

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report:

Decision Maker:	Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel
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Decision Title:	Major Projects Update – Part A
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Report From:	Director, Property, Business and Regulatory Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report provides a regular update on the major projects currently being progressed.
- 1.2. The report highlights key issues with Building Schools for the Future (BSF)

2. Building Schools for the Future

- 2.1 This section gives details of progress of the government's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme for Hampshire and outlines the next steps towards implementation of the initial BSF wave in the Havant area.

Background

- 2.2 BSF is a national initiative intended to rebuild, remodel or refurbish all secondary schools, including secondary age special schools and education centres, in England over a 15 year period. This renewal programme must take place within the context of a locally developed agenda to transform secondary education to meet the demands of the present century.
- 2.3 The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has set in place a detailed framework within which BSF operates. Delivery is managed through Partnerships for Schools (PfS), which has been set up by the DCSF to oversee the initiative nationally and to work with individual local authorities once they are included in the programme. In addition, from October 2009, PfS is to assume responsibility for the management and delivery of all school building and refurbishment

programmes and day-to-day responsibility of schools capital programmes, including the Primary Capital Programme (PCP).

- 2.4 Following submission of a Readiness to Deliver statement to join the BSF programme, Hampshire was notified on 15 July 2009 that it had been successful, along with five other authorities. The first area to benefit from this investment will be Havant and Horndean.

Progress

- 2.6 The next key milestone is the submission to PfS in March of the County Council's Strategy for Change (SfC). This document sets down the overall vision for what will be achieved through the capital investment and indicates how the aspirations will be delivered. The SfC, which was produced in draft in December has been released for consultation.
- 2.7 Submission of an Outline Business Case (OBC) is the next stage in the BSF process. This will refine further the proposals for capital investment and set out the proposed procurement method. The target date for submission of OBC is 16 July 2010. Prior agreement must be reached with PfS on the principles of the procurement route and a reasonable level of detail needs to be set out about individual school projects, to enable a cost reconciliation to be made, in the context of distributing resources fairly among the schools, in the light of their relative needs.
- 2.8 Joint teams of Children's Services and PBRS officers will develop projects with schools, including the work required to refine costs and development of ICT briefs.
- 2.9 Work also continues with South Downs College, the main sponsor of the proposed Havant Academy (currently referred to as Staunton Park Community Sports College), to open the Academy in existing buildings on 1 September 2010. The Academy will continue to work through the BSF process with other schools in Phase 1 of the programme, with a view to procurement commencing as soon as possible after OBC approval through the IESE framework, as agreed by PfS.
- 3.0 Work is proceeding on the development of the Business Case for the Regional Education Partnership (REP) for agreement with PfS as soon after the SfC submission date as practicable. Additional specialist consultant resources are engaged to support the development of the commercial, legal and project management aspects of the proposal. Considerable interest continues to be shown by other authorities in the south and London for the adoption of this model for their BSF projects. It is expected that a further six authorities will join the national BSF programme in March 2010, and it is likely that a number of these would include potential partners in this initiative.

Future Phases

2.10 There is uncertainty about future phases of BSF in the context of the forthcoming Parliamentary election and national and local financial pressures. Informal indications from PfS confirm that arrangements need to be made to move these phases forward at a reasonable pace. The timing of any invitations for later phases to join the national programme is clearly dependent on Government policy and economic circumstances. Preparation for future phases is, however, necessary, as there is likely to be strong competition nationally for any available future funding.

Recommendation:

That the Panel notes the progress on the BSF project.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

<i>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</i>	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
<i>Maximising well-being:</i>	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
<i>Enhancing our quality of place:</i>	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents disclose 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.)

Document

Location

None

COMPREHENSIVE RISK & 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 in this report have no impact on the prevention of crime.

Climate Change

All the projects referred to in this report are and will be sensitive to future changes in climate and are principally naturally ventilated and use construction technologies that minimise solar gain and energy consumption.