

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	9 May 2018
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Children's Services Capital Programme update
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services and Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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### 1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That resources of £1.537m in respect of the Healthy Pupils Capital Fund are added to the 2018/19 Capital Programme and that delegated authority be given to identify and approve projects up to the value of the grant.
- 1.2 That the revised capital programme cash limit for 2018/19 of £77.031m be approved.
- 1.3 That the revised 2018/19 capital programme at Appendix 1 is approved, along with the amendments to the 2018/19 capital programme.
- 1.4 It is recommended that approval be given for the application of planning permission for modular buildings to be located on the sites listed at Appendix 2.
- 1.5 That the projects listed at Appendix 3 for Access Improvements in Schools for 2018/19 are approved.
- 1.6 The projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 4 are noted.

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report sets out proposed changes to the 2018/19 capital programme.
- 2.2 The report has been prepared in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (ELMCS).
- 2.3 The Secretary of State announced details of individual local authority capital allocations on 15 March 2018. These were for the School Condition Allocation and the new Healthy Pupils Capital Fund and were for 2018/19 only.

- 2.4 The proposals contained within this report are derived from the departmental service plan(s) which have been developed to support the priorities of the Corporate Strategy.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Secretary of State has now announced details of individual local authority capital allocations for the new Healthy Pupils Capital Fund and the School Condition Allocation (SCA) which is managed by Policy and Resources. The announcement covers the period 2018/19 only for both grants.
- 3.2 The Children's Services Capital Programme is based on government grants, capital receipts, developer contributions and local resources.

### **4. Capital Programme 2018/19**

#### Healthy Pupils Capital Fund (HPCF)

- 4.1 The new HPCF grant is a new one off grant for 2018/19. The County Council will receive £1.537m. The HPCF is intended to improve children's and young people's physical and mental health by improving and increasing availability to facilities for physical activity, healthy eating, mental health and wellbeing for able body and medical conditions. Examples of what the grant can be spent on are:
- Refurbishment or building of changing rooms, sports halls or gyms, swimming pools, teaching and catering kitchens, dining spaces (including seating and tables) and spaces for mental health wellbeing.
  - The creation or renovation of garden spaces for growing produce, playgrounds and active play spaces, sports pitches, hard courts, athletics tracks and improvements to facilities such as floodlighting, security fencing and pitch drainage.
  - Modification of facilities to improve accessibility for pupils with disabilities and associated equipment.
- 4.2 Working with colleagues in Public Health and Culture, Community and Business Services (CCBS), investment streams will be identified that support Hampshire's Public Health Strategy 'Towards a Healthier Hampshire, Hampshire's Healthy Weight Strategy and upcoming Hampshire's 'Physical Activity Strategy'. This will ensure the grant funding is focused on interventions that meet the objectives of the fund.
- 4.3 Therefore, it is recommended that resources of £1.537m be brought in to the 2018/19 programme and that delegated authority be given to identify and approve projects up to the value of the grant. A detailed list of approved projects will be brought to a future Decision Day.

- 4.4 Taking into account changes since the 2018/19 capital programme was last approved on 15 January 2018 (including those proposed in this report), the revised cash limit for the programme is shown in Table 1.

<b>Table 1 – Revised 2018/19 Cash Limit</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Cash limit reported 15 January 2018	80.868
New DfE Grant - Healthy Pupils Capital Fund	1.537
Stubbington Study Centre – Cash limit transfer	0.019
Developer contribution - Abbotswood	0.117
New DfE Grant – Early Years 30 hours grant	0.010
Godbey House Capital Receipt	1.205
Removal of Resources – Barton Farm Primary	-9.575
Swanwick Lodge – New DfE Grant	2.850
<b>Total</b>	<b>77.031</b>

- 4.5 The revised capital programme is submitted for approval at Appendix 1.

## **5. Amendments to the 2018/19 Programme**

### Swanwick Lodge

- 5.1 The DfE recently awarded Swanwick Lodge Secure Children’s Home a grant of £2.85m to support an extensive upgrade of the home. The funding has been allocated for the following works: replacement of doors, frames and locks; replace and expand access control system; install media centres and young persons’ telephone system; upgrade CCTV from analogue to digital including new fibre optic network; replace externally facing windows and bedroom windows. The grant has been awarded on the basis that the works will be completed by March 2020.
- 5.2 In addition to the DfE grant, further modernisation works are proposed to the bedrooms and bathrooms at an estimated cost of £0.4m. This work could take place whilst the contractors are on site undertaking the major improvement works.
- 5.3 Therefore, it is recommended that the resources of £2.85m (including fees) are added to the 2018/19 capital programme and that additional resources of £0.4m (including fees) be approved from the 2018/19 capital programme.

### Access improvements in schools

- 5.4 Historically, capital grant allocations to local authorities included funding for the Schools Access Initiative to fund access improvements to mainstream

schools, principally to meet individual pupils' needs. This specific funding stream has now ceased, but the need for such adaptations will continue, both at a pupil-led and strategic level.

- 5.5 It is proposed that the projects listed at Appendix 3 are recommended for approval.

#### Barton Farm

- 5.6 This project was reported to ELMCS on 15 January 2018 at a cost of £9.575m (including fees). The new school is now due to open in September 2020 and has been deferred to the 2019/20 programme. This is in line with the need for new school places as a result of the slower than originally planned build out of the new housing.
- 5.7 A detailed costed project appraisal for this scheme will be brought to a future decision day.

### **6. Modular Classrooms**

- 6.1 Due to pressures on the programme, consideration will need to be given to the use of modular classrooms. For some schools, modular classrooms may be the only expansion solution, whilst others may find a mixture of both permanent and modular accommodation.
- 6.2 The current modular classroom is a much higher quality building than those of the past, meeting the most recent building regulations.
- 6.3 Details of the location of modular buildings required for September 2018 are listed in Appendix 2. In some cases the units will be rented due to the shorter term requirement, whilst others will be purchased recognising a longer term pressure in those locations. Therefore, it is recommended that approval be given for the application of planning for modular buildings listed at Appendix 2.
- 6.4 It is also recommended that authority be delegated to the Director of Children's Services to revise and if necessary add to sites for the modular buildings listed in Appendix 2 following receipt of updated information on pupil numbers early in the spring term.

### **7. Action taken by the Director of Children's Services**

- 7.1 Under delegated powers, and following consultation with the Executive Member for Children's Services, the actions set out in Appendix 4 have been taken and it is recommended that these approvals are noted.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Strategic Plan**

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	yes

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Children's Services Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20	7917	18 January 2017
Children's Services Capital Programme update	n/a	19 June 2017
Children's Services capital programme update	n/a	20 September 2017
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

1.1 The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

**Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:**

1. The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
2. Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
3. Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

Equality and diversity objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

### **3. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

Crime and disorder objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

### **4. Climate Change:**

How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

When the Children's Services Capital Programme invests in new build, replacement or refurbishment works, Property Services colleagues include an assessment of reductions in energy consumption (carbon use) in the design. In all new buildings and in the majority of refurbishment type investments, the latest technologies and materials are specified in order to maximise the impact on reducing carbon consumption. Many projects are also able to employ passive design approaches including natural ventilation and improved insulation to actively reduce consumption in summer and winter conditions.

How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The proposals seek to provide compact and energy-efficient building envelopes. Any new build or extensions will meet current building regulations standards for thermal performance. Where possible appropriate sustainable materials will be employed to reduce the environmental impact of the proposals.