
CHILDRENS SERVICES EDUCATION PREMISES CAPITAL PROGRAMME – 2005-2006

Responsible Cabinet Member(s) – Councillor McEwan, Childrens Services Portfolio

Responsible Director(s) – Margaret Asquith, Director of Childrens Services

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Members' approval for the capital programme of works in schools for 2005-2006 and the release of funding to support these schemes.

Information & Analysis

2. Annually the Department for Education & Skills (DfES) notifies all Local Authorities, including Darlington Borough Council, of their formulaic allocations of capital for education premises works. Notification of the 2005-2006 allocation was received in November 2004 and is shown in **Annex A**.
3. A plan for the capital works to be undertaken in our schools is set out and prioritised in line with the Authority's Asset Management Plan and takes into account schools' requirements, the Authority's priorities and national objectives.
4. Local support for these priorities is sought and further developed through local partnership agreements between schools and the Authority. The Authority agrees with schools through the Premises Interest Group, the priorities for major capital expenditure. Individually, each school agrees through the LAMPA process (Local Asset Management Partnership Agreements) the priorities for funding at a school level. This ensures all funding is targeted at the highest priority work and ownership at school level is achieved.
5. **Annex B** sets out the proposed projects for 2005-2006 highlighting our commitment to major capital projects, including the replacement Skerne Park Primary School and ongoing repair, maintenance and upgrading works to schools. Priority has again been given this year to the highest category of condition works and any health and safety issues within schools. These include rewiring projects, replacement of heating systems, inserting fire stops in roof voids and asbestos removal.

Outcome of Consultation

6. The proposed capital programme has been discussed with all schools through the education asset management planning process.

Legal Implications

7. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

8. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Council Policy Framework

9. The issues contained within this report do not represent significant Council policy or a change in the Authority's framework.

Decision Deadline

10. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter.

Conclusions

11. The report details the significant funding to be spent on building works in Darlington schools in 2005-2006. The Authority has secured over £5 million of investment in school buildings for the forthcoming year, which will see new schools built, refurbishment projects undertaken, accessibility to schools improved and the external fabric of schools secured.
12. The investment of over £5million demonstrates the authority's continued drive to deliver year on year improvements to education facilities for all pupils attending school in Darlington.

Recommendation

13. Cabinet are requested to:
 - (i) note the results of the Schools Capital Allocation Round 2005-2006 and the recent funding allocations; and
 - (ii) approve the capital programme of works in schools for 2005-2006, as in Annex B and the release of funding to support these schemes, as in Annex A.

Reason

14. To ensure the funding of over £5 million secured for Darlington schools can be directed at the most urgent building projects providing an improved environment for children to learn.

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Director of Childrens Services

Background Papers

Notification of funding allocation from DfES.

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SUPPORTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (CAPITAL)

<i>Funding Area</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>Schools Access Initiative</i> A formulaic fund for undertaking adaptation and alteration to buildings to improve access for pupils with disabilities.	170,324
<i>Devolved Formula Capital (Non-VA Schools)</i> <i>Devolved Formula Capital (VA Schools)</i> The funding supports 'small- scale' capital projects and schools receive individual formulaic allocations based on the type of school and pupil numbers. Projects undertaken are determined according to locally agreed priorities established in the Asset Management Plan to address both Suitability and Condition related needs.	1,365,316 313,283
<i>Corporate Funding</i> Funding awarded in response to annual bidding round. Where projects are not specifically identified in advance the proposed use and allocation of funding are to be established and agreed through the Corporate Asset Management Group.	270,000
<i>Targeted Capital Funding</i> Funding secured through an annual bidding round to procure new school projects. Targeted capital only covers part of the school build costs, with the Authority contributing the balance of project costs.	1,130,200
<i>Learning Skills Council - NLCD Capital Grant</i> <i>Learning Skills Council - DDA Capital Grant</i> Funding allocated by LSC to provide equipment and improve the quality of accommodation used for the provision of Adult & Community Learning, with projects identified and agreed in advance with the LSC	38,000 11,645
<i>Modernisation – all schools need</i> <i>Modernisation – primary need</i> Modernisation Funding totals £1,227,129 and supports larger scale capital works at schools. The funding is allocated on an Authority by Authority basis and is based on number and type of schools and total pupil numbers. The funding is targeted at the highest priority issues within Asset Management Plans or provides a contribution towards major redevelopment Works (new schools)	728,813 498,316
<i>New Pupil Places (Basic Need)</i> A formulaic allocation for meeting the basic need i.e. required number of school places in individual Authorities. In recent years this has moved from an annual bidding round to formulaic distribution.	284,027
<i>LCVAP</i> The funding is allocated on an Authority by Authority basis, each Authority being required to co-ordinate, in consultation with local partners (eg dioceses, schools not associated with a diocese) the allocation of the programme according to local needs and priorities	168,568
<i>Sports College Grant</i> Funding allocated by DfES directly to school to achieve specialist school status	100,000
Total	5,078,492

2005/2006 CAPITAL ALLOCATION

	ADDITIONAL DETAILS	Sub-total	Total
Schools Access Initiative	Projects agreed in accordance with departmental Access Strategy		£170,324
Devolved Capital (Non-VA Schools)	Devolved to schools on formula basis for Capital works identified in line with departmental Asset Management Plan		£1,365,316
Corporate Funding			
Capitalised Repairs to Secondary Buildings	Contingency intended for emergency works in Comprehensives, with projects and funding allocations agreed through the Corporate Asset Management Group	£250,000	
Alderman Leach Primary	Allocated for 'Alderman Leach Art Project'	£20,000	
			£270,000
DfES Targeted Capital			
Skerne Park Primary	Replacement School Project	£335,200	
Alderman Leach Primary	Allocated to assist the Authority's Targeted Capital Contribution towards the replacement school project, thereby enabling the previously committed 2004/05 Modernisation funding to be 'freed-up' and carried forward to support the following projects:-		
	- Alderman Leach Primary, Replacement School Project	£50,000	
	- Corporation Road Primary, Remodelling of existing buildings & site	£95,000	
	- Gurney Pease Primary, Classroom extension & adaptations for Nursery provision	£200,000	
	- Skerne Park Primary, Replacement School Project	£250,000	
	- Education Village, Funding for anticipated out- turn on development costs fees from 2004/05	£103,000	
	- Education Village, Funding for anticipated professional fees 2005/06	£50,000	
			£1,083,200
Learning Skills Council funding			
DDA Capital Grant	Allocated to improve the quality of accommodation used for the provision of Adult & Community Learning, with projects identified and agreed in advance with the LSC	£11,645	
NLCD Capital Grant	Allocated for the acquisition of furniture and equipment identified and agreed in advance with the LSC	£38,000	
			£49,645
NDS Modernisation & Pupil Places	Projects identified in line with departmental Asset Management Plan		
<i>Rewiring</i>			
Abbey Infant	General rewire (Ph.2)	£100,000	
Bishopston/Redmarshall CE Primary	Survey & Design work	£5,000	
Hurworth Primary	General rewire (Ph.2)	£100,000	
Mount Pleasant Primary	General rewire (Ph.2)	£100,000	

ADDITIONAL DETAILS		Sub-total Total
<i>Rewiring (Cont'd)</i>		
North Road Primary	Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting	£45,000
Red Hall Primary	Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting	£45,000
		£495,000
<i>Boiler / Heating</i>		
Abbey Infant	Replace heating system (Ph.1)	£50,000
Abbey Junior	Replacement & relocation of defective pipework (Ph.2)	£100,000
Mowden Infant	Replace heating system	£80,000
Mowden Junior	Replace heating system	£80,000
		£310,000
<i>Replacement of Window Frames and Doors</i>		
North Road Primary	Survey & Design	£5,000
<i>Suitability Projects</i>		
Heathfield Primary	Nursery Adaptations	£75,000
North Road Primary	Nursery Adaptations	£75,000
Whinfield Primary	Annual hire charge- temporary classrooms	£22,500
		£172,500
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		
Primary Schools	Surveys to identify necessary fire stopping works in roof/ceiling void	£10,000
<i>Urgent/Emergency Works</i>		
North Road Primary	Asbestos removal & fire stopping works (commitment for work started 04/05)	£20,000
Reid Street Primary	Asbestos removal & fire stopping works (commitment for work started 04/05)	£20,000
General Contingency	Projects to be confirmed through Corporate Asset Management Group, including:- - essential reactive repair/remedial works required to maintain a fully operational school, e.g. renew failed length of water main, replace leaking roof covering, etc. - works to satisfy H&S concerns, e.g. replacement infill panels to 2 storey blocks at Longfield Comprehensive, upgrade fire alarm & emergency lighting systems at Hurworth Comprehensive, etc. - surveys to identify necessary fire stopping works in roof/ceiling void in Comprehensives - consultancy services to assist prioritisation and planning of known extensive mechanical works, e.g. replacement of heating and hot & cold water distribution pipework at Hummersknott and Longfield Comprehensives	£297,000
		£337,000
<i>AMP Support</i>		
All Schools	Required for AMP surveys, general investigation works, compliance with Statutory obligations, premises data management system, etc.	£88,655

ADDITIONAL DETAILS		Sub-total Total
<i>Targeted Capital Contributions</i>		
Skerne Park Primary	Replacement School Project	£140,000
LCVAP	Projects identified by Diocese in consultation with Authority, in line with departmental Asset Management Plan	£168,568
Devolved Capital (VA Schools)	Devolved to schools on formula basis for Capital works identified by Diocese in consultation with Authority, in line with departmental Asset Management Plan	£313,283
Sports College Grant		
Longfield Comprehensive	Remodelling and refurbishment of sporting facilities	£100,000

Grand Total - £5,078,492