

BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME
DATE: 12 JULY 2018
RECIPIENT: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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SUMMARY:

This report, which is to be published on 9 July 2018, will be presented to Cabinet on 17 July 2018 for decision.

The report outlines the proposed programme for the delivery of 1,500 additional secondary school places in the Central Planning Region within the city including a proposal for a new 6 Form entry (FE) 900 place secondary school and 600 additional places through expanding existing schools in the Central Planning region. The programme of works also allows for the provision of a new primary school on the current St. Marks Primary School site.

This report provides details on the options that are being considered and seeks approval to go out to formal consultation in order to finalise the overall programme of works.

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

1. A copy of the Cabinet report and associated appendices which provide full details of the options for Secondary School Expansion will be published on 9 July 2018.
2. Pre-statutory consultation undertaken to date has included Head Teachers from Secondary Schools, Schools Forum and the C of E Diocese of Winchester and Portsmouth. All consultation at this stage is prior to statutory public consultation. The report seeks delegated approval to the Service Director – Children & Families to enter into (or continue where relevant) and conclude discussions with relevant stakeholders.
3. Further, the report seeks approval for the commencement of statutory consultation on the proposals and options detailed in the Cabinet report.
4. There are four options considered:
 - Option 1 – Do nothing
 - Option 2 – Expansion only strategy
 - Option 3 – New build (1500 places)
 - Option 4 – Expansion & new build (Recommended)These are summarised in the Cabinet report.

RESOURCE/POLICY/FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Financial

5. The Secondary Schools Expansion scheme was added to Education and Children's Services capital programme in February 2018 and totalled £67.45M. Following

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further analysis of need and refinement of options, the current expected cost of the programme is £48.86M. Full details are included in the Cabinet report.

6. The Service Director – Finance & Commercialisation has delegated authority to vary the Secondary School Expansion scheme within the Education Capital Programme in response to any change in requirements around the specification of the projects following consultation within the approved overall funding of the scheme. Any change in the overall value of the scheme will be reported to Cabinet and Council as relevant when the final scheme has been designed and costed.

Property / Other

7. This information is outlined in the Cabinet report.

Legal

8. There is a statutory duty placed on local authorities to provide sufficient school places as set out in s.14(1) of the Education Act 1996.
9. Full details of the legal implications are detailed in the Cabinet report.

Risk Management Implications

10. A full time Programme Manager will be required to oversee the outcomes from the programme; along with Programme Management Office, (PMO) support; Communications, Legal and Finance support.
Programme Management methodology will directed by the PMO.
A Programme Board will meet monthly and will receive full project budget reports and highlight reports for all projects in order to continuously manage and monitor the risks associated with costs and timescales throughout the programme. Representation on the Board shall be at Service Lead level.
11. Risks will be captured in a risk and issue log and will be continuously monitored and evaluated by the Programme Board throughout the programme. All risks will have a unique ID, an owner and detailed mitigation strategies to either minimise the impact of the risk or eradicate it is practicable. The collective and continuous management of risk by the Programme Board ensures optimistic bias is addressed and provides a robust strategy.
12. Further Details are provided in the Cabinet report.

Policy

13. This information is outlined in the Cabinet report.

Appendices/Supporting Information:

Report and appendices to be published on 9 July 2018

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