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**EASTBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY - REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF  
CAPITAL FUNDING**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Chris McEwan,  
Children and Young People Portfolio  
Responsible Director - Murray Rose, Director of Children's Services**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To request the release of £747,477 of Capital funding allocated by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to support the new build Capital Project of Eastbourne Church of England Academy.

**Summary**

2. On 1st September 2007, The Eastbourne Church of England Academy opened in the existing buildings of the Former Eastbourne School. A new build replacement school is currently being constructed on the site of Hundens Park and is due for completion by September 2009.
3. Funding for the new build school has been allocated by the DCSF as part of their Academy Programme. The initial allocation of £15.377m capital funding was released by Cabinet on 18th March 2008.
4. Further discussion and negotiations with DCSF during the final stages of agreeing the Final Business Case (FBC) identified additional support for the project totalling £747,477. Full details of this additional funding are contained within the body of this report.

**Recommendation**

5. Members are asked to agree to release £747,477 of additional capital funding to support the new build project for the Eastbourne Church of England Academy project.

**Reason**

6. This funding has been allocated by the DCSF and will enable the new Academy building project to be completed for opening in September 2009.

**Murray Rose,  
Director of Children's Services**

## Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no issues arising directly from this report that relate to crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	There are no issues arising directly from this report that affect health and wellbeing.
Sustainability	The replacement building for Eastbourne Church of England Academy has been designed to a standard recognised by BREEAM to be 'very good'. The contractors will be constructing a school with a low carbon footprint, which uses and re-uses energy and environmental resources.
Diversity	The replacement building for Eastbourne Church of England Academy will add to the diversity of buildings and technology available in Darlington.
Wards Affected	Lingfield
Groups Affected	Pupils aged 11-16, parents and local residents
Budget and Policy Framework	The budget for the scheme is contained within the £16.442m allocated through the Academies Programme.
Key Decision	This is a key decision as the capital scheme involved sums to £16.442m.
Urgent Decision	No.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The replacement of Eastbourne School is consistent with Aspiring Darlington: providing high quality facilities that support modern approaches to education in schools and for lifelong learning.

## MAIN REPORT

### Information and Analysis

7. The initial Funding Allocation Model (FAM) for the Academy project was issued by DCFS on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006. The FAM is calculated by Partnership for Schools, the delivery partner for DCSF, using a detailed formulaic mechanism based on the information submitted about the project at Outline Business Case Stage.
8. While preparing information to support the Final Business Case (April 2008), officers undertook a re-assessment of the 'local economic factors' criteria which Partnership for Schools use to assess the FAM at Outline Business Case. This work lead Officers to request a review of the level of funding allocated for the project and the FAM was subsequently increased by £400,000.
9. In November 2007 DCFS announced that all Building Schools for the Future and one school Academy Projects, would receive addition funding (Carbon Reduction Funding) to reduce the carbon footprint of new schools. To achieve the funding new schools would have to demonstrate that the design reduced the carbon footprint by 60% when compared to schools designed in 2002.
10. Although an indicative allocation was provided by DCSF, the final Carbon Reduction Funding allocation could not be guaranteed until the mechanical and electrical design element of the project had progressed to a point where the 60% target could be confirmed as achievable. Following completion of all drawings and detailed assessments the 60% reduction in the carbon footprint of the new building has been confirmed and the funding model for the project has been increased by an additional £347,477.
11. The additional funding identified for this project equates to £747,477. Partnership for Schools has updated the approved FAM to reflect these allocations and the Final Business Case was agreed on 17th April 2008.
12. The total funding committed to the project is identified in Table 1:

	<b>Project Support Funding and Feasibility</b>	<b>Initial Funding Allocation Model</b>	<b>Additional Funding Received</b>	<b>Total</b>
Feasibility work undertaken in 2006-07	£57,448			£57,448
Funding Allocation Model	£261,000	£14,061,840	£400,000	£14,722,840
ICT		£1,015,000		£1,015,000
Carbon Reduction Funding			£347,477	£347,477
Project Support Funding		£300,000		£300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£318,448</b>	<b>£15,376,840</b>	<b>£747,477</b>	<b>£16,442,765</b>

13. The additional funding allocated by Partnership for Schools is based on specific criteria and is to be spent to achieve defined outcomes. The Final Business Case was approved in line with these requirements and the contract with Balfour Beatty (main Contractor) includes provision for this funding to be spent on the areas of work identified to achieve PFS outcomes. Due to the specific nature of this funding agreement it is not possible to reallocate the funding to cover other costs or for other projects.
14. Table 1 provides a full breakdown of all funding identified against this project, including £57,488 in 2006-07 to cover items of Feasibility prior to being formally invited to join the Academies programme. This funding was provided by the 2006-07 Children's Services budget.

### **Outcome of Consultation**

15. All variations to the funding allocation for the project have been confirmed by DCSF and Partnership for Schools and were documented in the Final Business Case.
16. As Sponsors of the Academy, the Crosslands Academies Trust and the Diocese of Durham have been fully consulted about all funding variances through regular User Group meetings, correspondence and meetings.