

BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16 AND 2016/17

DATE: 23 SEPTEMBER 2015

RECIPIENT: SCHOOLS FORUM

THIS IS NOT A DECISION PAPER

SUMMARY:

This paper sets out proposals for the Council's spending priorities within the Capital Programme for 2015/16 and future years, in line with Council priorities.

Cabinet and Council approved £6.6M of expenditure to the Education and Children's Social Care (E&CSC) Capital Programme on 15 and 16 September 2015 respectively for works taking place in 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Cabinet and Council also approved £1.3M additional funding for increased capacity at Springwell Special School following increased demand on special places. This is in addition to the £1.4M approved by Cabinet in March 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (i) Note the proposals.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To update school forum on the latest Education and Children's Social Care (E&CSC) Capital Programme position in light of recent approvals given by the Cabinet (15th September) and Council (16th September).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

3. **Education and Children's Social Care (E&CSC) Capital Programme 2015/16 & 2016/17**

The proposals contained within the E&CSC capital programme report represent the means by which the Council can best deliver its stated objectives and responsibilities in terms of school organisation and estate maintenance.

This report provides an update on each scheme under two major headings as per below:

- Capital Maintenance – based on the need to undertake significant works relating to health & safety and statutory compliance issues.
- School Expansion – based on the need to provide sufficient pupil places to meet demand, in line with the Council's statutory duty in this respect.

4. Expansion of Springwell Special School Report

This report sets out the proposal for increased capacity at Springwell Special School following increased demand on special places. The reports seeks approval to add a further £1.3M of expenditure to the Education & Children's Social care Capital Programme in addition to the £1.4M approved by Cabinet in March 2015.

The total estimated cost for the phase 1 of this project is now £2.70M, an increase of £1.3M from the amount added by Cabinet in March 2015. This is because the project is now based on a traditional build after no tenders were received for a modular build.

The proposed extension will provide 6 additional classrooms with all ancillary facilities, built to match the style and design of the existing school.

Appendices/Supporting Information:

Appendix 1 – Education & Children's Social Care Capital Programme 2015/16 & 2016/17

[Link to Education & Children Social Care Capital Programme 2015/16 & 2016/17 Report](#)

Appendix 2 – Expansion of Springwell Special School

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