussion with the Department for Education.
- The impact on BSF Schools by selected local authorities is attached as Appendix 1.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

6. The capital impact will be known once the review has been completed, future investment is clarified and local priorities for investment have been reviewed.

Revenue

7. Once the investment review is complete, potential funding confirmed and capital priorities have been assessed, the required revenue can be determined.

Property

8. Once the investment review is complete, potential funding confirmed and capital priorities have been assessed, the impact on property can be determined.

Other

9. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

10. N/A

Other Legal Implications:

11. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

12. Action aligns with statutory Children and Young People’s Plan, particularly its ‘Stay Safe’ component.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Impact on BSF Schools by selected local authorities
2.	Statement given by Michael Gove
3.	Letter to the Local Authority from Michael Gove

Documents In Members’ Rooms

	None
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

Background documents available for inspection at: N/A

FORWARD PLAN No: N/A

KEY DECISION?

N/A

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All.
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