

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	31 March 2010
Title:	Aldworth Science College, Basingstoke
Reference:	1317
Report From:	Director of Property, Business and Regulatory Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to design proposals for internal reconfiguration and refurbishment works to provide a recording studio, graphics studio and workshop, animation studio, internet cafe/reception and toilet facilities at Aldworth Science College, Basingstoke, at a total estimated cost of £362,000 (including fees).

2. Scope of Work

- 2.1. The proposals outlined in this report seek to provide improved inclusion partnerships for young people across the Basingstoke area, particularly linked to the Ashwood Education Centre. In advance of the proposals outlined in this report, two projects on the Hair and Beauty and Society, Health and Development provision have already been completed.
- 2.2. It is now proposed reconfigure and refurbish the remaining unused space within the Dartmouth block to provide various arts-related studios.
- 2.3. Although funding for the project has already been approved this report outlines the available funding within which the project must be designed and delivered.
- 2.4. Any significant issues from either the Risk or Combined Impact Assessment will need to have specific attention in the design or implementation of this project.

3. Contextual Information

- 3.1. The Aldworth Science College is located at Western Way, Basingstoke, and is designated a fully resourced school for disabled pupils. The school capacity is 1,010 and there are currently 606 pupils (11-16 years) on roll.
- 3.2. The Dartmouth block has already undergone considerable refurbishment works over the past years, including the provision of Society Health and

Development (SHD) Diploma and Hair and Beauty Diploma classrooms as mentioned above.

- 3.3. It is anticipated that the scheme will be procured through the IESE Tier 3 framework process and that works will commence on site during June 2010, with completion during September 2010.

Finance

- 3.4. Capital Expenditure:

The Capital Expenditure has already been approved; the following tables outline the breakdown of its distribution across the project:

Capital Expenditure	Current Estimate	Capital Programme
	£'000	£'000
Buildings	311	311
Fees	51	51
Land to be purchased	-	-
	362	362

- 3.5. Sources of Funding:

Financial Provision for Total Scheme	Buildings	Fees	Total Cost
	£'000	£'000	£'000
1. From Own Resources			
a) Capital Programme (as above)	311	51	362
Total	311	51	362

- a) *Building Cost:*

Internal refurbishment scheme – inappropriate to quote net/gross costs.

- b) *Furniture & Equipment:*

An allocation of £200,000 has been made for the provision of all loose furniture, fittings and equipment.

3.6. School Balances:

The school has the following level of balances:

<i>Published revenue balance as at 31 March 2009</i>	£25,126 deficit
<i>Devolved capital as at 1 April 2009</i>	£221,143

3.7. Revenue Issues:

a) Overview of Revenue Implications:

	(a) Employees £'000	(b) Other £'000	(a+b) *Net Current Expenditure £'000	(c) Capital Charges £'000	(a + b + c) Total Net Expenditure £'000
Revenue Implications Additional + / Reductions	0	0	0	47	47
Unit cost (£) (e.g. per place)					
% variation to Committee's budget					
Number of additional Staff (fte)					

Please Note: The overall level of the revenue budget for funding schools will (from April 2006) be prescribed by central government, and capital projects have no bearing on the level of this budget. Therefore, this proposed project will have no bearing on the overall level of the Children's Services budget, extra costs and savings being met from the same overall schools' funding level.

b) *Energy Costs:*

The estimated annual energy consumption for the new accommodation will meet that required by current Building Regulations.

4. Risk & Impact Issues

Please see Appendix B for a summary of the risk and impact issues considered in relation to the design of this project.

5. Details of site and existing Infrastructure

- 5.1. The Dartmouth block is located to the rear of the school campus and is of single-storey and three-storey SCOLA construction. The refurbishment proposals outlined in this report are located on the ground floor within the single-storey building.
- 5.2. It is anticipated that the existing mains services will be sufficient to serve the proposals.

6. Scope of the Project

- 6.1. The existing unused space within the Dartmouth block will be refurbished to provide the following new accommodation:
 - two graphics studios
 - animation studio
 - recording studio
 - ensemble room
 - internet café
 - two offices
 - store room
 - toilet facilities
 - new entrance with canopy

7. The Proposed Building

- 7.1. A new entrance with canopy will be provided to the west of the Dartmouth block. All thresholds and entrances will be level within this fully resourced school.
- 7.2. The building interior will be completely stripped out and refurbished in those areas where new accommodation is proposed. This refurbishment work will include new ceilings, lighting, flooring, new stud walls, redecoration and new fixed furniture throughout.

8. External Works

There are no significant landscape proposals associated with this scheme.

9. Planning

This internal refurbishment scheme does not require planning permission.

10. Building Management

The existing arrangements will remain in place.

11. Professional Resources

Mechanical and Electrical)
Architectural) Property, Business & Regulatory Services
Quantity Surveying)

Structural Engineering) Curtins Consultants

12. Consultations

12.1. The following have been consulted during the development of this project and any relevant feedback can be seen in overview in Appendix C:

Local County Councillor
School/Governors
Children's Services
Fire Officer
Access Officer
Planning Department

13. Recommendations

That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the proposals for reconfiguration and refurbishment works within an existing space at Aldworth Science College, Basingstoke, at a total estimated cost of £362,000 (including fees).

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Children's Services Capital Programme issues	1230	11.03.10
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	

RISK & COMBINED IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

Race and Equality Impact Assessment

Race and equality impact assessment has been considered in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified.

Crime Prevention Issues

The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all the decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposals in this report have no impact on the prevention of crime.

Fire Risk Assessment

In consultation with the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, a fire risk assessment concludes that this a low fire risk category building. Therefore a sprinkler system will not be installed.

Health and Safety

A designer's risk assessment and a design health and safety plan, in accordance with the Construction Design and Management Regulations 2007, have been undertaken for the proposed scheme.

Climate Change

Low-energy lighting will be used within the refurbished areas to minimise energy usage within the building.

FEEDBACK FROM CONSULTEES:

OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

Executive Member & Portfolio	Reason for Consultation	Date Consulted	Response:
Cllr P Edgar	Assistant to Cllr Kirk in his role as Executive Member for Children's Services	-	-

OTHER FORMAL CONSULTEES:

Organisation	Reason for Consultation	Date Consulted	Response:
Cllr R Hussey	Local Member	18.03.10	To be reported on Decision Day