

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is not a Key Decision within the Council's definition and has not been included in the relevant Forward Plan

**Report of the
Executive Director Place**

REPORT ON THE SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To seek approval to the 2018/19 schools capital programme.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The list of schemes, detailed in Appendices B and C be approved and financed from the 2018/19 Department for Education (DFE) School Condition Allocation;
- 2.2. The Executive Director - Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesperson, be authorised to vary the programme of works, and to approve additional schemes, to meet emerging priorities;
- 2.3. The financial implications arising from the report be included in the capital programme and released in accordance with the Financial Regulations Code of Practice C5.2(a).

3. Introduction

- 3.1. The 2018/19 capital programme for schools has been prepared to address urgent building condition defects, including health and safety measures across the maintained school estate.
- 3.2. The schools' capital programme is made up of two funding streams. The first, Basic Need, is used to meet the demand for pupil places across the Borough. The second, School Condition, is used to deal with the urgent condition defects backlog, including health and safety measures, which reduces the risk of school closure.
- 3.3. As there is no Basic Need grant allocation for the Authority in 2018/19, this report is only for the School Condition allocation.
- 3.4. On 15th March 2018 the DFE announced the Authority will receive funding of £1.172m in 2018/19 for School Condition items. This amount is £148k less than was received in 2017/18 and creates additional pressures when preparing a programme to address urgent, high priority, property issues.
- 3.5. In setting priorities for the use of the School Condition allocation, the Council has used the available data from its own condition surveys and where appropriate has consulted with other services (including NPS Barnsley surveyors and the School Meals Service).
- 3.6. It should be noted that the condition data held on the asset management system is several years old, although this is in the process of being updated through NPS Barnsley. Existing condition items have been financially uplifted to reflect current construction prices.

3.7. The backlog of maintenance on the maintained schools is shown in the table below:

High Priority Works (to be completed within 18 months)	£3.796m
Medium Priority (to be completed within 3 years)	£2.648m
Low Priority (to be completed within 5 years)	£0.387m
Total Maintenance Requirement	£6.831m

- 3.8. As the table highlights, the available funding will be insufficient to deal with the high priority items. It is therefore highly unlikely that any medium priority items will be addressed within this period. These items will continue to deteriorate and will be reviewed and monitored to ensure that they are re-prioritised should the need arise.
- 3.9. The current number of maintained primary schools the Council is responsible for under the School Condition allocation is 28. This has reduced from 82 in 2005/06 and is a result of the Primary Finance Initiative (PFI) Contracts and School Academisation. The secondary school estate is managed through the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) processes.
- 3.10. Following approval, NPS (Barnsley) will be commissioned to complete the design and development work on the schools capital programme.

4. Consideration of Alternate Approaches

- 4.1. The summer holiday period of six weeks is normally when the vast majority of the School Condition works can be completed. In order to minimise the pressure of delivering the whole School Condition programme over this period, where possible, and in discussions with schools, some schemes may be carried out over alternative holiday periods.

5. Proposal and Justification

- 5.1. Appendix C of this report provides details of the proposed schemes within the School Condition programme. These are necessary to address urgent condition defects.
- 5.2. 3 schemes have been identified as further phases of work to schemes carried out under the 2017/18 School Condition programme. These elements were not carried out at the time due to a) insufficient funds within 2017/18 programme; or B) other higher priority schemes at the same school made it extremely difficult to facilitate the works at the same time.

6. Implications for local people / service users

- 6.1. The proposed school capital projects will improve the condition and the facilities available within the school building(s) in the area that they serve. The building works can be expected to have a positive impact on the management and morale of the school and should benefit local communities, as many of the facilities are accessed by the local community.
- 6.2. By carrying out the works over the main school holiday period wherever possible, disruption to the education of the children within the schools is kept to an absolute minimum.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. The proposed schedule of School Condition capital works totals £1.182M. The table below outlines the proposed expenditure areas:

Scheme	2018/19 Proposed Budget (£)
Health & Safety Works	100,000
Electrical Works	140,000
Heating Works	290,000
Roofing / Structural Works	460,000
External Works	150,000
Internal Works	30,000
School Access	12,308
Total	1,182,308

- 7.2. A full summary of the Schools Capital Programme can be found in Appendix B, with more detailed scheme details in Appendix C.
- 7.3. These schemes will be funded through the School Condition allocation, announced by the DFE on 15th March 2018, amounting to £1.172m in 2018/19.
- 7.4. The resources available to match the above plans also include a contribution towards the cost of one of the individual schemes at Jump Primary, of Devolved Formula Capital grant (DFC) totalling £0.010M. This grant is received in its entirety by the Council and then passported on to the individual schools, based on a specific allocation. In this scenario, the Council will retain the £0.010M to utilise on the scheme.
- 7.5. The financial implications of this report are summarised in the attached Appendix A.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1. No implications arising from this report.

9. Employee implications

- 9.1. No implications arising from this report.

10. Communications implications

- 10.1. No implications arising from this report.

11. Consultations

(a) Financial Implications

The financial implications of this report are described in section 7. A Financial Services Manager has been consulted on the content of the report, on behalf of the Service Director Finance, and has provided an Appendix A.

(b) Local Members

Local ward members have not been consulted on this report.

(c) Property Implications

Information on the implications on each school is shown in Appendix C.

(d) Implications for Other Services

There are no risks to other services contained within this report.

12. The Corporate Plan and the Council's Performance Management Framework

- 12.1. This proposal supports the Corporate Plan objectives of People achieving their potential: Outcome six: Every child attends a good school and is successful in learning and work - The quality of our schools and early years provision is good.

13. Tackling Health Inequalities

- 13.1. No implications arising from this report.

14. Climate Change & Sustainable Energy Act 2006

- 14.1. No implications arising from this report.

15. Risk Management Issues

- 15.1. The current costs identified within the report are based on estimated prices. Until actual tendered prices have been received, there is a risk that scheme costs could change.
- 15.2. As far as reasonably practical site surveys and investigations will be carried out on the building and site to identify potential risks to the project. Where identified these will be included with the tendered works.
- 15.3. As with any building work, there is always a risk of unknowns that only surface once ground works have begun or demolitions have started. The project costs will be closely monitored as part of the Directorate's regular capital monitoring and risk management.

16. Health, safety, and emergency resilience issues

- 16.1. All health and safety matters in respect to the schemes contained within this report will be addressed as part of the design and delivery of the School Condition programme.

17. Compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights

- 17.1. No implications arising from this report.

18. Promoting equality, diversity, and social inclusion

- 18.1. No implications arising from this report.

19. Reduction of crime and disorder

- 19.1. No implications arising from this report.

20. Conservation of biodiversity

- 20.1. No implications arising from this report.

21. Glossary

21.1. Not used.

22. List of Appendices

Appendix A – Financial Implications

Appendix B – Schedule of Schemes

Appendix C – Scheme Details

23. Background Papers

Budget Monitoring Papers regarding this matter is held on the files within the Assets Team - not available for inspection, contains exempt information.

Officer Contact: Richard Waterhouse Date 13/04/2018