

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
Date of Decision:	16 September 2020
Decision Title:	Children's Services Capital Programme update
Report From:	Director of Children's Services and Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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Recommendation(s)

- 1 That the revised capital programme cash limit of £70.034m for 2020/21 be approved.
- 2 That the revised 2020/21 capital programme at Appendix 1 be approved, along with the amendments to the 2020/21 capital programme.
- 3 That it be a recommendation to Cabinet that the uncommitted funding of £31.845m as set out in Appendix 2 be carried forward from 2019/20 to the 2020/21 capital programme.
- 4 That the projects listed at Appendix 3 for Access Improvements in Schools for 2020/21 be approved.
- 5 That the Healthy Pupils Capital Fund projects identified in Appendix 4 be noted.
- 6 That it be recommended that funding and approval be given for the application of planning permission for modular buildings to be located on the sites listed at Appendix 5.
- 7 That the projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 6 are noted.

Executive Summary

- 8 This report sets out the updated Children's Services Capital Programme for 2020/21.

Background

- 9 The Secretary of State for Education has now announced details of individual local authority capital allocations for Basic Need (BN) and the School Condition Allocation (SCA) with an additional SCA allocation announced on 5 August 2020. The announcements cover the period 2020/21 - 2021/22 for BN and 2020/21 for SCA.
- 10 The Children's Services Capital Programme is based on government grants, capital receipts, developer contributions and local resources.

Basic Need Allocation 2021/22

- 11 The most recent capital announcement by the Department for Education (DfE) on 15 April 2020 allocated £40.904m to Hampshire for 2021/22. Government grant for the period 2020-2023 totals £55.616m and the grant allocations from the DfE have largely caught up with the forecast demand for school places. The DfE have developed a fair and transparent way of allocating Basic Need funding that directly relates to the forecast need. In Hampshire, some new school place funding has been provided for places yet to be delivered. There is the potential for a zero or very low capital allocation in 2022/23 as the DfE assess the impact of the free school places that they directly fund. At this stage, it is unclear exactly how this will be calculated, with guidance from the DfE awaited.
- 12 On the 29 June 2020 the government announced an additional £560m in school condition funding would be made available in 2020/21 to maintain and improve the school estate. The DfE announced specific allocations on 5 August 2020 and the County Council is to receive an additional £8.086m School Condition Allocation in 2020/21. This welcome news will assist in improving the quality of the school estate in Hampshire.

Revised Capital Programme 2019/20

- 13 Following the approval to carry forward resources by the County Council at its meeting on 13 February 2020 and other programme amendments, the revised cash limit for the programme is shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – Revised 2019/20 Cash Limit	£'000
Cash limit reported 10 January 2020	98,807
Projects and resources carried forward to 2020/21	-31,845
Additional developer contribution – Calthorpe Park	85
Children's Services IT – Cash limit transfer	-300
Abbotswood, Romsey developer contribution	7

Fort Hill demolition – cash limit transfer	-299
Bloswood Lane, Whitchurch developer contribution	122
Overton Hill developer contribution	44
Total	66,621

Carry Forward from 2019/20

- 14 A total of £49.211m will be carried forward into 2020/21. This includes resources and projects (totalling £17.366m) within the updated 2019/20 capital programme which was approved on 10 January 2020. Of the £31.845m resources carried forward, £20.633m is already committed.
- 15 The £11.212m uncommitted funding will be added to the 2020/21 programme. Following the amendments in Table 2, the total contingency figure for the programme is £6.355m. Given the overall value of the programme and potential impact of Covid-19 this is considered a prudent sum. A detailed breakdown of these resources is attached at Appendix 2.
- 16 Taking into account changes since the 2020/21 capital programme was last approved on 10 January 2020 (including those proposed in this report), the revised cash limit for the programme is shown in Table 2.

Table 2 – Revised 2020/21 Cash Limit	£'000
Cash limit reported 10 January 2020	42,433
Projects deferrals from 2019/20	31,845
Resources carried forward to 2021/22	-5,000
Capital receipts applied	572
Devolved Formula Capital – adjusted DfE grant	9
North Stoneham Park, Eastleigh developer contribution	52
Redhill Road, Rowlands Castle developer contribution	77
Woodcroft, Waterlooville developer contribution	46
Total	70,034

Amendments to the 2020/21 Capital Programme

Osborne School satellite provision at Kings' School, Winchester

- 17 The requirement for an additional 20 places for Osborne School was approved on 10 July 2019. The additional accommodation is planned to be delivered through satellite provision at Kings' School at an estimated cost of £1.2m (including fees).
- 18 Initial site investigations have revealed a significant water main in the area planned for the new building requiring a new location on an existing car park to be found. The revised scheme now includes for additional works to remove a thick concrete wall, manage varying levels and to provide the replacement car parking spaces at an estimated additional cost of £0.383m.
- 19 Therefore, it is recommended that additional resources of £0.383m (including fees) are approved from the 2020/21 capital programme. A detailed project appraisal will be brought to a future Decision Day.

Shepherds Down School, Winchester

- 20 The requirement for 20 additional places for children with complex learning needs at Shepherds Down School was approved on 10 July 2019. The new teaching spaces, dining room extension and occupational therapy space were estimated to cost £1.4m (including fees).
- 21 Due to the constraints of a live, tight site, tender returns were higher than expected for the groundworks and the impact of Covid-19. Additional fencing to separate the workforce and pupils was required along with additional mechanical ventilation and acoustic treatment to the classrooms given the school's proximity to the M3 motorway.
- 22 Therefore, it is recommended that additional resources of £0.3m (including fees) are approved from the 2020/21 capital programme. A detailed project appraisal will be brought to a future decision day.

Winton Community Academy, Andover

- 23 Due to pressure on secondary places from housing developments at East Anton and Picket Twenty, it is proposed to expand the catchment school by a permanent 1fe expansion (150 places). The planned works and increase in pupil numbers have been agreed with the Academies Enterprise Trust (AET), the academy sponsor.
- 24 The works consist of re-modelling existing accommodation to provide two additional food technology spaces along with an increase in toilet provision to accommodate the additional pupils. These works are estimated to cost £0.760m (including fees).
- 25 Therefore, it is recommended that resources of £0.760m (including fees) are approved as a grant to AET from the 2020/21 capital programme.

Access improvements in schools

- 26 As in previous years, funding has been made available to fund access improvements to mainstream schools, both at a pupil-led and strategic level.
- 27 It is recommended that the projects listed at Appendix 3 are approved for 2020/21.

Healthy Pupils Capital Fund

- 28 As previously reported on 9 May 2018, Hampshire County Council received a one-off Healthy Pupils Capital Grant of £1.537m. The grant is to be used 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.
- 29 In consultation with colleagues in Public Health, schools and areas were identified where obesity issues had been discovered through the weighing and measuring of Year R and Year 6 pupils. Projects were delivered at Primary, Secondary and Special schools.
- 30 The programme has delivered the following range of projects:
- 6 projects upgrading swimming pools
 - 33 projects supporting playground re-surfacing, new outdoor equipment, daily mile running tracks and external space improvements.
 - Over 100 schools benefited from healthy eating projects receiving new equipment and café re-branding.
 - 30 schools benefitted from new cycle and scooter sheds under new travel initiatives.

The majority of the above projects are now complete, but some outstanding schemes are finalising project details and there are a small number of projects of c. £90k to be determined which will be brought to a future decision day. These are expected to complete over the coming months. A list of projects funded by the Healthy Pupils Capital grant is attached as Appendix 4.

- 31 Under delegated powers and following consultation with the Executive Member for Children's Services, the actions set out in Appendix 6 have been taken and it is recommended that these approvals are noted.

Modular Classrooms

- 32 The use of high-quality modular buildings can be a solution for some accommodation pressures. Such buildings are relatively quick to install and provide for a good quality learning environment, meeting the most recent building regulations. For some schools, modular classrooms may be the only expansion solution, whilst others may find a mixture of both permanent and modular accommodation.

- 33 Details of the location of modular buildings required for September 2020 are listed in Appendix 5. Some units will be rented due to the shorter-term requirement. Alternatively, units already owned by HCC will be moved site whilst others will be purchased recognising a longer-term pressure in those locations. Therefore, it is recommended that funding and approval be given for the application of planning for modular buildings listed at Appendix 5.
- 34 It is also recommended that authority be delegated to the Director of Children's Services to revise and fund, any additional modular buildings other than those listed in Appendix 3 following receipt of updated information on pupil places required for the September 2020 intakes.

Action taken by the Director of Children's Services

- 35 Under delegated powers and following consultation with the Executive Member for Children's Services, the actions set out in Appendix 6 have been taken and it is recommended that these approvals are noted.
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REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

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

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<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
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

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 by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

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

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

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Equality and diversity objectives will be considered on an individual project basis by conducting Equality Impact Assessments and are not considered at this stage or within this report.