

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
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Decision Title:	Children's Services Capital Programme update
Decision Reference:	4332
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 last approved on 17 July 2012 (including those proposed in this report), the revised cash limit for the programme is made up as shown in Table 1.

Table 1	£'000
Cash limit reported 17 July 2012	97,745
Short Breaks Disabled Children's Grant – 2012/13	825
Secure Accommodation Grant – Swanwick Lodge	48
Connaught School, Farnborough – Synthetic Turf Pitch	550
Total	99,168

3. Amendments to the 2012/13 capital programme

Short Breaks for Disabled Children

- 3.1. The Department for Education (DfE) have made available a further round of capital funding to support short breaks for disabled children. A total of £824,977 has been allocated to Hampshire in 2012/13 to be spent by 31 August 2013. From April 2011, local authorities have been under a duty to provide a short breaks service to carers of disabled children.
- 3.2. The regulations build on the rapid expansion of short breaks services which all local authorities have achieved through the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme.
- 3.3. The regulations require local authorities to:
 - offer breaks as a preventive early intervention,
 - offer a range of services for parents,
 - publish a statement of those services to parents.
- 3.4. It is recommended that £200,000 of this funding is allocated in 2012/13 to enable the Local Authority to meet its statutory duty in delivering aids and equipment to children and young people with disabilities as agreed in 2011/12. The Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES), manages equipment for children who have disabilities and require equipment to support their daily living and personal care needs. Much of the equipment can be re-used after the children have outgrown it or no longer require it.
- 3.5. However, there are an increasing number of children whose complex physical and learning needs are so specific that they are unable to be issued with the standard equipment and require bespoke equipment which may need to be tailor-made.
- 3.6. It is recommended that, subject to approval, £200,000 of this funding is allocated for the purchase of specialist equipment in 2012/13. Proposals for the allocation of the remaining funding will be brought to a future Decision Meeting.

Swanwick Lodge

- 3.7. The County Council has been invited to bid for capital funding from the Department for Education (DfE) for the secure accommodation at Swanwick Lodge. Bids were made on the basis that the projects could complete by 28 February 2013. Two bids have been approved to provide a new staff sleep-in room and a video conferencing facility, totalling £48,000. It is recommended that this grant be added to the revised 2012/13 cash limit shown in table 1.

The Connaught School, Aldershot

- 3.8. A Project Appraisal was approved by Elected Lead Member for Children's Services (ELMCS) on 26 September 2012 for the construction of a new floodlit synthetic turf pitch at the Connaught School at a cost of £550,000.

This joint venture project is to be fully funded by Rushmoor Borough Council with the land being made available by the County Council.

- 3.9. It is proposed to add this project and the resources of £550,000 to the 2012/13 capital programme.

Swanmore College of Technology

- 3.10. The proposal to develop an 'All Weather Synthetic Turf Pitch' with floodlighting and associated works, including a full size grass rugby pitch was approved by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on 25 October 2012.
- 3.11. Planning for this scheme is being submitted in conjunction with a separate planning application for 75 residential units on land at Swanmore College of Technology. This land is currently used as sports pitches by the College, and is situated between the colleges buildings (to the south) and existing residential development (to the north). The planning application for the residential units is being submitted to Winchester City Council by Linden Homes.
- 3.12. An opportunity exists to 'swap' one of the College's playing fields for an existing paddock of a similar size to:
- Develop a parcel of land for housing which currently lies within Swanmore's settlement boundary; and
 - Develop an existing paddock to a usable sports pitch, which lies within a Local Gap.
- 3.13. If either the application for the all weather pitch with floodlighting and grass rugby pitch, or the separate application for housing is refused, neither scheme will go ahead. i.e. they are dependant on one another's success.
- 3.14. Subject to planning approvals being achieved it is proposed to add this project to the 2012/13 capital programme, funded in full from the capital receipt.

Proposed Whiteley School

- 3.15. Due to the pressure on school places from within Whiteley, the Portsmouth and Winchester Diocese is proposing to establish a new Voluntary Aided (VA) primary school in Whiteley from September 2013. The demand for primary places in Whiteley has outstripped supply for a number of years with some children from Whiteley attending schools within the Western Wards. Hampshire County Council sought to purchase a suitable site for a new school but unfortunately the new site could not be secured.
- 3.16. The proposed residential development at North Whiteley will generate the need for two new primary schools. The current proposal for a new voluntary aided primary school is being brought forward on the back of this development. It is proposed that the new primary school be set up as a permanent school with a capacity of 210 places, initially in temporary

accommodation. The school will admit 30 pupils into Year R in September 2013 with some places available for Year 1 pupils should there be a demand.

- 3.17. The planned temporary accommodation is proposed to be located on a Hampshire County Council owned site, subject to the necessary statutory approvals. In the first instance the school will be designed with four classrooms, hall and associated areas, the required non-teaching and administrative spaces along with the appropriate external play spaces. In the longer term the school will be moved to a permanent site within the North Whiteley development, in purpose-built accommodation. At that stage it would be expanded to meet some of the need for additional school places to serve that development.
- 3.18. The Portsmouth and Winchester Diocese has sought the views of the local community about the proposals to provide a new Voluntary Aided (VA) primary school in Whiteley from September 2013. The initial consultation period closed on 23 October 2012. The Diocese have now published Notices setting out their intention to establish a new 210 place VA primary school. The public notice runs for six weeks from 1 November 2012 until 14 December 2012 during which time representations can be made. If no significant objections are raised to the public notice a report will be presented to the Director of Children's Services in December 2012 recommending the school be established with effect from September 2013. If significant objections are raised to the public notice a report will be produced setting out the issues and making a recommendation to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day on 23 January 2013.
- 3.19. Subject to the outcome of the required statutory processes it is proposed that the temporary provision would be ready for occupation for the start of the Autumn term 2013. In order to achieve this tight timescale an amount of design and other investigative works needs to be started prior to the outcome of the Statutory Notice period, it is accepted that this work will be undertaken at risk, should the proposal for a new school not proceed.
- 3.20. Therefore, it is recommended that £2,200,000 (including fees) be identified from the 2012/13 capital programme and that the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services progress the development work for a 1fe primary school in temporary buildings in the Whiteley area subject to the outcome of the necessary Statutory Notice period and other statutory processes.

Winchester Primary – additional school places

- 3.21. Reported elsewhere on this agenda is the project to provide additional primary places at the Winnall Primary School, as agreed by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 17 July 2012.

- 3.22. It is proposed to construct a two classroom extension at the school, which will provide the school with two additional permanent teaching spaces, a staffroom extension and an accessible WC. In addition internal alterations will reconfigure the Library, SEN space and IT suite.
- 3.23. Funding for the project has been identified within the 2012/13 capital programme. The procurement route for the project was approved at the Executive Member for Policy and Resources Decision Day meeting on 10 July 2012.
- 3.24. The remainder of the projects related to the Winchester Primary Schools Strategy will be reported to ELMCS on 23 January 2013.

Projects to be funded from developers' contributions

- 3.25. The approach for adding developers' contributions to the programme is that contributions for future projects are not added to the programme until the specific scheme has been fully developed and costed. These funds are held in a holding account and released when required. Funds received since the last report in July, a total of £1,827,000, are listed for information in Appendix 2.

4. Temporary Classrooms

New Temporary Classroom Requirement

Bordon Infants School

- 4.1 Following an influx of Ghurkha families moving into the Bordon Infant School catchment area, there is an urgent need to locate a temporary classroom on to the school site. The school will cope in the short term by accommodating the pupils in the music/drama room.
- 4.2 It is recommended that a single temporary classroom be placed on site as soon as possible to allow the school to manage these additional pupils through the school and return the music/drama space back to its original use.
- 4.3 Therefore, it is recommended that approval is given to submit a planning application for the siting of a single temporary classroom until 31 August 2017.

5. Action taken by the Director of Children's Services

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

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 That the revised capital programme cash limit of £99.168m for 2012/13 be approved.

- 6.2 The projects approved under delegated powers by the Director of Children's Services in Appendix 1 are noted.
- 6.3 That approval be given to submit a planning application for the siting of a single temporary classroom at Bordon Infant School until 31 August 2017.

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:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Children's Services Capital Programme 2012/13 update	3831	31 May 2012
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	3931	17 July 2012
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.