

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date of Decision:	31 May 2012
Decision Title:	Children's Services Capital Programme update
Decision Reference:	3831
Report From:	Director of Children's Services and County Treasurer

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out proposed changes to the 2012/13 capital programme.
- 1.2 The proposals contained in this report are derived from the departmental service plan(s) which have been developed to support the priorities of the Corporate Strategy.

2. Background

- 2.1 Taking into account changes since the 2012/13 capital programme was approved on 23 March 2012 (including those proposed in this report), the revised cash limit for the programme is made up as shown in Table 1.

Table 1	£m
Cash limit reported 23 March 2012	75.444
Additional Department for Education (DfE) Basic Need Capital Grant	9.777
Sport England Grant – Portchester Community School	0.098
Additional DfE Grant – Devolved Formula Capital (DFC)	0.069
Capital Grant carried forward from 2011/12	5.903
Developer Contribution – St John The Baptist C of E Primary, Titchfield	0.053

Mill Chase College – Community Funding	0.140
Total	91.484

3. Amendments to the 2012/13 capital programme

Additional 2012/13 Basic Need Grant

- 3.1 In November 2011, the Secretary of State for Education announced that additional basic need grant funding of £600m would be made available to those local authorities experiencing the greatest need in managing shortfalls in providing pupil places. On 11 April 2012 the Secretary of State announced the specific allocations to local authorities for which an additional £9.777m has been made available to the 2012/13 Children's Services Capital Programme. This funding will help address the planned pressure on school places in Hampshire.

Portchester Community School

- 3.2 Portchester Community School has received a Sport England grant award of £0.098m towards an Inspired Facilities Programme project. The project provides for a major sports pitch development (all weather pitch) for which approval was given at the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (ELMCS) Decision Day on 23 March 2012.

Schools' Devolved Formula Capital

- 3.3 The 2012/13 Schools' Devolved Formula Capital allocation was reported to the ELMCS on the 18 January 2012. Funding has remained at the 2011/12 level but excluded academies. The original allocation of £3.508m has been allocated according to the DfE formula and is intended to fund high priority projects identified through schools' Asset Management Plans.
- 3.4 There were three secondary schools (Eggar's School, Robert May's School and Wyvern Technology College) that were expected to convert to academy status before 1 April 2012 and would have received their DFC direct from DfE. These conversions have now been delayed and the funding, totalling £0.069m will be passported through the County Council.

Access improvements in schools

- 3.5 Previous DfE capital allocations to local authorities included funding for the Schools Access Initiative to fund access improvements to mainstream schools, principally to meet individual pupils' needs. This specific funding stream has now ceased, but the need for such adaptations will continue, both at a pupil-led and strategic level.
- 3.6 It is proposed that the projects listed at Appendix 3 be recommended for approval.

4. Developers' contributions

4.1 Developers' contributions are a source of resources for the Children's Services capital programme, albeit they only cover costs incurred and their availability depends on the rate of house building. The current policy for contributions was approved by the Executive Member for Children's Services on 24 July 2008 and updated in September 2010. Contributions fall into three categories:

- where funding for a project has been allocated from the capital programme in advance of the contribution being received. The receipt is therefore repaying past expenditure and is available to add to the current year's cash limit;
- where funding has been borrowed through the School Balances Loan Scheme or the Prudential Code to enable a project to begin in advance of the contribution being received. The receipt is used to repay borrowing;
- where funding is available for a specific project, to be identified, within the area of the housing development to which the contribution relates.

The developer contributions received in 2011/12 are listed for information at Appendix 2. In addition developer contributions received to date this financial year are also listed.

5. 2012/13 capital programme

Basic need adaptations to meet pupil growth

- 5.1 There are a number of schools where there is a need to ensure sufficient places are available for primary school children to be accommodated in a local school in September 2012.
- 5.2 Additional places are being provided in these cases by undertaking internal adaptations to create an additional classroom space. The schools involved are listed under the delegated items for approval at Appendix 1.

6. Amendments to the 2011/12 capital programme

- 6.1 An amendment is required to the 2011/12 cash limit as a result of a change in Partnership for Schools (PfS) treatment of VAT recovery on IT spend as part of the Havant Academy project. This will not have an impact on the delivery of the project.
- 6.2 Additional funding has been awarded in respect of Swanwick Lodge, Children's Home following a successful bid to the Secure Homes grant funding scheme.
- 6.3 The revised cash limit is shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2	£m
Cash limit reported 23 March 2012	32.839
Reduction in DfE grant – Havant Academy	-0.181
Secure Homes grant – Swanwick Lodge Children’s Home	0.044
Total	32.702

7. Action taken by the Director of Children’s Services

- 7.1 Under delegated powers, and following consultation with the Executive Member for Children’s Services, the action set out in Appendix 1 has been taken and it is recommended that these approvals are noted.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 That the revised capital programme cash limit for 2012/13 be approved.
- 8.2 That the revised capital programme cash limit for 2011/12 be approved.
- 8.3 The projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children’s Services in Appendix 1 are noted.
- 8.4 That the projects listed at Appendix 3 for Access Improvements in Schools are approved.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	
<i>NB: Only complete this section if you have not completed any of the Corporate Strategy tick boxes above. If it is not applicable, please delete.</i>	

NB: If the 'Other significant links' section below is not applicable, please delete it.

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Children's Services Capital Programme 2012/13 to 2014/15	3653	23 March 2012
Children's Services capital programme issues	3458	18 January 2012
Children's Services capital programme updated	3314	7 December 2011
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	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Equality and diversity objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

Crime and disorder objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

When the Children's Services Capital Programme invests in new build, replacement or refurbishment works, Property Services colleagues include an assessment of reductions in energy consumption (carbon use) in the design. In all new buildings and in the majority of refurbishment type investments, the latest technologies and materials are specified in order to maximise the impact on reducing carbon consumption. Many projects are also able to employ passive design approaches including natural ventilation and improved insulation to actively reduce consumption in summer and winter conditions.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The proposals seek to provide compact and energy-efficient building envelopes. Any new build or extensions will meet current building regulations standards for thermal performance. Where possible, appropriate sustainable materials will be employed to reduce the environmental impact of the proposals.