
**PRIMARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME
PROGRESS OF WORK**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the progress of work under the Primary Capital Programme (PCP).

Summary

2. In previous reports to this Committee and to Cabinet, Members have received information about the capital funding received through the PCP. The funding has enabled the re-build of North Road Primary School and substantial refurbishments and re-modelling of 16 other schools in Darlington.
3. The summer holiday period is a convenient period to carry out building work, as contractors can have access to school buildings without disrupting pupil learning. This report provides a brief update on progress and future work to be undertaken.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that Members receive the report for information.

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Background Papers

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no issues arising directly from this report
Health and Well Being	There are no issues arising directly from this report
Sustainability	Replacement windows, roofs, heating systems et cetera contribute to the energy efficiency of buildings and therefore to the protection of the environment. Repairs to building fabric decrease the full life costs of building maintenance.
Diversity	There are no issues arising directly from this report
Wards Affected	All wards in Darlington
Groups Affected	Children of Primary School age

Budget and Policy Framework	There are no issues arising directly from this report
Efficiency	There are no issues arising directly from this report
Key Decision	No
Urgent Decision	No
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	Improving the school built environment is consistent with linking actions under the prosperous, aspiring and safer Darlington themes.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

5. A brief description of the work undertaken at each school is included in the table below:

SCHOOL	COMMENT
North Road (Northwood Primary)	The building work on the new school is progressing well and the project is on schedule. It is anticipated that pupils will move to the new building from the start of the January Term, 2010. It is likely that when the second stage of the project begins (the demolition of the old building and returning the footprint for playing field) there may be some contaminated soil to manage. This is to be contained within the client contingency sum.
Corporation Road	The plans include the demolition of the current inadequate dining room and kitchen and their replacement with a multi-purpose hall and kitchen. Improvements are also planned to the Foundation Stage accommodation and the external environment of the school. The multi-purpose hall is in the design stage. Demolition of the old dining hall will take place in December. The school have been in liaison with Community Services over temporary arrangements for the provision of school meals, which will be served in the old Junior hall.
Alderman Leach	A four classroom extension is required to meet demand for pupil places. (Temporary classrooms were sited at the school in September 2008). Design work is complete and the contractors are on site. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by February half-term 2010.
Reid Street	The school is on a tight, land-locked site so improvement works present great difficulties for the management of pupils. Work is therefore scheduled to take place in holiday periods over 2009 and 2010. Contractors are on site and work is progressing on re-modelling of pupil toilets and re-siting the entrance and reception areas
Gurney Pease	During the summer period the heating system is being replaced, the second phase of window replacement is being carried out and roof replacement will take place. Further work yet to be programmed includes and repairs and extensions to the security fencing and improvement and re-modelling of the school entrance.
Harrowgate Hill	Plans include the provision of extra classrooms space and the extension of some administrative and office space at the school. Major works are scheduled for the next financial year. Further investigation of demographic trends and planning permissions for new houses are being investigated before design work for the project proceeds further.
Red Hall	The planned work includes replacement of the heating system (this will be carried out over three phases) and replacement of the flat roof with a pitched roof. Phase 1 of the heating system replacement is taking place during the summer break, 2009.
Whinfield	Preliminary work for the installation of additional ICT at the school

	exposed problems with the electricity supply and wiring, which require urgent attention. The work will be carried out over the summer holiday period. Work on kitchen improvements and the replacement of a mobile classroom will not commence until the electrical distribution system is sound.
Heathfield	The school, along with Dodmire, Hurworth Primary and Borough road Nursery School attracted additional capital funding through a successful Co-Location bid. Further investigation is being carried out on demographic factors and the granting of planning permission for additional homes before any classroom extension work is undertaken. Work is to include refurbishment of the library. 'Epic classroom' to be built and large parts of the school remodelled to address long term suitability issues at Heathfield.
Hurworth	As above, Co-Location funding resources will augment the funding available to re-model the current Infant building at Hurworth so that the whole school can be re-sited in that building. Design work is underway and the project will be carried out in 2010.
Dodmire	As above Co-Location funding resources augment the funding available to re-model the school and assist with bringing together the former Infant and Junior buildings. Design work is underway and the project will be carried out in 2010.
Mount Pleasant	Internal re-modelling and refurbishment is scheduled to take place in 2010.
Heighington	Internal refurbishment and re-modelling is scheduled to take place in 2010.
High Conniscliffe	The external canopy outside the Infant class has been completed. Work on the turning circle and car park has been delayed and is subject to planning consent.
Abbey Federation	The new canopy and the new classroom have been completed. Work on the staffroom is taking place at the time of writing. Work is likely to continue into September 2009 on the Junior children's kitchen.

6. Although not part of the PCP, work is also well advanced at Borough Road Nursery School. Refurbishments are being made to the building and an extension is being provided so that the Kids & Co childcare facility currently located in the Town Hall can re-locate to Borough Road, where many of the children already receive their nursery entitlement.